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## Medical school irate over faculty bonuses

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Questions have arisen recently over the payment of millions of dollars in bonuses and incentives to College of Medicine faculty while budget cuts threaten the jobs of dozens of em-

ployees and academic programs at UF.

An e-mail sent by Bruce Kone, former dean of the College of Medicine, to faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who could see their departments slashed substantially in the next round of cuts, calls attention to the bonuses and accuses UF of not doing all it can to protect departments from crippling cuts.

"The idea that UF doesn't have enough money to continue support for you is preposterous," he wrote.

UF records show that, last year, hundreds of College of Medicine faculty were paid about \$7.6 million in bonuses and incentives, down from about

\$9.2 million the previous year.

The awards amount to about 1.3 percent of the college's total budget in 2007-2008, which was about \$550 million.

"Makes AIG seem paltry," Kone wrote in his e-mail, referring to the \$165 million in bo-

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## More colleges release cuts

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The College of Medicine released their 10 percent budget cut proposal late Wednesday, which would cut about \$3.8 million and result in the layoffs of seven faculty and staff positions, according to UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

Other proposals were also obtained Thursday, including the College of Design, Construction & Planning, the College of Journalism and the College of Dentistry.

In the College of Medicine's proposal, two of the laid off employees have secured other jobs with the college, Sikes said.

Twenty-eight positions that will be vacant will be left unfilled, saving more than \$2 million.

The proposal will also reduce funding for some research programs and delay the roll out of a cancer program, Sikes said.

The plan will have no effect on enrollment, she said.

The College of Design, Construction & Planning proposal will cut about \$985,000 and would involve the layoffs of about six temporary faculty members and four faculty members who would not be eligible for tenure, Sikes wrote in an e-mail.

The plan would also eliminate two vacant staff positions, she wrote.

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## LOCAL

## Smokers, businesses prepare for cigarette tax increase

By JACQUELYNE SMITH

Alligator Writer

Smokers will have yet another incentive to kick the habit after an April 1 tax increase, and local retailers are bracing themselves for the effects. The federal excise tax will increase for

small cigarettes from 39 cents to \$1.01 per pack and from \$3.90 to \$10.07 per carton, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's Web site.

Jimi Hiley, a tobacconist at Modern Age Tobacco & Gift Shop on West University Av-

enue, said he doesn't expect to see a large drop in sales because of the increase.

Hiley said he believes raising the price of tobacco is not an effective means of getting people to quit and stop buying tobacco, although some customers have complained.

"It does affect businesses on some level,"

he said. "I mean some people are saying 'you may have priced me out of my habit.' I think that's a horrible way to get someone to quit."

Nazim Uddin, owner of Gator Tobacco, said sales are expected to drop a little as prices

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With a disappointing year in the books for Dan Werner (right) and the UF men's basketball team, it's time to look forward to 2009-10, a season with many questions. See Story, Page 22.



### Three arrested for stealing \$5K from store

A Gainesville Wal-Mart Supercenter employee and two other people were arrested Wednesday after being accused of stealing almost \$5,000 from the store.

Niki Sessions, 34, Erica Harden, 31, and Karim Livingston, 32, have been charged with grand theft and scheme to defraud and obtain property.

According to the Gainesville Police Department arrest report, since Jan. 31, Harden and Livingston bought items at the cash regis-

ter Sessions worked at and paid in cash.

Sessions would give them hundreds of dollars in change, more than was due to them, and caused the cash register's total amount of money to come up short, the report stated.

This happened 11 times with the amount of money taken totaling \$4,959.44.

When arrested, Sessions said he gave Harden and Livingston money because he was mad at Wal-Mart and trying to retaliate because the store hadn't given him a bonus.

— KATIE EMMETS

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Critical Mass Bicycle Ride

Today, 5:30 p.m.  
Gainesville Critical Mass is part of a world-wide movement to promote bike culture. The group meets at 5 p.m. in the Plaza of the Americas on the last Friday of every month. The ride will begin at 5:30.

### Japanese Club Spring Festival

Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m.  
Reitz Union North Lawn  
Come celebrate UF's third annual Japanese Spring Festival. Plenty of activities including tea ceremony, dancing, singing, calligraphy, martial arts demonstrations and more.

### RUB Entertainment Presents: Deerhunter and Giuseppe

Reitz Union Amphitheatre  
Today, 8 p.m.  
Deerhunter will perform with Gainesville's Giuseppe for free.

### Islam on Campus at UF presents: "Laughing Is Not Haram"

Saturday, doors at 7:30 p.m.  
Event starts at 8:15 p.m.  
MSB Auditorium,  
Health Science Center  
A night of Muslim comedy featuring Hamzah Moin (Maniac Muslim), Gandaghee, and Asif Ali (Brown Man Group). The event is free. Must be at least 15 years old to attend.

### TriGators Triathlon Club Super Sprint Triathlon

Sunday, Registration from 6:30 to 7 a.m., event begins at 7 a.m.  
A triathlon for first-timers or seasoned triathletes. Half the distances of a sprint triathlon — 250-meter swim in a pool, four-mile bike and one-mile run all on UF campus. Cost is \$20 for students, plus \$10 for required one-day USAT membership.

## FORECAST



### Minority Report: The Black Plague

Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
New Physics Building  
Room 1002

The RCP Movement and the Gator Chapter of the NAACP will host this forum. Please come out and let your opinions be heard concerning sex, HIV/AIDS, relationships and the disproportionate effects on the black community.

### Signing Gators Meeting

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
We will have a guest speaker for this meeting, so it will count as a contact hour for ASL students.

### Book Discussion: "Diary from the Dome"

Thursday, April 2, 1 p.m.  
Smathers Library, Room 1A  
Author Paul Harris, a tourist in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, recounts his experience in his new book "Diary from the Dome." He will discuss his book, followed by a book signing and light refreshments. Free and open to the public.

### Got something going on?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to [kbjornsen@alligator.org](mailto:kbjornsen@alligator.org) with 'What's Happening' in the subject line. Be sure to include a one- to two-sentence synopsis of the event.

### VA unsure of colonoscopy contamination scope

Thousands of military veterans across the South are waiting to find out if they were exposed to infectious diseases by government clinics that performed colonoscopies and other procedures with equipment that wasn't properly sterilized.

Veterans Affairs spokeswoman Katie Roberts said officials are working to determine if mistakes that may have exposed patients to infections at medical centers in Tennessee and Florida and a clinic in Georgia could have also happened at other VA facilities.

"We don't know for certain," Roberts said.

Roberts said the mistake in Miami was discovered during the review.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### CORRECTION

An article in Thursday's Alligator incorrectly reported that the 14th Nude College Greek Athletic Meet will take place on Saturday. The event will take place on Sunday, March 29.

The Alligator strives to be accurate and clear in its news reports and editorials. If you find an error, please call our newsroom at (352) 376-4458 or send an e-mail to [editor@alligator.org](mailto:editor@alligator.org).

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**UF ADMINISTRATION**

# Professor returns after union challenges her layoff

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It took one sentence to lay her off and one more to reinstate her.

UF assistant professor of Czech studies Hana Filip received a one-sentence letter Wednesday notifying her that she had her job back, becoming the second professor this week to be reinstated.

"The University of Florida hereby withdraws its layoff notice dated June 9, 2008," the letter, signed by UF Provost Joe Glover, reads.

"Now it's funny," Filip said of the terse letters. "But, believe me, it was not funny until

yesterday."

Filip was scheduled to lose her job in June as a result of the \$6 million budget cut experienced by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2008-2009. Her layoff was challenged by the United Faculty of Florida, the UF faculty union, and an arbitration hearing was set for April 21, Filip said.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said UF decided to reverse Filip's layoff before the hearing because of an arbitrator's ruling in a similar case, heard in January and decided earlier this month.

Andrea Pham, assistant professor of linguistics and Vietnamese language, who was laid off around the same time as Filip, was or-

dered to be reinstated on the grounds that UF violated its contract with the faculty union.

The ruling states UF can only target organizational units such as departments for layoffs, and that Pham's two Vietnamese classes did not constitute such a unit, as UF contended.

"I did not expect it," Filip said of UF's decision. "It was a good surprise."

"I'm just hugely relieved that I can go back and just do my work," she said. She said she hasn't been told yet what she'll be teaching next year. Paul D'Anieri, dean of CLAS, wrote

in an e-mail that he will talk with the heads of the programs in which Filip teaches to decide that in the coming days. More classes will likely be added to the schedule soon, he wrote.

He also wrote that he wasn't sure where the money to reinstate Filip will come from. The college is currently preparing for a possible cut of about \$9.3 million. "We'll need to identify deeper cuts in order to pay for these unanticipated expenses," D'Anieri wrote.

Filip said she has mixed feelings about the experience of being laid off then reinstated.

"On the one hand, I am grateful for all the support from the faculty here but, on the other hand, it was a huge trauma I was put through," she said.

## Obama will send thousands of troops to Afghanistan

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — Confronting an inherited and faltering war, President Barack Obama plans to dispatch thousands more military and civilian trainers to Afghanistan by the fall on top of the 17,000 combat troops he has already ordered,

senior administration officials said Thursday.

Obama's war strategy, which he will announce on Friday, includes no timeline for withdrawal of troops. The war began more than seven years ago. The sources said Obama's goal is to stabilize Afghanistan and eliminate the terrorist havens that

have taken root in Pakistan. They said the plan is built around benchmarks that will allow the president and Congress to check whether the

investment of more U.S. people and aid is working.

Obama plans to send 4,000 more

U.S. military troops whose mission will be to train and expand the Afghan army to take the lead on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency. The president also plans to send in hundreds more U.S. civilians to help the people of Afghanistan rebuild their nation.

More broadly, the new strategy

links Afghanistan and Pakistan as one integrated challenge.

Obama will support legislation that aims to pump billions of dollars aid into Pakistan, considered to be the primary haven for terrorists since U.S.-led forces toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan in 2001.

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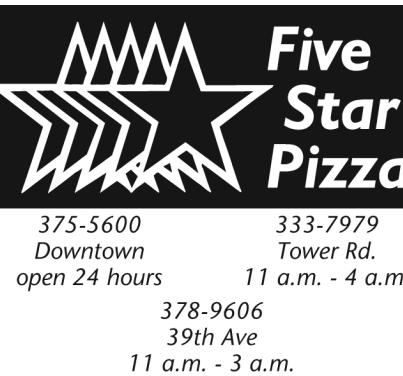
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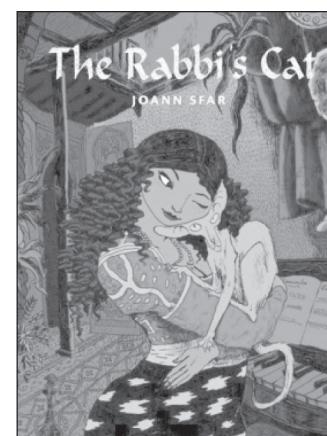
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# Mayor wants to boost spending

**By KATHERINE BEIN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Now Gainesville residents have more reason than ever to do business in Florida.

Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, alongside mayors across the state, joined Gov. Charlie Crist in support of a new strategy to boost local spending.

Everyone will have access to the Florida Backyard Card, which offers discounts to those who shop at participating stores. Card users can get as much as \$100 off nightly rates at a luxury resort, or 10 percent off guitar strings at Gainesville's Hoggtowne Music, Inc.

**State News** People can get the cards for free at Florida Lotto retailers or online at [FloridaBackyardCard.com](http://FloridaBackyardCard.com).

"The revenues produced from dollars spent in our communities pay for vital services such as roads, schools, police protection, fire service and public safety," Hanrahan said in a press release.

The mayor did not immediately respond to phone calls for comment.

David Denslow, a UF economics professor, said this kind of incentive is similar to discount coupons at a grocery store. Those most likely to take advantage of it are those who are most price-sensitive.

Additionally, since demand has decreased in the weak economy, coupons allow businesses to lower prices for select groups.

It's a nice idea, Denslow said, but it might not be effective.

"Maybe you eat out 11 times instead of 10. Maybe you switch spending away from things without coupons to things with coupons. It's not going to have much impact on overall spending."

# Losing local candidates discuss city elections, plan for future

## ■ SOME PLAN TO RUN AGAIN.

**By RACHAEL PINO**  
Alligator Writer

Losing City Commission candidates said they anticipate bright political futures, despite landslide victories by incumbents in Tuesday's Gainesville City Elections.

Although their platforms disagreed, candidates could agree that they learned from the campaign.

"Oh, it was fantastic," said Richard Selwach, candidate for At-Large seat 1. "Everybody's really happy that I participated and gave people another choice," he said, adding that business at his pawn shop increased due to the publicity.

"I have a line out the door," he said. "I can't buy this type of advertising."

Selwach said he only received 6.19 percent of votes because the incumbents got more publicity and campaign contributions.

He said if there had been a primary, the results wouldn't have been divided up between so many candidates. In that case, he said, there probably would have been a run-off between Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Robert Krames and himself.

District 1 Commissioner Scherwin Henry captured 68.21 percent of votes, and At-Large Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa received 58.13 percent of the votes.

"Even though I lost, I feel I did the best job out of all the candidates," Selwach said, adding that his unique point of view made the debates more lively.

Selwach added that Mastrodicasa's and Krames' campaign contributions and his position as a conservative libertarian made it difficult for him to win.

Selwach's possible plans include running for District 4 commissioner, where he lives, or for mayor if Craig Lowe, a city commissioner and leader of anti-Amendment 1 group Equality is Gainesville's Business, also decides to run.

"Next year, there won't be an incumbent," he said.

James Schlachta, who secured 4 percent of the At-Large votes, said this was his first campaign.

"It was a great group of people running," Schlachta said. "It was good to see more than two people running. We got to see more of a diverse group."

Like Selwach, Schlachta credited financial contributions to Mastrodicasa and Krames as a big reason for their higher numbers.

"Jeanna and Robert were able to raise a lot more money, and that helped out a lot," Schlachta said.

Schlachta, who was pro-Amendment 1, said that he probably got a lower percentage of the votes because many people showed up at the polls primarily to oppose Charter Amendment 1, which would have eliminated the city ordinance titled "Discrimination."

Although he has no definite plans, Schlachta said he may run for City Commission again.

Robert Krames, the runner-up for the At-Large seat with 25 percent of the votes, said he felt that each candidate was heartfelt and that he had no hard feelings toward the winners.

"I plan to stay involved, and I congratulate all the candidates on a race well-run," Krames said. "They were all trying to make the world a better place, and I compliment them on that."

Tom Cunilio, who earned 6.27 percent of At-Large seat votes, could not be reached for comment.

Considering it was her first time running for office in Gainesville and the fact that she has only been a resident for five years, Marcia Wimberly said getting almost 32 percent of the votes was wonderful.

"We had a great time. People were wonderful," Wimberly said.

She also was impressed by the election's high turnout.

"We almost tripled," Wimberly said. "That's a plus. That's a big plus."

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STATE

# Board of Governors discusses tuition increase bill

**By CHELSEA KEENAN**  
Alligator Writer

Florida's Board of Governors discussed upcoming slashes in the budget of Florida's 11 public universities and the happenings of Florida's legislative session in the final meetings of a two-day session on Thursday.

One of the hotter topics discussed was the differential tuition bill, which is being considered in the state Legislature and would al-

low universities to raise tuition by up to 15 percent per year to reach the national average.

"We have the lowest tuition fees in the country," said Bill Edmonds, the board's spokesman, after the meeting. "And we're suffering because of that. We need extra resources."

Cuts to current resources were addressed in the final meeting, including the readjusted budget of the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, which is money given every three years to Florida's 11 public uni-

versities to finance the construction of new classrooms or labs. The \$649 million, which was distributed from PECO throughout the university system during the last cycle, has been reduced to \$358 million. Edmonds said this cut reflects the state of Florida's economy.

"This is the steepest drop in PECO we've ever seen," he said.



Poppell

This cut will have a direct impact on UF, as the \$92.5 million the university has received in past years will be reduced to \$11.9 million.

"It's devastating," said Ed Poppell, vice president of Business Affairs at UF.

Poppell said any plans to start constructing new buildings on campus will come to a halt for two to three years as a result.

"We won't be able to start building the new chemistry building or really do anything," he said.

During a committee meeting

the Florida Books to Books Initiative was also addressed. This GI Bill, which was passed in the 2008 Congress and will take effect August 2009, provides for full tuition, housing and a \$100,000 stipend for books to returning veterans who are heading to college.

The board plans to prepare schools for the provisions of the new bill, ensuring campuses are ready for the influx of new students, said Ann Duncan, student affairs and campus life committee chairwoman.

## Visiting prof. holds workshop to explain globalization

■ WORKSHOP IS FROM 9 A.M. TO 5:15 P.M. IN DAUER HALL.

**By HUNTER SIZEMORE**  
Alligator Writer

Globalization is a tricky word, said author and visiting professor, Saskia Sassen Thursday night.

While it implies the increased connection between people worldwide, it glazes over the complexity, Sassen said.

"The term is becoming an invitation not to think," she said.

Sassen, a professor of sociology at Columbia University who is known for her study of international immigrants, is visiting UF for a European immigration workshop, which begins today at 9 a.m. in Dauer

Hall and lasts until 5:15 p.m.

Her most recent book on the topic is "Elements for a Sociology of Globalization," published by Norton.

Instead of just focusing on immigrants as statistics, Sassen studies their circumstances, which she calls "spaces." Work is not the only thing that controls the movement of an immigrant, she said.

"Spaces like this, your campus, have a geographic terrain, but they also have multiple worlds," she said. "There are the worlds of the students, of the cleaners, of the professors."

Sassen briefly applied this idea to the complexities of U.S.-Mexican immigration and by pointing out that roughly 3 million retired American citizens live in Mexico, of which only 1 million are documented.

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**Editorial**

**W**ith a mere month remaining in the semester, the Department of Darts & Laurels is starting to worry about our currently nonexistent plans for the summer.

We're not talking about renting a lake house a la "American Pie" or crafting the perfect routine to sport 6-pack abs by July — no, we're talking about a paid internship.

Yes, those two magical words that seem to be paired together less than the Gator men's basketball team and the NCAA tournament.

As we scour Craigslist in search of intellectually driven work featuring living wages, we feign a smile with this week's too-bad-our-parents-can't-just-buy-us-an-internship edition of...

**Darts & Laurels**

Leave it to the state of Florida for setting an all-time low by suspending a student from the school bus for a severe bout of flatulence. For making Jonathan Locke Jr. walk to school simply because he fancies himself some beans, the Department of Darts & Laurels chuck a we-LOL'd-when-we-heard-the-bus-driver-couldn't-breathe **DART** at **Polk County School officials**. We wonder why he couldn't have just cracked a few windows?

Hell, if it had been us, we would've saved the fart to drop on an unsuspecting teacher in the hallway.

When Bangkok fireman Somchai Yoosabai heard news that a comic-loving child had unsafely wandered onto a third-floor balcony, he had just the plan. The Department of Darts & Laurels awards a can-you-climb-walls-and-shoot-webs? **LAUREL** to the **Spider-Man fireman**, for channeling his inner Peter Parker and rocking the red, black and blue tights to coax the young boy off the ledge. Just another day at the office for man who dons an Ultraman costume to spice up fire drills at schools.

No word on whether Marvel Comics has offered him a contract yet.

Responding to countless questions related to the topic, President Barack Obama took a stance on pot during his virtual town hall meeting sure to disappoint many of his supporters. For failing to see the positive economic implications of legalizing marijuana across the country, the Department of Darts & Laurels launches a we-are-talking-about-the-possibility-of-billions-of-dollars-here **DART** at **President Barack Obama**. Something tells us that "Barry" wouldn't have minded a few tokes on the ol' pipe to relaxe his muscles after a rough-and-tumble game of hoops.

Members of Equality is Gainesville's Business can thank an unlikely source for helping defeat Charter Amendment 1. The Department of Darts & Laurels proudly presents a Gainesville-couldn't-have-done-it-without-you **LAUREL** to the **students of UF** for swarming the polls to vote in Tuesday's city election. To put things in perspective, nearly seven times more voters made their opinion count than in the previous stand-alone election.

And to think, the city didn't even need cheesy videos from Diddy encouraging students to rock the vote.

What began as a heartfelt congratulations to the UF football team for winning the BCS championship ended in a viral video sensation sweeping YouTube. For embarrassing The Gator Nation in front of the entire House of Representatives on Capitol Hill, the Department of Darts & Laurels tosses a his-name-is-Percy-Harvin-not-Percy-Harvey **DART** at Rep. **Corrine Brown** from the 3rd District of Florida. Let's do a quick fact check, it's Coach Urban Meyer, not Cork Urban Meyers, as Brown so eloquently states during her speech.

The Department of Darts & Laurels gives back the balance of our time. Instead of simply sparing their loose pocket change for panhandlers, one father and son duo turned to the Internet to help those less fortunate than themselves. The Department of Darts & Laurels extends a they-raised-\$50,000-in-donations-in-less-than-two-months **LAUREL** to **Kevin and Sean Dolan**, for providing Timothy Edwards a new lease on life after decades of homelessness by paying him to promote their Web site, PimpThisBum.com. For Edwards, just carrying a sign baring the web address netted him \$100 a day along with a free trip to rehab thanks to one generous donor visiting the site.

That's all for this week. "Go Gator!"

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**Opinions****ALLIGATOR**[www.alligator.org/opinions](http://www.alligator.org/opinions)**THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN HAS CAUSED AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VISIT PSYCHICS.****Column****Madoff's prison time won't be enough**

**E**veryone loves a villain. Well, we like to hear about them, anyway.

There's something magnetic about a character who thrives on mayhem. In "No Country for Old Men," Javier Bardem's character made taking lives seem as second-nature as blinking. The result of this maniac bringing his bloodshed to the big screen? An Academy Award for Best Picture and a bunch of nerds calling each other friend-o.

That was 2007, but conveniently enough, the past year has provided two more prime examples of this phenomenon.

Audiences nationwide were treated to the delightfully sadistic and sloppily made-up Joker, courtesy of the late Heath Ledger, in last July's "The Dark Knight." The classic villain renewed my interest in magic within 30 minutes. I'm sure I wasn't the only one in the audience grinning when the Joker made a No. 2 pencil disappear into Gangbanger No. 3's eye socket. And we only use pencils for Scantrons and crosswords. Lame.

The rest of the movie featured the Joker (self-proclaimed agent of chaos) bombing, slicing and mind-fucking his way through Gotham City. Entertaining? Yes. Gruesome? A little. Predictable? Not even close — which is why we can't get enough of it. The Joker was an unbelievable bastard, and the audience loved to hate him.

Fortunately for the movie-going public, such a maniac was reserved solely for the big screen. We weren't without our real-life villain, though, who was much less violent but equally as calculating. Cue Bernard Madoff, pilferer of savings. He doesn't paint his face or sew his own purple suits, but he does rob bank accounts.



**Adam Wynn**  
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Audiences did not respond well to Madoff's grimy deeds (he even scammed Kevin Bacon!), and his 150-year prison sentence won't provide much relief. You can't steal from the guy who says he's worked with everyone in Hollywood and get away with it. If you piss him off, you've lost the whole West Coast. And if you lose Hollywood, you lose tabloid readers, which mean you lose every American who's ever been to the grocery store.

Congrats, Madoff. The entire U.S. population, which swears to a violent, Oscar-winning clown, is now pissed you only got 150 years for stealing other people's money. This isn't the fun kind of loathing Hunter S. Thompson taught us about. It isn't the hatred we go to theaters for. No. This is you-stole-from-us-while-sipping-tea-in-our-living-room fury. You no longer have friends, Mr. Madoff. Most people are crossing their fingers that you spend the next century and a half with clones of Bogs from "The Shawshank Redemption."

If it's any consolation, everyone is going to remember your name. Like I said, we love villains. It's much easier to blame a name and a face for our problems than an abstract concept like the economy.

For now, Madoff's name is going to appear in the headlines every time he does something other than tuck his tail between his legs. Like Ledger's Joker, the public will continue to obsess over this bad guy, but there won't be any praise or awards on the way.

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

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**Reader response**

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**Letter to the Editor****Opportunity Scholars deserve their awards**

Johnathan Lott's column on the need to increase the quality of education at UF is well-intentioned but terribly misguided. First, Florida Opportunity Scholars are held to the same admission standards as other UF students. So to suggest that there is a "lack of any notable academic qualifications" is to suggest that not only are the scholarship recipients underqualified, but that the rest of UF students are undeserving of admissions as well. Immediately after, he suggested that this program is risky because some of the money will be wasted on students who "can't handle UF."

The fact is that 96 percent of Florida Opportunity Scholars return after their freshman year, compared to 94 percent for other UF students. Furthermore, 65 percent of those students had a 3.0 GPA or better. While I agree that UF's reputation and educational quality must be improved, the problem does not reside with academic merits of the students.

We should focus on developing innovative curriculum that stimulates and engages students. We also need to consider a faculty member's merit as an educator and mentor equal to his or her ability to publish or bring in grant money. Not recognizing a student's academic achievements in overcoming the obstacles of growing up in a working class household is more than just inconsiderate, it's morally despicable.

Brandon Sack  
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**Guest column****Morning-after kit cures walk of shame**

**I**t's 9:17 a.m. He's still asleep, of course. You're wearing his clothes, but there's no way you're going to wear them home. And your only other option is a little red dress and leopard stilettos. But with a 10:40 a.m. class and a desperately needed shower, you swallow your pride and brave the streets.

Oh, yes, the all-too-familiar walk of shame. If you haven't been victim to it, then I'm sure you've witnessed it. But honestly, it shouldn't be so shameful. After all, when stuck in this kind of sticky situation, what's a girl to do?

Well, have no fear, because the Walk of Shame kit is here. Girls, get ready to ditch that embarrassing morning-after march. And guys, ever wonder what happened to your favorite T-shirt? Or how about those black Nike gym shorts? You won't have to make any calls to last night's mistake to get your things back because with the Walk of Shame kit, clothes won't be disappearing any longer.

Clubsmerch, a Miami-based company, is releasing its newest item fully equipped to send you home after a rough night with your head held high.

**Ashley Ross**  
Speaking Out

the best. But it's time to let that go. Plus, walking home in his clothes (as opposed to your outfit from last night) still looks shameful.

With blisters on your heels and major pain throughout your feet from dancing all night, you're definitely going to love the kit's flip-flops. Or you might be disgusted by the guy you wake up with — drinking does impair judgment — and need to dash away quickly. We all know you won't be able to run away fast enough in last night's heels.

But what are you supposed to do with the clothes from last night? There's no chance everything will fit in your black clutch. But with a sweet little drawstring backpack, you'll have no problem making a quick getaway with all of your belongings.

And let's face it: Everyone looks rough on the walk of shame. Clumps of mascara are smudged under your

bloodshot eyes, and you're in desperate need of concealer to hide dark puffy eye bags because you were up all night long. Well, the kit has hypoallergenic wipes, which are 100 percent safe for your face and anywhere below. This way you'll be able to clean up any dirty messes you might have made the night before.

But wait a minute, what about getting that disgusting taste out of your mouth? As long as you have water, you'll be good to go with the kit's pre-pasted toothbrush.

And just in case you had a fabulous night and aren't sure if the guy you're leaving will remember your name and number, the kit comes with a notecard to leave behind.

The kit will be available in boutiques around the world, even in a customized version for hotel minibars.

So, it's time to throw your inhibitions into the wind and enjoy your night out without the stress of what to do the morning after. Hold your head up high, girls — walking home has never been more decent.

Ashley Ross is a writer for *The Avenue*.

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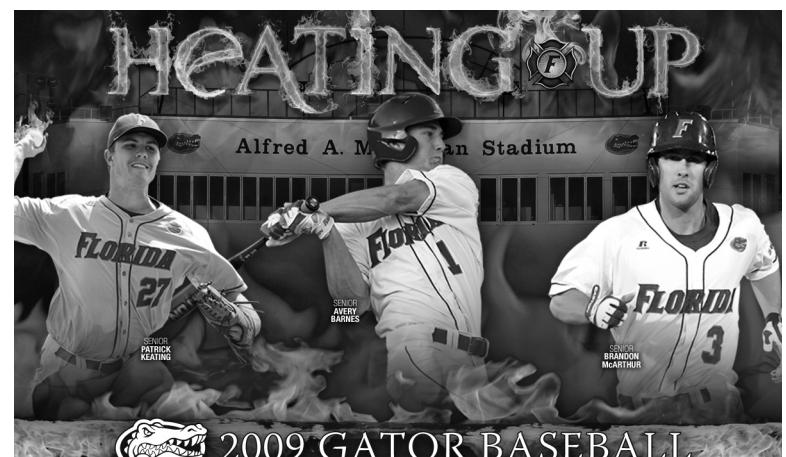
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**Ball in the Sky**

UF senior Scott Weingart practices "ball rolling" Thursday on the Plaza of the Americas to represent the UF juggling club. Called contact juggling because the ball is in "contact" with the body, the art involves rolling one or more transparent balls on the hands or arms to create optical illusions.

# Bill allows airports to scare off birds

By ILEANA MORALES

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Florida airport employees could chase endangered birds from runways without fear they'd be prosecuted for harming the animals under a bill moving through the state legislature months after geese forced an emergency landing on New York's Hudson River.

Airports around the state typically fire blanks from shotguns or non-lethal rounds from timer-controlled cannons to scare off birds and other animals. Sometimes lethal force is used on common birds such as doves, but an airport employee could face fines or even criminal charges if he were to accidentally hit an endangered or threatened species.

A Senate committee voted unanimously Wednesday for the bill offering airport employees protection from those penalties, entitled "The Airline Safety and Wildlife Protection Act of Florida." The House version is moving through a committee, after which point it would face a vote on the House floor.

"It gives airports the authority

they need to protect the consumers," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Carey Baker, R-Eustis, who introduced the bill last month.

But the problem isn't unique to Florida. In California, Sen. Dave Cox, R-Fair Oaks, worked with airports to propose a similar bill clarifying that federal depredation laws trump state laws. The bill is being reviewed in a committee. If signed into law, Florida and California would be the first states to offer airports such protections, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

A bird strike delaying his wife's flight and the US Airways incident brought bird strikes to the attention of Rep. Scott Plakon, R-Florida, the House bill's sponsor. Plakon said it exposes something airports preferred not to advertise. In 2008, more than 7,000 wildlife strikes were reported nationally.

Eustis introduced his bill weeks after a flock of geese disabled both engines of a US Airways jetliner, forcing the pilot to land in New York's Hudson River in January.

# Swimmers relocate due to campus pool's renovations

## ■ THE POOL AT THE O'DOME WILL CLOSE UNTIL THIRD WEEK IN JUNE.

**By MARY MANCHESS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The indoor pool at the O'Connell Center closed on Monday due to renovations.

According to Erva Gilliam, the coordinator for UF swimming, the renovations will be complete the third week of June and will include resurfacing the pool deck and replacing the current flooring with tile.

Some starting blocks in the deep end will

also be resurfaced, and additional painting will be done around the pool's perimeter.

"Basically, it's due for a face lift," Gilliam said. "It will help with recruiting efforts and help us be a little more competitive with the universities that are building and have built facilities."

When asked about the budget, Gilliam declined to comment. However, she said the University Athletic Association would provide the funding for the project.

While the renovations are anticipated to enhance the pool's appearance, they have caused inconveniences.

Gilliam said the UF swim team had to

"Basically, it's due for a face lift."

**Erva Gilliam**  
UF swimming coordinator

reschedule its two-a-day practices at different locations. Members of the Club Alligator Swim Team, who usually practice at the pool Monday through Friday, have not been able to meet.

Diane James, the risk management and aquatics coordinator for RecSports, said some of the indoor pool's usual activities have been either postponed or rescheduled until the renovations are complete.

One of the options to relocate the pool's functions is the Florida Pool, which belongs to the College of Health and Human Performance. However, the pool's schedule includes some academic classes in the evening, so there is no room to schedule time for recreational swimming.

The renovations have also cut 90 hours a week for student lifeguards.

"Because we knew this was going to happen and we knew it would impact us so strongly, we chose to rewrite the schedule once spring break was over," James said.

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Air Force ROTC cadet Maj. Rudolph McIntyre chats with cadet Col. Jared Bowen, right, after their Pass-In-Review at Flavet Field Thursday afternoon.

## AROUND GAINESVILLE

# Worries about economy spark business for psychics

**By AMANDA MILLIGAN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Elizabeth Jones used to ask questions about relationships and family.

Now, Jones, a 33-year-old Gainesville resident, has been asking a psychic about her economic future.

"I don't know how I'm going to be able to afford to do everything I need to do," she said. "I don't know how I'm going to be able to buy Christmas for my daughter."

Jones talks to Pernel, a seer at Krystalnet Psychic Consultants, Inc., two to three times a week. She asks if she's going to be able to afford food and medication for her daughter and if she'll be able to get the jobs she applies for.

She might not be the only one asking. There's anecdotal evidence that psychics have become more popular during these economic times, according to an article in USA Today.

Two local psychics have noticed an increase in the number of people wanting to meet with them.

Jesse Lucas, a seer at Wild Iris Books, said his business has increased about 400 percent over the past two years, particularly in the past year and a half.

"The economy's been very good for my business, surprisingly enough," Lucas said.

Lucas said he has noticed a shift in the content of questions. He said the questions are becoming less about people's personal lives and more about their fiscal lives.

"It's probably the one thing that's on everybody's mind," he said. "It's been really hard on a lot of my clients."

Some are now destitute because the economy caused them to lose almost everything, he said. One of his clients, whom he considers a professional in the working world, became unemployed and homeless because of the economy.

"She called me seven times yesterday

[Wednesday] because she needed answers," he said. "She needed a way out."

He said college students seem more worried about the economy as well. They ask him about how they can live on their budgets and if they'll be able to pay their bills.

**"The economy's been very good for my business, surprisingly enough."**

**Jesse Lucas**  
Seer at Wild Iris Books

"That surprises me," he said. "Students have always been preoccupied with relationships."

Theresa, of Psychic Readings by Theresa, didn't notice an increased concern in students about the economy, but about 20 percent to 30 percent more people have gone for readings in the past five or six months.

Students ask her about the choices they should make about majors and career paths. They want to know if they'll be successful and stay in their current fields.

Although Pernel said she has not seen a dramatic increase in customers, she has seen a change in the questions customers ask. Pernel said the most common questions she's asked are about love lives, but those about the economy are quickly catching up. She has also noticed more questions relating to stress.

"I think that has a lot to do with the economy," she said. "It's putting a high stress level on families."

Jones said Pernel has given her a lot of good advice about issues relating to money, her ex-husband and her daughter. But Pernel has assisted in more ways than one.

"By the time I'm done talking to her, she's really calmed me down and helped me a lot," Jones said. "She gives me a real sense of peace."



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# ROTC cadets march in joint ceremony

**By ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 300 Air Force, Marine Corps, Army and Navy ROTC cadets marched past their reviewing officer in UF's ROTC Joint Service Pass-in-Review Thursday.

UF administrators, friends and family watched from under a white canopy as cadets marched to the beat of a three-membered band.

It's the only thing done at UF that incorporates all the branches of ROTC, said Phillip Fischer, event spokesman.

UF is one of only 38 schools in the U.S. that has all four branches of the military. About 100 people attended the ceremony.

Additionally, retired Cpl. Duane E. Dewey was recognized as one of 97 living recipients of the Medal of Honor and only one of

nine in Florida.

After the ceremony, many of the cadets hurried to salute and shake hands with Dewey and other high-ranking officers.

Some cadets stopped to take pictures with their family and friends who came out to watch the review.

**Student Life**  
UF employee Cindy Bryant came to support her husband, Brad Bryant, a cadet commander in Air Force ROTC.

"It's kind of sad because my husband is graduating," she said.

"This is kind of the last big thing before his commissioning," Dewey, who lives in Alachua County, said he was proud of the cadets.

"It's great to be here and watch all the troops," he said. "They did a great job out there."

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# Event held to raise awareness of poverty in Africa

**By EMILY FUGGETTA**  
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The Plaza of the Americas turned into a mock refugee camp Thursday when about 60 students gathered at an event to learn about global poverty and disease.

The ONE campaign's event to promote awareness of problems in Africa, kicked off with a screening of "Sons of Lwala," a documentary about two Kenyan brothers who built a clinic in their hometown, Lwala, to fulfill their father's dream of having a medical facility there.

Ten students watched the documentary and stayed to hear a speech by Peter Ter, a former Sudanese refugee who was forced from his home due to civil war during the '80s.

He spoke about the fear and hunger he dealt with while in the refugee camps and the tragedy he saw when moving from place to place fleeing from the bombs.

Ter, who got his GED in Jacksonville and studies political science at UF, plans to join the Peace Corps. He said he isn't bitter about his experiences.

"There is no need to be vindictive," he said. "The best way is to

forgive people."

After Ter's speech, the event continued in the Plaza of the Americas, where UF's branch of the ONE campaign offered tables from different UF organizations with information on gender equality, child health, extreme poverty and hunger, environmental sustainability, maternal health, global partnership and HIV education.

About 5 people were given free HIV blood tests.

**"We live in an area where the worst thing that happens to us might be a bad test grade."**

**Bryant Shannon**  
UF ONE campaign president

Beaded necklaces and bracelets made by Ugandan women were sold. All profits from the jewelry will go back to the women.

Bryant Shannon, UF's ONE campaign president, who is ONE's list of top national student leaders, said the group held the event to raise awareness in students who might not know the details of Africa's problems.

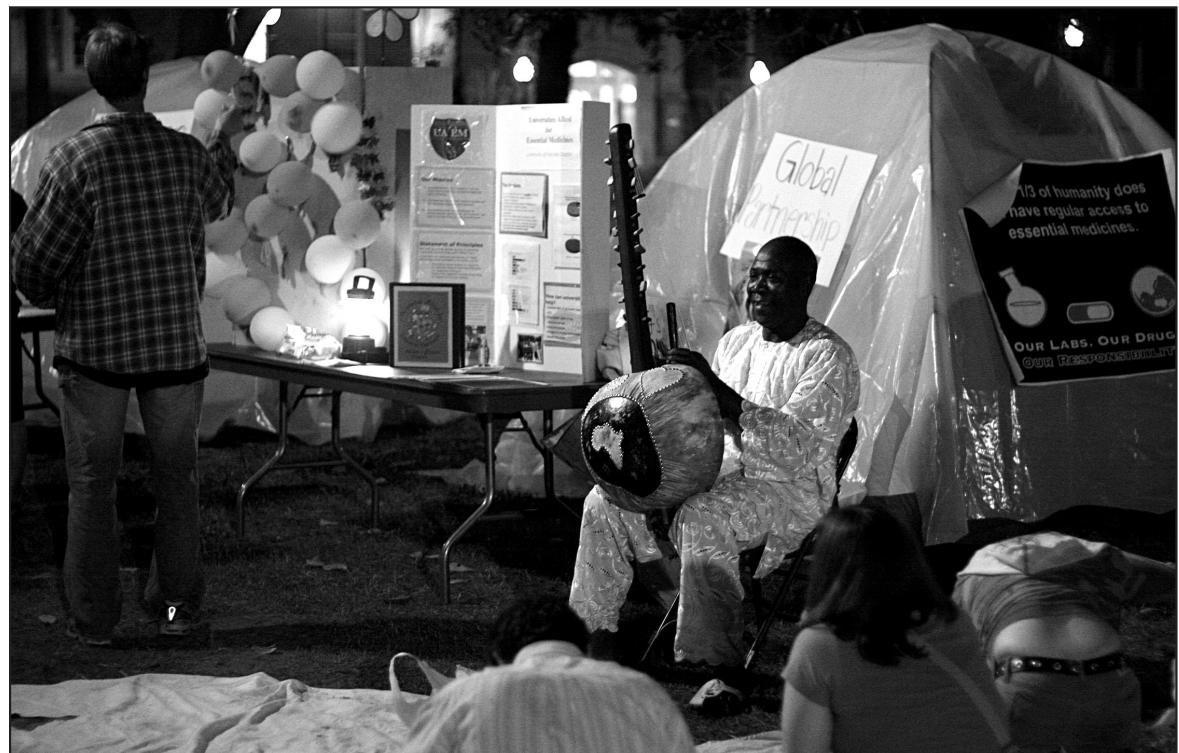
"We live in an area where the worst thing that happens to us might be a bad test grade," he said. "We want to spark attention and bring

these issues to the limelight."

UF management sophomore Jack Lee said he was interested to see educational outreach on a cam-

pus level.

"It's good to see that UF is actually doing something about it," he said.



Emily Fuggetta / Alligator

Lansara Camara plays a handmade kora at the ONE Campaign's event on the Plaza of the Americas to promote awareness about global poverty and disease Thursday night.

# Democratic budget closely passes Senate committee

## ■ THE PLAN INCLUDES INCREASES FOR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS.

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats pushed a recession-era budget backed by the Obama administration through committee on Thursday after rejecting Republican attempts to cut spending and reduce mammoth deficits.

The 13-10 vote was along party lines in the Senate Budget Committee, and came as GOP critics sharpened their attacks on a plan that Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama derided as "the most irresponsible budget in the history of the Republic."

The plan calls for spending of \$3.5 trillion for the year that begins Oct. 1, and assumes a deficit of \$1.2 trillion. It includes increases for hundreds of domestic pro-

grams and clears the way for major legislation later in the year on President Barack Obama's priorities of health care, energy and education.

Despite their criticism, Senate Republicans have said they do not intend to propose an alternative to the Democrats' budget, a decision that spares them the need to make politically difficult choices.

Republicans conceded that Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., chairman of the committee, had produced a plan that sliced recommended spending beneath levels Obama requested less than a month ago, with lower deficits projected as a result.

But some said he had not gone far enough, while others argued that the budget lacked the type of enforcement measures needed to make sure the targets aren't exceeded in future years.

Sessions' attempt to cut an additional

\$200 billion from non-defense domestic programs over five years was defeated on a party-line vote, 13-10.

Conrad responded that he already had trimmed spending below Obama's request by \$160 billion over five years and had reduced the deficit by two-thirds over the same period. He said Sessions' proposal would have frozen spending in particularly worthy programs like veterans services "at a time when we have large numbers of them returning from Iraq and Afghanistan."

Republicans also failed several times to make it more difficult for Congress to exceed spending limits prescribed for 2011-2014.

Budget debates are often highly partisan in Congress, and the debate occurred one day after Democrats across the Capitol

pushed a slightly different budget through the House Budget Committee on a party-line vote.

House Republicans have pledged to present an alternative by next week, and issued an 18-page booklet Thursday that they said would pave the way for economic recovery.

It included few specific proposals, although it called for cuts in domestic programs and new tax reductions for individuals, investors and some businesses.

Both houses will vote next week on the budgets, and the eventual compromise will be prelude to months of struggle in which the Democratic-controlled Congress tries to implement Obama's agenda.

While both the House and Senate budget plans leave room for those bills, they defer difficult decisions until later in the year.

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# O'Dome will host UF's fifth annual Relay for Life

■ EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

By CHELSEA KEENAN  
Alligator Writer

This weekend the O'Connell Center won't be filled with Gator fans cheering for a sports team. Instead, it will house UF's fifth annual Relay for Life.

Relay for Life, a national fundraising event, which donates proceeds to the American Cancer Society to fund cancer research, will begin Friday at 6 p.m. and last until noon Saturday.

This 18-hour event honors people who have survived cancer and those who lost their fight with the disease, said David Rountree, UF's Relay for Life event chairman.

About 80 teams, made up of 10 to 15 people, were sponsored to walk the track in memory of those who fought cancer, Rountree said.

Rountree said UF raised about \$105,000 last

year, and expects to raise a similar amount this year, despite the economic downturn.

He said about \$90,000 has already been raised, and fundraising efforts will continue during the event.

"Going into the school year I was worried the economy would affect our goal," he said, adding he was happy to see people still gave generously.

"People really dug into their pockets, and it's really exceeded my expectations," he said.

At this year's Relay, local bands, dance

troupes and two comedians will be performing, as well as the UF competitive cheerleading squad and the Santa Fe College cheerleading squad.

The Luminaria ceremony will be held on Friday at 9 p.m. During this ceremony, candles are lit and placed inside bags bearing the names of those who have fought cancer. The bags are then placed along the track.

"[The ceremony is] to honor those who have fallen from cancer," Rountree said.



Logan Jaffe / Alligator

## Emergency Break

Thomas Hand, left, of the Gainesville EMT team, waits on a bench in Weimer Hall Thursday next to UF junior Emily Detoro as paramedics assist a student who nearly fainted in her photojournalism class. The student believed a slideshow of Eugene Smith's gory World War II photos caused her to become ill.

## ON CAMPUS

# Play held to stop domestic violence

By REBECCA WEISS  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF organization Victory Over Violence will present "The Vagina Monologues" on Sunday, March 29 to promote awareness about domestic abuse and raise money for Peaceful Paths, a non-profit domestic abuse center in Gainesville.

The play, based off of Eve Ensler's book, covers a broad range of women's topics in a funny, sad, and moving way, said Jackie Azis, president of Victory Over Violence and director of the play.

"It's personal in that a lot of the stories women can relate to — people don't expect it to be so moving."

**Jackie Azis**

president of Victory Over Violence and play director

"It talks about everything from hair to tampons, to exams, and then it gets to serious stuff such as rape and incest and mutilation," she said. "It's personal in that a lot of the stories women can relate to — people don't expect it to be so moving."

So far, about 96 tickets have been sold for the first showing, at 12:30 pm, and 133 for the second showing, at 3:30 pm.

Ninety percent of the play's proceeds go to Peaceful Paths and the other 10 percent go to V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls.

According to Azis, this is the largest pre-sale they have had in a few years. She believes the community is coming out to show their support for Peaceful Paths, whose outreach office was burned down on Feb. 25.

## Uddin: Consumers are switching from mainstream cigarettes to off-brands

### TAX, from page 1

go up, but that he thought it was only going to really affect sales for two to three months.

"People tend to calm down and buy less," he said.

Uddin said he has started to see a trend in which consumers are switching from mainstream brands to off-brands.

Some products, like roll-your-

own tobacco, have seen over a 2,000 percent price increase, he said. Roll-your-own tobacco used to be a lower-cost alternative to cigarettes, Hiley said, but now it's going to be just as expensive. The tax will rise from \$1.10 per pound to \$24.78 per pound of tobacco. Additionally, cigarette papers and cigarette tubes taxes will increase, but by a lesser amount.

Uddin said he buys his cigarettes wholesale from Sam's Club, and

they've been charging the tax for two weeks.

While Hiley said he understands the purpose of the tax, he isn't happy that it was placed in the laps of smokers.

**Local News** The increase was included in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 to help provide an additional \$31.5 billion over the next 4 1/2 years for health

care for uninsured children from low-income families, according to the bureau's Web site.

Hiley said he recently has had trouble finding some brands of tobacco, because other retailers have stockpiled up. This is a bad strategy, he said, because retailers have to pay a floor stocks tax on all merchandise they have for sale on April 1 — even if the merchandise was bought before the tax increase.

"They won't make a profit that way," he said. "It all evens out."

The price of some packs of small cigarettes at Modern Age have already gone up \$1, before the April 1 effective date, Hiley said, because some wholesale retailers have gradually raised their prices in the last few weeks to adjust to the new tax rates.

"This is the largest tax increase I've seen," he said.

## The College of Journalism's proposal will eliminate the Documentary Institute

### PROPOSAL, from page 1

The college focused on cutting the dean's office first, with almost half of the 10 percent reduction coming from that office, she wrote.

The College of Journalism's \$909,000 proposal would involve eight layoffs, according to information provided by dean John Wright.

Seven of those are faculty members, he said, and one is a staff member. The plan would also leave two positions unfilled and eliminate one employee in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

The proposal would also get rid of the col-

lege's Documentary Institute and the master's degree program in Documentary Film.

Four of the layoffs, all faculty members, would be in the Documentary Institute. Wright said the institute, although award-winning, is not as central to the college's mission.

The College of Dentistry's proposal includes plans for a cut of almost \$1.7 million, though college spokeswoman Karen Rhodenizer said the college expects to make up some of those potential losses with other revenues from its clinical practice as well as donations and grants.

The proposal states that clinical revenues increased about \$1.2 million, or 16 percent,

from last year.

The proposal does not include any layoffs but Rhodenizer said some positions will be left unfilled, though how many is unclear.

**UF Administration** It also includes plans to reduce the number of speakers for the dean's seminars and spending on food for research-related meetings.

The college's departments were also asked to make across-the-board cuts of 2 to 3 percent. The college does not plan to reduce enrollment, Rhodenizer said.

All colleges and administrative units were

asked to submit 10 percent budget cut proposals in anticipation of a possible reduction in the university-wide budget of \$72 million to \$75 million.

Proposals are due to UF Provost Joe Glover by April 1 and will be publicly released April 15, which will open a period of public comment until the final plan must be submitted to the Board of Trustees, which will take the final vote sometime in May.

The 10 percent proposals have been called a "worst-case scenario." When UF submits its final budget, it plans to enact vertical cuts, cutting some colleges more than others, instead of even across-the board cuts.

# Bonuses came from practicing faculty; no state funds were used

## BONUSES, from page 1

nuses paid to AIG executives after the company's federal bailout.

The largest single award to a UF faculty member was an incentive payment of \$99,000. Most payments were below \$5,000, though some received multiple payments.

Money for the awards came from the Faculty Practice Plan, said Michael Good, dean of the college. The plan is funded by revenues from faculty members practicing medicine, Good said.

"This is faculty working in the clinic, working in the hospital, taking care of patients," he said. "No state funds were used to pay these bonuses."

"This isn't AIG," he said.

While some faculty who got awards do not treat patients, most who received the awards contributed to the practice plan, UF spokesman Steve Orlando said.

Good argued the awards are necessary to keep top faculty at UF.

"In the highly competitive world of academic medicine, we have to compete for doctors that could be practicing at Harvard, at

Duke, at San Francisco," he said.

Faculty are evaluated based on patient satisfaction and professionalism, as well as the number of patients they see and procedures they perform, and are compensated accordingly, he said.

But some critics, such as John Biro, president of the United Faculty of Florida, UF's faculty union, argue the money could be better spent by preventing layoffs instead of adding to the salaries of some faculty.

"How come we have all that money and then we have to fire tenure-track faculty in CLAS (the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) and the school of education?" he asked, adding UF continues to hire new administrators, faculty and staff.

"I don't see how an administration can be allowed to get away with this," Biro said. "That's not what you do in a university, that's what you do at Enron maybe."

Orlando said it's possible the money used for bonuses and incentives could be put toward other things, like preventing layoffs, for example, but he said that would hurt the health of the practice plan.

"If you are one of the people performing the service and providing medical care for

the community... and then suddenly (the money is) being used for purposes other than the College of Medicine...it becomes a disincentive," he said.

The argument that UF should use funds from other colleges and even affiliated organizations, such as Shands at UF or the University Athletic Association, is not a new one.

Members of UF's faculty union asked UF to do it last year, and the idea was thrust into the spotlight earlier this month when members of the faculty and graduate assistant unions proposed it at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Though some university officials have said UF cannot take money from affiliated organizations, such as Shands at UF, which held about \$600 million in unrestricted assets in 2008, to balance its budget, the process is technically possible, said Matt Fajack, UF's chief financial officer.

However, he said it would be difficult. The board of directors for the organization would have to sign off on the transfer and, if that

didn't happen, UF could conceivably replace board members when they step down over time with new ones favorable to the idea.

Another idea proposed by the unions is using the university's own unrestricted assets, which totaled about \$80 million in 2008, to prevent layoffs. UF officials have stated the university cannot use some of that money because they are required by state law to keep a certain amount in reserves. As it stands, however, UF is only required to notify the Board of Governors, which oversees the state's 11 public universities, when reserves dip below a certain amount.

But Fajack said even if the state doesn't require it, he still thinks it's good fiscal policy to have healthy reserves in case of emergencies—if the state withdrew funding mid-year, for example.

"The state could hold (\$80 million) back in a minute," he said.

And, even in the best case scenario, he said using the money to prevent layoffs probably wouldn't help faculty much in lean budget times like this.

"We don't lay them off this year, but we lay them off next year, and then our reserves are completely gone," he said.

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**2 For Rent unfurnished**

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16 Three-layer snacks  
17 Quaff  
18 Pond denizen  
19 Inspector on the telly  
20 Undercover cop?  
23 Drama award  
24 Storytelling slave  
25 Introduction to "SeinLanguage"?

30 Campus climbers  
31 Who, in Quebec  
32 Babe in the woods  
36 Wyo. neighbor  
37 Vue and Aura, in the auto world  
41 Gp. with Bucks and Bobcats  
42 Houston shuttle letters

44 T'ai \_\_\_

45 Weakened

47 Words to roust an oversleeping ecclesiastic?

51 New drivers, typically

53 Musical with the song "The Gods Love Nubia"

54 Cannery worker's credo?

59 Battery connection

60 Mope

61 '60s quartet member

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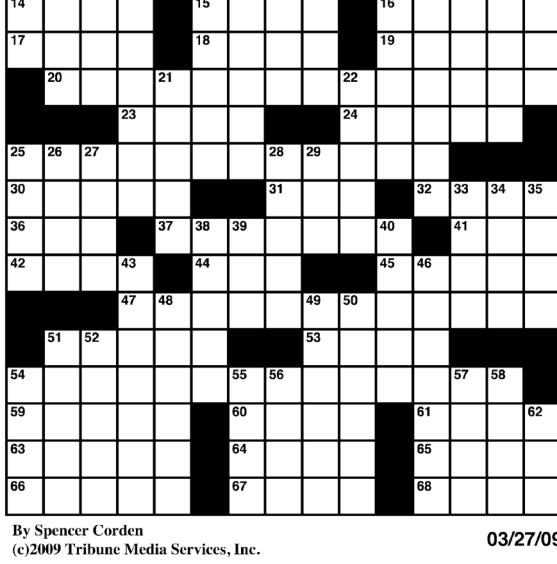
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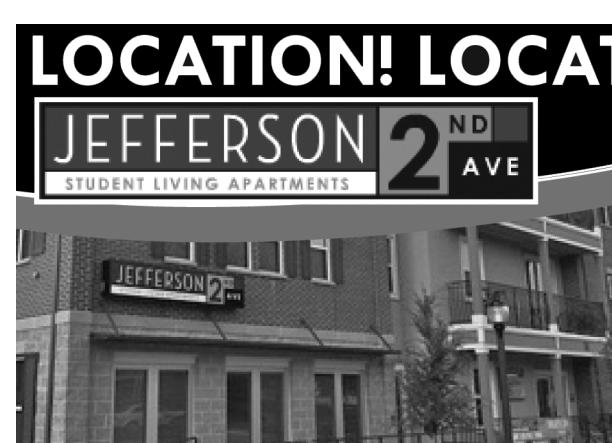
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**UF BASEBALL**

# Den Dekker carries leadoff success into 'Bama games

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Junior center fielder Matt den Dekker had been a do-it-all player in his first two seasons at UF, but coach Kevin O'Sullivan has managed to find new ways for the pre-season All-American to make an impact on the team.

O'Sullivan moved den Dekker into the leadoff spot in the batting order on March 18 against Central Florida, and the junior will remain the table setter tonight in UF's (15-8, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) 6:30 matchup with Alabama (16-7, 3-3 SEC).

"Moving him to the leadoff spot has consciously changed his ap-

proach to using the whole field," O'Sullivan said.

Den Dekker has had a hit in each of his games since moving to the top of the lineup and is hitting .400 while setting the pace for the Gators' offense.

Although leadoff hitters are usually only thought of as speedy singles hitters, den Dekker, who leads the team with five stolen bases and has yet to get caught stealing, still provides power.

The outfielder leads the team with four home runs, and his .536 slugging percentage is second to senior Avery Barnes, who, ironically, started the season as the team's leadoff hitter.

Twice in the last week, den Dekker has taken an opposing

left-handed pitcher deep over the right-field wall in close games.

"He's been more aggressive, not taking pitches in hitter's counts," junior catcher Buddy Munroe said.

UF will need all the offensive production den Dekker can muster with the Crimson Tide coming to town for a weekend series.

Alabama is averaging just fewer than 10 runs per game and showcases one of the best hitters in the nation. Senior outfielder Kent Matthes comes into tonight's game hitting .424 with a .500 on-base per-

centage, but his power numbers are startling.

The senior is slugging 1.059 with 41 RBIs and 15 home runs, matching the total for UF's entire team.

Matthes is far from the only offensive talent on the Crimson Tide's roster, and O'Sullivan isn't counting on any weak spots in its lineup.

"Probably their best attribute is they got an older club," O'Sullivan said. "They've got veterans all over the field and on the pitching side of things."

"They're very well-balanced, they're very well-coached, and they have a confident swagger about them."

Junior Jeff Barfield (2-0, 1.17

ERA) will get the start for the Gators tonight and attempt to set the tone for the rest of the series.

Barfield was thought to be the leading candidate for the closer's role before the season started, but has emerged as UF's most dependable starter.

"I expected him to be good, but I don't know if you ever expect people to be as good as they are or as bad as they are," O'Sullivan said. "But the one thing he is, he's a competitor."

Munroe said the right-hander had a rough fall on the mound, but his hard-breaking slider has helped him turn it around.

"He wasn't exactly lights out," Munroe. "He's turned it on and been really good for us."



den Dekker

# Demps to make track debut at Florida State Relays

**■ HE ALSO PLAYS RUNNING BACK FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM.**

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This weekend, when the UF men's track and field team competes for the first time since its second-place finish in the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 14, there will be a new yet familiar face looking to contribute on the track for UF: Jeff Demps.

The Gators traveled to Tallahassee to start the Florida State Relays on Thursday with Demps as the newest addition to an already excellent squad.

Demps, who plays running back on the

football team, began practicing with the track team on March 17 and has impressed coach Mike Holloway with his work ethic.

"He's been fine, he's been awesome, he's Jeff Demps," Holloway said. "He shows up every day, he's a great guy (and) does everything you ask him to do."

"The big thing with Jeff is I have to be careful not to let him do too much because he'll just go all day if I let him."

Demps will make his much-anticipated debut Saturday, competing in the 4x100-meter relay and possibly the 100-meter dash, Holloway said.

When Demps takes the track, all eyes will be on him to see if he lives up to the pre-season expectations placed on him after he ran a 10.01-second 100-meter dash during

the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Demps didn't make the Olympic team, but he received loads of media attention for his effort.

Prior to this season, Demps was named one of the Top 12 U.S. Sprinters/Hurdlers to Watch in 2009 by TrackShark, largely due to his 100-meter performance. Joining Demps on the list were accomplished Olympic sprinters Walter Dix, Tyson Gay, Sanya Richards and Allyson Felix.

Holloway said the addition of Demps will certainly make the Gators better, but it will not affect the team's weekly preparation for meets.

"The process doesn't change here. Our

goal is to be better weekly. We have to keep everybody focused on the Gators," Holloway said. "Jeff's gonna help this team, he's gonna run well, and he's gonna help our relay run well."

As Demps laces up his track cleats, he will not only look to live up to the hype surrounding him, he also will look to help UF's men kick off their outdoor season and reach the standard Holloway has set for them.

"We've been training pretty hard for the last couple weeks," Holloway said. "Our goal is simply to go up there and get the rust of indoor off."

"We're not expecting to go up there and set the world on fire, but we're expecting everybody to go up there and be very competitive."

# Close game against Tennessee provided warm-up for Alabama, postseason

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"I'm looking forward to winning, but that's going to be a hard challenge. They're a great team," Walton said.

"I don't think you're going to find any 1-0 ballgames out here next week. It has the potential to be a slugfest, and we're going to have to do a good job of coming out and swinging the bat as well."

A higher-scoring game will certainly work in the Gators' favor. The team won the season series 2-1 last year, with UF's victories coming by scores of 8-4 and 4-1, the latter bringing home the Gators' first SEC Championship.

If the Gators want to continue their dominance over the top teams in the SEC, they will need to put up the kind of scores they did against Georgia (15-0 and 4-0 wins on March 11) and Tennessee (7-0, 7-0 and 4-1 victories last weekend).

After posting shutouts in the previous eight conference games, Gardiner said UF's comeback win against Tennessee on Sunday provided a challenge similar to the one they will face this weekend.

"It makes us more prepared for games like that in the postseason, too," the senior first baseman said. "That's what the postseason's all about."

"People are going to bring their A game for possibly that last game of the season for them. That really helps us for Alabama and down the road."

Despite starting out slow against Tennessee pitcher Cat Hosfield on Sunday, UF's hitters were able to make adjustments at the plate during their second and third at-bats. He hopes his players are able to mirror that success against Alabama's ace, Kelsi Dunne (12-0, 0.56 ERA), and backups Charlotte Morgan (8-4, 1.95) — who also leads the team in RBIs — and Amanda Locke (6-0, 1.91).

"I don't think we do much different (than we did last weekend)," Walton said.

"I think we just do the same things we do, just try to break down their pitchers if we can and try to put ourselves in a position where we can handle all three of their pitchers as opposed to getting caught up in just one."



Softball



UF first baseman Ali Gardiner waits for the ball during the Gators' 4-1 win against Tennessee on Sunday in Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

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## Disappointing season leaves questions for future

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For what most considered to be a meaningless game during the middle of the NCAA Tournament, the scene in the UF locker room looked like it was anything but.

Reporters crowded around players with hung heads as they tried to put their disappointment into words.

After being ranked No. 19 at the start of the season, the Gators' tumultuous season came to an end Tuesday night with a 71-62 loss to Penn State in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

UF (25-11) finished its second straight season without making it to the NCAA Tournament and failed to make a return to Madison Square Garden and the NIT semifinals like it did a year ago.

It was a far cry from the turnaround year the team predicted in October.

A little more than a year ago, Dan Werner sat in a dimly lit locker room in The World's Most Famous Arena and watched as teammates and coaches shook their heads and promised next year would be different.

The scene this year was almost identical.

"I'm just as confused as anybody," he said. "Coach built this as one of the top programs in the country, and unfortunately these last two years we took it down a couple of steps."

The game might as well have been a mirror image of the Gators' season. Their goal was well within reach. A win against the banged-up and offensively challenged Nittany Lions would have punched their ticket to New York.

It wasn't the ideal end to the season — UF became the first team since Michigan State in 1981 to not make the NCAA Tournament in consecutive years after winning the national

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF forward Dan Werner looks at the floor between reporters' questions after the Gators' 71-62 National Invitation Tournament quarterfinals loss to Penn State in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday night.

### UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Bar set high after '08-'09

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Preseason predictions usually result in meaningless blather.

In this case, however, the Gators' pre-season motto rang true.

UF (24-8) was indeed "Bigger and Better" a year after it reached the Women's National Invitation Tournament, just as its coach and media guide had promised.

"It says a lot about this team when you can talk about things like that in September, in October, and then back it up," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "That was a great way for us to start the season — by projecting big things — and that's the only way that you achieve great things is to set those expectations high at the beginning."

The Gators' appearance in the NCAA Tournament in Butler's second year would likely have been refreshing enough for this team.

Getting a first-round win and advancing to the second round was more than sat-

isfying, considering how far UF has come so quickly.

Now the standard has been set.

"I told our seniors and our whole group collectively after we lost the other night that as disappointed as we felt right now, the big picture was that this collection of

women that we have in the room right here — that we will never have together again like this — set the standard for the future of this program," Butler said. "There's no question we'll be disappointed every year if there's anything less than postseason play in the NCAA Tournament."

This was a record-breaking season for UF, highlighted by exceeding outside expectations.

But if you ask the players and coaches, they'll tell you they believed there was no limit on how far they could go.

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Butler

## Gators roll into Tide series

■ NO. 1 UF WILL FACE NO. 4 ALABAMA FOR A 3-GAME SET.

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It's no secret that the Gators softball team has been looking forward to this weekend since the season started.

In the team's media guide, senior first baseman Ali Gardiner said UF's series against Alabama was her most anticipated matchup of the year.

No. 1 UF (32-2, 11-0 Southeastern Conference) will take on No. 4 Alabama (26-4, 6-2 SEC) this weekend in a three-game home series, starting Saturday at 1 p.m.

Last week, Alabama was ranked

No. 2 in the country, and had the team not lost twice to No. 17 LSU last weekend, this weekend would have pitted the top two teams in the nation against each other for the first time ever.

But when it comes to facing the Tide, the rankings don't matter to the Gators.

"Alabama's always been a tough competitor, and I think we're all really excited," Gardiner said.

"We've been looking forward to it for a long time, but now it's here and we're ready to go."

UF coach Tim Walton also expressed his excitement for this weekend's conference showdown, adding how important it will be for the Gators to come out with energy early in the game.

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### ONLINE

■ The UF men's swimming and diving team had a successful first day in the NCAA Championships on Thursday. For more on that and stories about UF tennis and Santa Fe softball, check out [alligatorSports.org](#).

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### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** How will the UF men's basketball team finish the 2009-10 season?

**Previous question:** Which freshman are you most excited to see at the UF football team's spring practices? (see right for results)

	Percent (Votes)
Finley	68% (30)
Bostic	16% (7)
Alajajian	11% (5)
Parks	5% (2)
	42 TOTAL VOTES

# Georgetown transfer Macklin, incoming Boynton could spark team

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title — but it would have salvaged a little bit of pride.

Instead, UF crumbled under the weight of expectations and played one of its sloppiest games of the season.

"I went to college wanting to make the NCAA Tournament every year," Werner said. "Obviously, we have a lot of work to do. This is two years in a row we're in the NIT, and this isn't where Coach built the program to be."

### War of Attrition

The Gators probably should have known they were in trouble when seldom-used walk-on Kyle McClanahan entered the game early in the first half.

But it's not like UF coach Billy Donovan had much of a choice. Injuries had UF practically limping into the postseason. UF started the year with 12 scholarship players and what looked like a team deep enough to make it through Southeastern Conference play.

The early-season transfer of sophomore point guard and former McDonald's All-American Jai Lucas to Texas was a big blow.

Without Lucas, 5-foot-8 guard Erving Walker was forced to play major minutes.

And although the freshman played well this season, the Gators were sorely lacking the leadership and late-game shooting Lucas could have given them.

Adam Allen, Eloy Vargas and Allan Chaney all missed significant time with injuries this year, crippling an already depleted lineup, and it didn't help that center Kenny

Kadji was ruled out during the NIT with a concussion. By the time Penn State came to town, Donovan was working with an eight-man rotation.

The Gators took their biggest hit inside, where Werner and sophomore center Alex Tyus — a more natural power forward — were forced to play out of position all year.

"You've got to play with what you've got," Werner said. "You can't complain because guys are undersized or playing out of position. We are what we are. We just tried to make the best out of it."

### Calathes Can't Do It All

The largest swarm of reporters in the post-game locker room was huddled around All-SEC point guard Nick Calathes as he dodged questions about a potential jump to the NBA.

"I'm not really thinking about that right now," Calathes said. "But when it's time, I'll sit down with Coach and my family and decide from there."

Calathes set a single-season school record with 231 assists and scored 618 points this year, the fifth-highest single-season total in school history.

A month ago, Calathes looked like a lock for the first round of the NBA Draft. But after struggling late in the season and failing to get UF back to the NCAA Tournament, his draft stock has taken a substantial hit.

Several draft Web sites have pushed Calathes out of the guaranteed money of the first round and into the second.

"I have no idea (about) any of those things," Donovan said. "I'm supportive of Nick. Certainly we would love to have him back here,

and I would love to coach him again."

### Couldn't Finish

With 2:10 left in the game, UF cut a 10-point Penn State lead to 61-59.

But as they have done all year, the Gators managed to pull defeat from the jaws of victory. The Nittany Lions scored two baskets and went 6 for 6 from the free-throw line in game's final minute.

It was a characteristic collapse for a team that had five losses by 3 points or fewer this season, including Zam Fredrick's heartbreaking buzzer beater after a total defensive breakdown at South Carolina and a 2-point embarrassment against SEC cellar dweller Georgia.

In a lot of ways, UF finished its season the same way it finished games.

They started strong, jumping out to an 18-2 record on the back of one of the nation's weakest non-conference schedules, and then proceeded to lose seven of their last 12 games on their way to missing the NCAA Tournament.

"I was sad," Hodge said. "I knew we were not going to make it after that loss (to Auburn in the SEC Tournament)."

UF was 2-7 on the road this year and 2-6 away from home in conference games.

The Gators searched for a go-to guy in crunch time all season, but no one ever emerged. Calathes showed that he might have been the guy after his game-winning shot against North Carolina State on Jan. 3.

But the sophomore deferred to teammates in similar situations during conference play, sometimes even passing up open shots. Walker struggled to make shots and was blocked several times in late-game situations.

### What Now?

Amid a sea of frustration, the name buzzing around the locker room was that of a guy who didn't even play.

In fact, he hadn't all season.

Vernon Macklin, the 6-foot-10 Georgetown transfer, had suddenly become a beacon of hope for the UF basketball program.

"I think it's very, very unfair for Vernon going into next year that people think that he's a dominant (player)," Donovan said. "He's not. He's a good player. He's got a long, long way to go."

Macklin averaged 3.4 points and 2.1 rebounds per game in 2007-08 at Georgetown.

The Gators should also get a boost from 6-foot-2 super recruit Kenny Boynton.

Boynton averaged 34.5 points per game as a junior at Plantation American Heritage High and chose UF over Duke and Texas.

"What kind of impact do they make? I don't know," Donovan said. "I think they're going to be good players. There's certainly some pieces we need to add, a different element we need to add, there's no question."

With the addition of Boynton, fellow recruit 6-foot-10 forward Erik Murphy and 6-foot-9 forward DeShawn Painter, UF would be over the NCAA maximum of 13 scholarships.

The Gators found themselves in a similar situation last season before Marreese Speights entered the NBA draft and Jonathan Mitchell opted to transfer to Rutgers.

If Calathes elects to return to Gainesville for his junior season, a transfer from one of the team's current members would be inevitable.

Vargas, Allen and Chaney are likely targets.

## Brooks, Dotson experience turnaround from 9-22 to Big Dance berth

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The Gators were even a little bit disappointed when they found out they were only given a No. 8 seed in the tournament.

"It may seem silly to talk about it now that we think we were good enough to be playing in that national championship game, but we fully believed it," Butler said. "That's the first step to making something special happen. You've got to believe it with your whole heart."

The Gators dropped their season opener at Florida Gulf Coast, and that may have been the turning

point in their season.

UF responded with a school-record 15 straight wins, including victories over three ranked non-conference teams.

They didn't slow down once Southeastern Conference play began. UF, picked to finish sixth in the conference before the season, started 8-1 in league play and capped off its school-record, seven-game SEC winning streak with a home victory over powerhouse Tennessee in front of the second-largest crowd in school history.

The marquee victory marked just the third time ever the Gators had

knocked off the Volunteers, and it propelled UF to a fourth-place finish in the SEC.

While UF struggled down the stretch, losing five of its last six games in the regular season and

SEC Tournament to some of its stiffest competition, the Gators still managed to tie the 1994-95 UF team for the most wins in a season.

Two players on this squad, Sha Brooks and Marshae Dotson, left a permanent mark on the program in

their senior years. Both were named unanimous First Team All-SEC selections by SEC coaches.

For a duo that experienced a nine-win season not too long ago, this year was like finishing on top.

"We did a lot this year," Dotson said. "Coming from my sophomore year, we were 9-22 to 24-8. I think that's a helluva difference. It's a lot better than where we started."

Brooks added: "It means that our team improved so much. We grew up together. We went through the rough days together. The not-so-good season from being 9-22, and then, of course, Amanda Butler

came in, and it's like everybody just believed in what she was teaching and everybody worked hard for her, and that's how we got to where we are now."

Butler appreciated what those two seniors did in their time in Gainesville.

"They left a tremendous legacy here and had senior seasons in particular that they really deserved," Butler said. "They set a very high standard of expectation. It's going to be impossible to replace those guys."

Even so, Butler's expectations will be even higher next season.



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