



# Hundreds rally to protest cuts

By **CAROLYN TILLO**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Equipped with a microphone, Deeb Kitchen grabbed a cell phone to call state Sen. Steve Oelrich before leaving the makeshift stage in the middle of the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday.

He held out the phone so Oelrich, R-Cross Creek, could hear about 500 audience members chant, "No more cuts."

Kitchen, co-president of the UF Graduate Assistants United, was joined by UF faculty, students and Gainesville residents in an effort to end cuts to higher education.

The midday rally, which lasted about an hour, offered

opportunities to proactively oppose UF cuts and layoffs by signing petitions to be sent to state legislators and UF administrators.

Some students even toted banners with the phone numbers of university and state leaders, such as UF President Bernie Machen and House Speaker Larry Cretul, R-Ocala, encouraging crowd members to call and communicate.

The event, which kicked off with music from the local band Raarfaction, brought out 15 speakers, including Student Body President-elect Jordan Johnson and John Biro, president of the UF chapter of the United Faculty of Florida.

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A student adds her name to the hundreds of signatures against university budget cuts that were gathered Tuesday. Students for a Democratic Society, a UF activist group, planned a protest on the Plaza of the Americas, which drew about 600 students, faculty and staff during their lunch break.

# Interfaith Forum held to discuss impact of religion

By **HUNTER SIZEMORE**  
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"How does your belief system or lack thereof affect your life?"

This was one question posed to five panelists, each representing a major religious outlook, during UF's first Interfaith Forum

on Tuesday evening in front of about 250 people. Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Non-theism were represented.

"Our goal was to spark religious dialogue, and I think we accomplished that," said David Yakobovitch, who was credited with initiating the forum's creation.

Anusha Kota, campus liaison for the Hindu Student Council, sees her faith as her reflective time, she said.

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In the four stages of life as a Hindu, Kota is in the first, or student, stage and still learning.

Allen Williams, a UF graduate

who works with Campus Crusade for Christ at UF, lives every aspect of his life for his faith, he said.

"I feel like this isn't about my story, it's about God's story," he said.

Chris Mueller, president of the largely non-theist UF group Gator Freethought, believes athe-

ism and agnosticism require constant consideration.

"Every moral decision is a new experience," he said.

Dr. Saeed R. Khan, a professor of pathology at UF and a practicing Muslim, believes that much of the morality he learned came

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# Anti-abortion group creates mock cemetery on campus

By **GUYANA HAND**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

When 14-year-old Patricia Aguerrevere felt her brother kicking inside her mother's belly, she knew she was feeling life. Now, as a second-year art history major, she is a member of the Pro-Life Alliance.

Members of the anti-abortion campus organization spent five hours planting 2,000 American flags in the grass on the

Reitz Union North Lawn Tuesday.

The event, "Cemetery of the Innocents," was held to demonstrate the number of abortions that occur in the United States.

A blue tarp sign indicated that each flag signified two of the 4,000 abortions that occur each day in the United States.

"Our main focus today is to just raise awareness about how much abortion happens," said Katie Cardinale, a UF philosophy sophomore.

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In 2005, 1.21 million abortions were performed in the United States, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a sexual and reproductive health research organization.

According to the findings, an average of 3,315 abortions were performed daily.

"As I planted each flag in the ground, I thought, 'There's a beating heart this morning that's not going to be alive by tonight,'" Cardinale said. "It's just so sad to think about."

National anti-abortion organizations such as the Pro-Life Alliance have

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■ **UF freshman first baseman Preston Tucker (right) is starting to live up to preseason expectations. Tucker went 4 for 4 with a home run and four RBIs in the Gators' 12-7 win Tuesday. See Story, Page 14.**



**St. Pete police chief expresses outrage after 8-year-old shot to death on Sunday**

ST. PETERSBURG, (AP) — The chief of the St. Petersburg Police Department says he's outraged by the death of an 8-year-old girl gunned down after a barrage of bullets were fired into a home.

Paris Whitehead-Hamilton was sleeping early Sunday when someone fired more than 50 shots from a semiautomatic rifle. She was struck three times in the back after running from her bed to the liv-

ing room.

At a news conference Tuesday, Chief Chuck Harmon said the shooting appears to stem from a feud that began a few weeks ago and escalated through the weekend.

One of the men inside the home the night of crime was involved in a shooting the previous evening, and may have been one of the intended targets.

A teenager has been charged with Paris' death, and police are looking for at least three others.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**RUB Entertainment Presents: Poet Andrea Gibson**  
Today, 8 p.m.  
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**Diversity in the Peace Corps**

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**"Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed"**

Thursday, 8 p.m.  
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts  
A lecture by Dr. Jared Diamond, professor of geography (UCLA) and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will present a lecture related to the subject of his latest book, "Collapse: He will discuss collapse and how to prevent it. How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed." Free tickets for this event will be available at the Phillips Center from 12 - 8 p.m. on April 9. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**DDR Club at UF**

Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Reitz Room 288/291  
Free DDR and fun times for all. No experience preferred.

**African Student Union Annual Showcase**

Friday, 6 p.m.  
IndianCultural&Educational Center (ICEC)  
This year the theme is "African Renaissance -

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## LOCAL

**Two UF students to appear on 'Wheel of Fortune'**

Scott Sakowitz and Matt Friedman practiced clapping, calling out letters and even smiling for their appearance on "Wheel of Fortune."

The two UF students, both members of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, will appear on the show this week. Sakowitz, a zoology junior, will appear tomorrow and Friedman, a sophomore, will appear Friday.

Sakowitz applied over the summer, and Friedman applied when he was in high school. They received e-mails in September asking them to come to a second audition at Sea World.

Three weeks later, they received the call telling them they would appear on the show.

"That was when we realized we were going to be on the show together," Sakowitz said. "I thought, 'Oh no, this isn't good. I don't want to compete against him. He's good.'"

Friedman said they told the producers they knew each other, and the producers made sure they did not appear on the same show.

Because "Wheel of Fortune" tapes a week's worth of shows in one day, Sakowitz and Friedman were able to drive to Orlando and tape their episodes together.

"I've never been so nervous in my life, except for maybe my bar mitzvah," Friedman said. "I'm very nervous; you can see it in my show. I felt like the William Hung of 'Wheel of Fortune.'"

Friedman ended up winning a trip for two to San Francisco including a blimp ride. Sakowitz won a trip to Bermuda. Neither will comment on how much money they won until after their shows air.

— JESSALYN BERGER

## CORRECTION

An article in Tuesday's Alligator incorrectly identified Warden Construction employee Karl Byngton. Byngton believes his portion of the construction in Weimer Hall will be completed by June.

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## ON CAMPUS

# Program aims to dispel stereotypes of homeless

By MATT TRIPP

Alligator Contributing Writer

Kyle Evers' Tuesday started like many other people in Gainesville. He woke up at about 7 a.m. next to his wife with his dog at the foot of the bed.

He then got up, ate breakfast and took a shower. But the difference between Evers and most other Gainesville residents is that he woke up in a tent, where he has lived for the past three months, and his shower and breakfast came from St. Francis House, a local homeless shelter.

Evers, 21, spoke at UF Tuesday night along with three other homeless or previously homeless people as part of the Society of Professional Journalists' "Faces of Homelessness" Speakers Bureau program. Eighteen students attended.

Evers and his wife have been homeless for the last several years. They came to Gainesville's Tent City three months ago from Palatka.

Tent City is a wooded area off of Depot Road in southeast Gainesville where many of Alachua County's 1,600 homeless people live.

The bureau regularly brings

homeless people to UF to speak to students and dispel stereotypes, said Amanda Gunn, coordinator of the bureau.

"It's a learning event, we're trying to break the myths about homeless people," Gunn said.

When Gunn asked the audience what they thought when they heard the word "homeless," responses included "dirty," "mentally disturbed" and "bearded."

Yet the homeless people in the room met none of the descriptions.

Three of the four said they had been raised in middle-class families and never expected to be homeless.

Gunn said that many don't realize why some people end up on the streets.

Reasons range from natural disasters, losing jobs, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing or substance abuse, she said.

Colin Simmons, a 20-year-old journalism major, went to the event to learn more about what the homeless go through.

"Seeing the dichotomy between young college students and young homeless people was amazing," he said.



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Rahda Selvester, 50 and Jim McCarron, 37, both former homeless people, speak to students Tuesday evening in Weimer Hall. They and two other speakers came as part of the Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau program to speak to students about their lives and experiences being homeless.

## Official: Ala. man kills wife, 3 others, self before trial

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRICEVILLE, Ala. — A man facing a divorce trial shot and killed his estranged wife, their teenage daughter and two other relatives in rural north Alabama before returning to his home in a nearby town and killing himself, authorities said Tuesday.

Kevin Garner's body was found Tuesday afternoon near his Priceville home, which burned to the ground overnight. His divorce trial was to start Wednesday.

Garner apparently shot himself in the chest, said Travis Clemmons, chief investigator for the sheriff's office in Lauderdale County, where the four bodies were found earlier

in the day in a home in Green Hill, a small community near the Tennessee line.

The victims were identified as Garner's estranged wife, Tammy, 40; their 16-year-old daughter, Chelsie; Garner's sister, Karen Beaty of Illinois; and Beaty's 11-year-old

son, whose name was not released.

Investigators said the four were shot, apparently with a handgun, around midnight Monday. They did not know if Kevin Garner was licensed to carry a firearm.

It was one of eight mass shootings around the country — and the third in Alabama — in the last month that have left grief-stricken communities

in shock.

Court officials said the Garners were in court Monday in advance of the trial and nothing seemed unusual.

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# SG discusses Reitz, campus group funding

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**  
Alligator Writer

UF's Student Senate discussed upcoming changes to the Reitz Union's food choices, including the closing of Wendy's, at Tuesday night's meeting.

Reitz Union director Eddie Daniels stopped by at the beginning of the meeting to update senators on the upcoming changes. Pollo Tropical, the fast-food Latin restaurant replacing the Italian chain, Capeesh, should open by early July, he said.

But Latin food won't be the only new dish.

Daniels said Papa John's Pizza will take over Subway's spot. He said Subway will move to the ground floor and will offer three lines instead of two.

Wendy's will leave the Reitz Union on May 1, with Burger King or Chee Burger Chee Burger taking its place during the summer.

"Wendy's made a business decision that they can no longer continue under (Aramark's) terms," Daniels said. "The university really has no choice in the matter. The contract between Wendy's and Aramark will no longer work out."

Later in the meeting, senators hotly debated for nearly a half hour before passing a resolution supporting the DREAM Act. A resolution is a piece of legislation that states the opinion of Senate but takes no action.

Some senators took issue with the resolution's phrasing and proposed the wording be changed to merely encourage students to educate themselves on the issue.

But the majority felt Senate should take a stance.

"Vote it up or vote it down based on what you believe," said Orange and Blue Sen. Jonathan Ossip, who urged senators not to water down the resolution's wording.

The DREAM Act, which will be brought before the U.S. Congress in October, would allow undocumented students to attend a university. To be eligible for college, the students must have lived in the U.S. before turning 16 years old and must have a high school diploma or its equivalent to be eligible.

Earlier, about 15 members from Gators for a Sustainable Campus stopped by to speak about recently being denied SG funds from the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Committee chairwoman Virlany Taobada said next year the organization, which is three years old, could receive funding from a new SG agency, Gators Going Green, which replaced Senate's Environmental Affairs Cabinet.

UF wildlife ecology and conservation senior Sara Hutton, the president of Gators for a Sustainable Campus, said the organization will seek funding from a different Senate committee.

Still, she said she scheduled a meeting with Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin to ensure funding for next year.

"We are going on good faith and assuming SG has the best intentions in mind," Hutton said. "We don't want to make this into a political battle."

## Flags were planted to symbolize abortions

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expressed opposition to President Barack Obama's policies on abortion.

Lorrie Kenney, interim executive director of A Woman's Answer Medical Center, spoke to a crowd of about 20 members of the Pro-Life Alliance on the Reitz Union North Lawn Tuesday night.

"Our mission is to intercept harmful behaviors and help women in the crisis that they feel

they're in by providing educational materials about their options," Kenney said.

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"We feel very strongly that a woman who does seek an abortion should be equipped with education of the physical and emotional risks."

Aguerrevere said she hoped the event would bring abortion to the attention of passers-by.

"You're discriminating against someone who's smaller than you and less developed and in a different location," Aguerrevere said.



Matt Tripp/ Alligator

Jacqui Zahralben, a 19-year-old UF freshman, relaxes on the Reitz Union North Lawn near the Pro-Life Alliance's anti-abortion demonstration on Monday afternoon. Pro-Life Alliance put up the flags to represent the number of abortions they say take place in America every day.

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# People encouraged to voice opinions

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Biro said students and faculty should encourage friends to voice their stance against UF layoffs and program cuts to public representatives.

Paul Ortiz, the UF history professor who hosted the rally, said he understands that, in the present economic crisis, everyone is hurting.

But education shouldn't be cut on any level, he said, in an interview after the event.

"Education cuts don't heal," Ortiz said.

He also said the recession makes educating college students even more important because they will help pull the U.S. out of its economic downturn.

Steve Holt, a UF political science senior who signed each petition, said Florida's education is also the key to rebuilding its own economy.

Cuts in state funding to education represent cuts to opportunities for future generations, he said.

Between 150 and 200 people signed each of the event's petitions, an effort led by Coalition Save Our Schools, according to Nina Martinez, a volunteer for the student-run organization.

One petition will be sent to representatives in Tallahassee, while the other is intended to circulate among President Machen, UF Provost Joe Glover and UF Board of Trustees members.

In an interview after the speech, Biro, the

president of UF's United Faculty of Florida, said the problem goes beyond the state Legislature and involves UF's response to the proposed cuts.

He said he worries UF's administration will use the cuts to pursue its own agenda without consulting students and faculty.

"If Machen or Glover think that UF needs to shift its direction, let them say why and let the various constituents discuss it, and if a consensus emerges that it is a good idea, then it will be done," Biro said.

Alluding to the still uncertain nature of the cuts, Biro said he believes the Legislature will enact cuts that are less than those predicted by UF.

**"Education cuts don't heal."**

**Paul Ortiz**

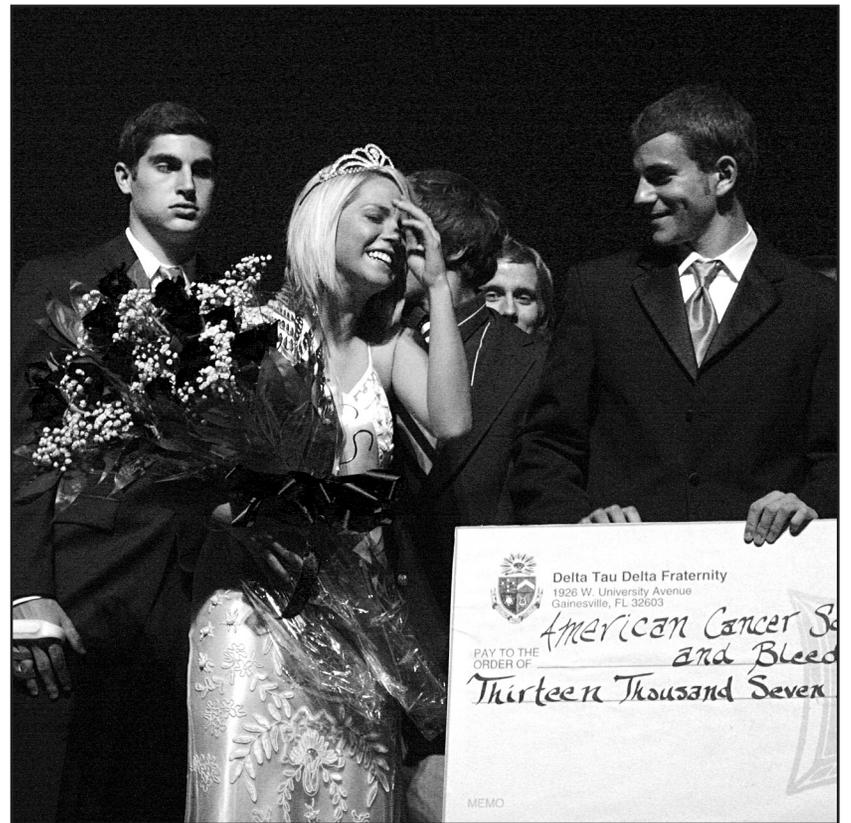
UF history professor, rally host

"UF wants those predictions to govern rather than the reality," he said.

But spokeswoman Janine Sikes insisted UF is fighting to limit budget cuts and said by April 16 she anticipates the budget reduction proposals from all colleges and administrative units will be posted on UF's budget Web site, [budget.president.ufl.edu](http://budget.president.ufl.edu), to encourage discussion before decisions are made.

She said the biggest problem in planning for the cuts is the uncertainty surrounding the size of them.

"We just don't know what it's going to look like yet," she said.



Logan Jaffe / Alligator

### Pageant Philanthropy

Elizabeth "Bitsey" Walsh, who won the title of "Miss Greek 2009," stands next to a check of the money raised by sororities during the Miss Greek Pageant in the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday night.

# Campus groups representing five different faiths gathered at the forum

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from his faith and his family.

"The part that is there that makes me do things is personal responsibility," he said.

Dave Baum, a former UF stu-

dent who is graduating from rabbinical school this year, feels that the strict dietary laws and other rules of Judaism have a heavy influence on his life.

"It teaches you a lot about self-control," he said.

### On Campus

The forum started with a 50-minute introduction, each panelist having 10 minutes to discuss his beliefs, followed by a round of questions

asked by the moderator and then the audience.

One audience member asked Khan about how the statement that men and women are equal in Islam appears to conflict with the use of veils.

Khan passed the question to a

Muslim woman in the crowd who was wearing a head scarf.

"You don't judge her based on her looks, you get to know her personality first," said Razan Al-Nahhas, a UF biology student. "It doesn't bring the woman down, it elevates her."

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## Editorial

# Vermont Victory

## Governor veto no match for same-sex marriage

Starting Sept. 1, the state of Vermont will legally recognize same-sex marriages, thanks to legislative action, rather than a court ruling.

Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas vetoed the bill addressing the subject, but support by the Senate and House of Representatives overrode his opinion on the matter.

While the margin of vote in the Senate was overwhelmingly in favor of the bill, roll-call in the House of Representatives proved to be a tenuous situation where a two-thirds margin was barely achieved.

The passage of the legislation marks a total of four states in the United States that protect same-sex marriage by law as Vermont joins the ranks of Massachusetts, Iowa and Connecticut.

News from Vermont may only be the start of a wave of states passing similar measures as New Jersey, Rhode Island and Maine continue to work to push bills dealing with same-sex marriage.

The Editorial Board applauds the Vermont state legislature for its open-minded approach to the same-sex marriage bill as well as for coming together in the wake of Douglas' veto.

Thanks to the newly minted legislation, members of the gay community in Vermont will be afforded the same legal rights enjoyed by those in a heterosexual marriage.

We can only hope the other states considering same-sex marriage bills of their own can look to a state like Vermont for guidance and direction.

While Tuesday's announcement may only directly affect the citizens of the state of Vermont, there is no discounting the notion that America has made yet another stride toward achieving equality for all.

## Kudos to Kumar

From channeling his inner stoner in "Harold and Kumar" to portraying a doctor on "House," Kal Penn has displayed an ability to play a wide array of different personalities throughout his career.

His latest role, however, will take him far away from the glitz and glamor of the silver screen — all the way to the White House.

After dedicating a great deal of time to President Barack Obama's election campaign, Penn was offered and has now accepted the position of associate director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

As a result, Penn will be putting his acting career on hold, focusing all of his attention on forging a bond between the Obama administration and the Asian-American community.

While Penn's parts have portrayed him as everything from a terrorist to an under-

achieving slacker, there is no questioning his stellar academic background.

After double majoring at the University of California, Los Angeles in film and sociology, Penn balanced his acting career by earning an international security graduate certificate from Stanford University.

And lest we forget mentioning his time spent as a lecturer, teaching a media class at the University of Pennsylvania.

Penn's choice to put aside the fame and fortune of Hollywood to work for the Obama administration shows a mature young man following his true calling in life.

If Penn can bring to his new position the same effort and passion exhibited by him in "The Namesake," there is no doubt he will enjoy great success during his tenure in Washington.

If not, there's always "Harold and Kumar 3."

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# Opinions

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Recently, actor Kal Penn had his character killed off on 'House' in order to accept a position in the Obama government.

Here are a few other recent Obama hires:



## Column

# Brown's promising future now in doubt

Chris Brown catapulted to the highest heights of fame at the age of 16 for having "the dance moves of Usher and a voice all his own." Three years later, he was charged for domestic violence against long-time girlfriend and fellow R&B singer Rihanna, to which he pleaded not guilty.

While I am not necessarily a huge Chris Brown fan, my little brother is — and that is what worries me. Those in the spotlight are setting examples to very impressionable children, and Brown's actions are sending a horrible message to his young fans. Raising your hand to strike someone is neither involuntary nor an accident. Yes, it may be done in the heat of a moment, but there is still a conscious decision to make that move to strike (or bite in this case), and that is never acceptable.

According to the Domestic Violence Project of Silicon Valley, domestic violence happens 10 times more often than it is reported, making it the most under-reported crime in the United States.

The Chriannah (Don't you just love the way Hollywood names squash together oh-so-perfectly?) incident is a great wake-up call for this nation.

Many have called Rihanna out for getting the police involved, and even more have stated that it was she who instigated the attack. The truth of the matter is that nobody other than the two involved knows all of the facts. However, too many people — both men and women — sit idly by and take abuse, both physical and psychological. Even if Rihanna turns out to be the instigator, it is important that the authorities were informed.

Since a great deal of the details about the case and the two celebrities involved are coming from the likes of Perez Hilton and the reporting powerhouse that is TMZ,



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it may be a little hard to take the issue seriously.

I'm not saying the attention isn't warranted, though. By all means, Perez, blog to your heart's content. The more coverage the issue of domestic violence gets, the better it is for us all. With the couple's position in the public

eye, it is even more of a motivator to break this pattern of violence that lurks in the darkness because not enough people are willing to talk about it.

Regardless of what comes of his ruling, this case pointed out that it could happen to basically anybody — even the perfect people in the spotlight. It may even happen again, since Rihanna has purportedly decided to take him back. Some people just don't learn.

Locking Brown away isn't going to solve the problem as much as getting him proper counseling. Instead of making this into a bigger spectacle than it already is, how about we call off the mobs, bring in the therapists and get these kids some help?

Only time will tell whether or not Brown's career is over. He has already lost a few of his endorsement deals, and his music was pulled off of various radio stations since the charges were filed against him in early February.

Maybe he'll pull a T.I. on everybody and get MTV to follow him around as he talks to kids to make sure they don't go down the same path — stranger things have happened.

Naudia Jawad is a journalism graduate student. Her column appears on Wednesdays.

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## Reader response

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## Guest column

# Money-hungry insurance companies continue to play games

**H**ealth insurance companies are scared shitless. How scared are they?

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People who are sick, whether by genetics or lifestyle, are forced into debt by sky-high insurance premiums or back-breaking medical bills.

But in the name of cooperation, insurance companies are now willing to get rid of this approach, albeit with a slight catch — if Congress forces every single person in the United States to buy insurance coverage.

Seriously, guys?

That's like GM saying it'll improve gas mileage if we are all forced to buy at least a Chevrolet Malibu. What's more, they still retain the right to charge more by age and geographic location, and they can still deny claims at will as they so often do. Basically, the only thing that changes is they make tons of money because they now have 50 million new customers.

So what would scare them into such generous bargaining, you might ask?

One word: competition.

President Barack Obama and Congress are considering forming a new public insurance plan similar to the one currently employed by Medicare (government health insurance available to every citizen over 65) that would be available for anyone in the United States to buy.

This plan would be cheaper than private plans because Medicare can run on administrative costs of about three percent, compared to about 26 percent for the private sector.

These cost savings are possible because unlike for-profit insurance companies,

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Speaking Out

Uncle Sam doesn't have to pay dividends to investors, doesn't have to pay ridiculous executive salaries, doesn't need to spend gobs of money on marketing schemes and doesn't need to hire legions of middlemen to deny claims and peddle their products.

All in all, we waste over \$300 billion a year on this administrative muck wrought by health insurance companies.

Republican lawmakers, the dukes of competition, are vehemently opposed to this new public program because "forcing free-market plans to compete with these government-run programs would create an unlevel playing field and inevitably doom true competition," says Mitch McConnell, Senate minority leader.

You heard him — allowing competition into the marketplace would doom competition. For example, we wouldn't want to lose the competition we have in private health insurance now, which is five companies dominating most of the market share in almost every state.

One real concern not being articulated

by most opponents of the public plan is that it would underpay physicians and hospitals in order to generate lower yearly premiums for customers. However, this is unlikely since providers (physicians and hospitals) would not be willing to accept a public plan that underpays them, and people would not buy it if they knew they couldn't use it anywhere.

If nothing else, the physician lobby is too strong to let something like that slip by were it ever to become a serious consideration.

In short, health insurance companies have a right to be scared. They know that they can't compete with anything like Medicare. Medicare is more efficient, more robust and better-liked by customers and providers than private plans.

And while just having a government-run health insurance side-by-side with the private system isn't quite the single-payer option we need, it's a big step in eliminating the for-profit parasite plaguing our health care system.

*Brandon Sack is a second year biomedical sciences graduate student.*

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## UF BASEBALL

# Tucker lives up to preseason hype in Gators' win

By **KYLE MAISTRI**  
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When UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan and his players were asked which freshman impressed them the most during the preseason, one name surfaced time and again — Preston Tucker.

The freshman slugger got off to a slow start in his first year as a Gator but showed again on Tuesday why his big bat merited so much preseason hype.

The left-handed first baseman went 4 for 4 with a home run and four RBIs and drew a walk in his other plate appearance, lifting UF (20-11) to a 12-7 victory against visiting Bethune-Cookman (15-16).

"He's always hit. He's probably hit since he was 4 years old. He's a natural hitter," O'Sullivan said. "What he's doing right now, we're not totally surprised, to be honest with you. That's why we recruited him. He's a guy we've been bragging about since Day 1."

Tucker's 2-run opposite-field bomb in the first inning put the Gators ahead 3-1 early, and after the Wildcats battled back to tie the game

at 6 in the top of sixth inning, he again gave UF the lead with a two-out single that drove in Daniel Pigott.

Tucker's combined stat line from Tuesday night's game with Bethune-Cookman and Sunday's finale with Vanderbilt reads: 7-for-8 hitting, 4 runs, three home runs and nine RBIs. In the last two games, four of his at-bats have given the Gators a lead.

"I was being overaggressive. I guess you could say I was swinging at bad pitches," Tucker said of his early approach.

"I was going up there guessing, looking for anything to hit, and now I'm waiting on one pitch, and once I get it, I'm hitting it."

O'Sullivan frequently used Tucker as the designated hitter at the beginning of the season, but the freshman has become the everyday first baseman and has been hitting in the fifth spot in the lineup. His .347 average ranks second on the team behind only junior Matt den Dekker, and his four home runs are tied for the team lead with den Dekker and senior Avery Barnes. He also leads the team with 28 RBIs.

As a team, UF is averaging 8 runs

**SEE BASE, PAGE 15**



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF's Preston Tucker returns to first base after a fly-ball out during the Gators' 12-7 win against Bethune-Cookman on Tuesday. Tucker went 4 for 4 with a home run and four RBIs in the game.

## UF steps up game for rivalry with FSU

■ **OUT-OF-STATE GATORS ARE GROWING FAMILIAR WITH THE SEMINOLES.**

By **ADAM BERRY**  
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Like learning to ride a bike or how to drive a car, understanding the nature of the beast that is the UF-FSU rivalry doesn't come naturally to everyone.

For sophomore right fielder Kelsey Bruder, who grew up across the country from the storied in-state rivalry, the yearly showdown didn't mean nearly as much to her a year ago as it did to the team's native Floridians.

Now, after a full season and half in orange and blue, the Seminoles' garnet and gold inspires a more emotional reaction.

"Honestly, I wasn't aware UF and FSU existed. We were more in-tune to the UCLA and (Southern Cal) rivalry," said

Bruder, who came to Gainesville from Corona, Calif.

"People get crazy here. People who aren't even involved in athletics hate FSU for some reason. It spills over and makes us want to win."

With that in mind, tonight's matchup between the No. 1 Gators (39-3, 18-1 Southeastern

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**Softball**

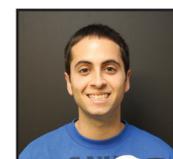
## Hockey playoffs worth watching

Assuming you read the headline above this column, you know it is going to be about hockey. But I implore you to keep reading.

The NHL playoffs start this week — seriously, keep reading — and I would argue that the chase for Lord Stanley's Cup is the most exciting postseason in professional sports. I would like to humbly request you all tune in.

Playoff hockey is way better than playoff basketball for a number of reasons. In the NBA, you've got opening-round matchups between one seeds and eight seeds that should be sweeps almost every year. Other than Golden State over Dallas a few years back, the top seeds rarely fall in the first round.

In the NHL, top seeds lose all the time. Both three seeds lost in the first round last year, and two seasons before that, the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference went all the



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way to the finals.

In the NBA, last season's quarterfinals saw all eight top seeds advance in rather undramatic fashion. The same thing almost happened in 2006, with seven of the top eight teams moving to the second round.

But the best thing about the NHL playoffs compared to the NBA has to be the overtimes. Not only are overtimes way more common than in NBA playoffs, but they're infinitely more exciting.

When a basketball game goes into an extra period, points are scored frequently and games can be won by 10.

But in hockey, when the game is in over-

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### I DID NOT KNOW THAT

■ **UF distance runner Genevieve LaCaze won the SEC Female Freshman of the Week award, and shot putter Kemal Mesic won SEC Male Field Athlete of the Week, the league announced Tuesday.**

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Which professional sport's playoffs do you enjoy most?

**Previous question:** Which men's basketball team is better? (see right for results)

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**06-07 UF 93% (51)**  
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## UF GOLF

# Windy day ends Gators' chances of finishing in first

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**  
Alligator Writer

Any remaining hope for the Gators to notch their first tournament victory was blown away on Tuesday.

Wind gusts of up to 28 mph helped to deflate the team's morale early on.

The No. 30 UF women's golf team shot a combined score of 10 over par in their first three holes of the day at the Lady Gator Invitational, widening the once-narrow gap of three strokes between them and first place.

The Gators finished the final round with a team score of 87 over par for the tournament and came in fifth place on their home

course, 14 shots behind first-place Duke and Auburn.

Auburn eventually beat Duke in a playoff for the title.

"The wind affected everybody. That's why the scores were so high," UF coach Jill Briles-Hinton said. "I mean, the course is hard enough, but when you add this kind of wind, it's brutal."

UF could not extend its win streak at their home tournament to four consecutive years, but sophomore Jessica Yadloczky extended a streak of her own.

Her score of 16 over par for the tournament tied for the fourth-best individual score. This is the fourth straight event that she finished in the top 10 as an individual.

Freshmen Andrea Watts and Evan Jensen also finished near the top of the individual leaderboard.



Briles-Hinton

Weather conditions and the opportunity to finish in first place on the last day of the tournament were a perfect simulation of future tough and pressure-packed moments.

"You can't really create this experience in practice," Briles-

Hinton said. "They learned a valuable lesson this week."

Although the wind did affect the team's play, it should not have been unfamiliar conditions to the Gators.

"We've been playing in wind all season, so it was just a throwback to be here at home with all this wind," Yadloczky said.

With this tournament acting as motivation, UF will enter postseason play in the Southeastern Conference Championship, which begins on April 17.

"This is definitely extra motivation heading into the SECs," Briles-Hinton said.

"I think that sometimes a team will take two steps forward and have to take one step back to get

better, and that's what we will do."

**MEN FINISH TOURNAMENT IN 13TH:** The No. 5 UF men's golf team will enter the postseason following their worst performance of the spring season.

The Gators finished the final round of the U.S. Collegiate Championship in Alpharetta, Ga., in 13th place with a team score of 45 over par.

Clemson won the event with a score of 12 over par, 33 strokes better than the Gators.

Junior Tyson Alexander shot 2 under par on Tuesday, but it was not enough to move up the leaderboard as the rest of the team shot a combined score of 27 over par in the final round.

## Keating's struggles on mound continue against Bethune-Cookman

**BASE**, from page 14

per game over their last eight contests, and the top of the order has been especially consistent.

O'Sullivan found his leadoff hitter when he moved den Dekker to the top of the lineup, and it now seems O'Sullivan has found his No. 2 hitter as well. Pigott has hit be-

hind den Dekker in each of the last three games and logged his first career home run in the first inning against the Wildcats on Tuesday.

While the offense is flourishing, the defense and pitching continue to be weak spots for UF, which will face off with UCF tonight at 6:30 in McKethan Stadium.

Mike Mooney — who committed two errors against Bethune-Cookman — and

Josh Adams have been the two shortstops to this point in the season, and though the pair has combined for 20 errors on the season, O'Sullivan says he's sticking with the duo at shortstop.

"It's probably going to be one of those guys unless we can call somebody up from Triple-A," he said.

Senior starter Patrick Keating continued his struggles on the mound, giving up 6 runs on seven hits in his 5 1/3 innings of work.

The right-hander has been moved out of the weekend rotation and is being used primarily in relief and as a mid-week starter.

"It's not his stuff, it's just his location," O'Sullivan said. "Better location, better results. It's as simple as that."



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UF right fielder Kelsey Bruder swings during the Gators' 6-2 win against Mississippi State in a doubleheader on Saturday at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

**EVAN**, from page 14

time, every single shot is a potential game-winner. If you truly care about a team, each shot by its opponent strikes fear in your heart, and each shot by your team gets your legs ready to jump for joy.

Almost every hockey game is close. A 20-point lead in basketball heading into the fourth quarter is all but insurmountable. Same with a 5-run lead in the bottom of the ninth inning or a three-touchdown advantage with 15

minutes left.

And here are two more words that should get you excited: playoff beards.

On the ice, a 3-0 lead at the onset of the third period is still a game. All it takes is three trips down the ice, and a comfortable lead becomes a nail-biter.

Now, I know your reaction to me telling you to watch hockey might be the same reaction I had two days ago when a colleague tried to convince me to get into Turkish Süper Lig soccer. But I'm not asking you to follow teams in another country. Unless you count Canada.

## Quick start critical for one-game meeting

**SOFT**, from page 14

Conference) and the Seminoles (29-12) at 6 p.m. will have a little more meaning than it did last season, when the Gators won the doubleheader by a combined score of 20-5.

For Bruder, becoming more familiar with the in-state rivalry included a healthy dose of Tim Tebow and the UF football team.

"I know when I was watching the UF-FSU game, I was on my toes watching Tebow get all crazy, and that definitely makes me want to beat FSU just like they did," she said.

Sophomore second baseman Aja Paculba, another of the Gators' eight native Californians, said before last season's matchup that it would take time to get as emotionally invested in the rivalry as her teammates. Now, Paculba has grown to appreciate the in-state competition, adding that a midweek game against the Seminoles will help the team stay focused for its weekend series at Kentucky.

"I don't think we take it any different because it's FSU," Paculba said. "If it were any other team, I think it would be kind of like, 'Oh it's just a midweek game. Whatever.' But

because it's FSU, it's going to keep us in that focus for the SECs."

Although most of UF coach Tim Walton's players didn't grow up on either side of the competition, they all understand its importance.

"Florida State is Florida State. It's a great rivalry," Walton said.

"As long as you're going to school here, (the rivalry) means a lot to you. All you have to do is go to any sporting event — whether it's soccer or football — you'll know how important it is and how important it is to win at home."

In addition to defending its home field, getting out to a quick start will be critical for UF, as early momentum will be key in its first single-game matchup with FSU in the last four years.

Although the Gators have won their last four games against the Seminoles, the in-state rivalry always provides tough competition.

"FSU's been playing really well this year, so I know they're going to come out really strong," Bruder said. "We've just got to stay on our toes, stay focused and not take anybody for granted."

What will make the NHL playoffs more interesting is if you pick a team to cheer for. It doesn't matter who you choose. The Vancouver Canucks. The Philadelphia Flyers. The San Jose Sharks. If you were born and raised in Florida, the Panthers might sneak in this season.

Just pick a team and follow them. And if you have a high-definition television, that's even better. No sport benefits more from high definition than hockey.

So, to summarize: Watch the NHL playoffs. It's an exhilarating experience if you just give it a try.

Alright, I did my best. You can stop reading now.

## UF GYMNASTICS

## Hartung, Sinclair use dance to amp up teammates

By EUGENIO TORRENS  
Alligator Writer

It has elements of Tae Bo, dancing and gymnastics all rolled into one.

It is nameless — for now — but it can't go unrecognized.

What started as a time-killing dance in practice at the beginning of the season has evolved into a no-longer-behind-closed-doors dance routine between Melanie Sinclair and Corey Hartung.

Since the dance number's infancy, the duo has added to the routine, proving it wasn't just an alternative to thumb-twiddling in practice while waiting around.

"We did it at the meets because they play good pump-up music," Hartung said. "So Mel

and I are always, 'Let's go on the floor and do our dance.' We're always silly and playing around anyway."

Perhaps it's the dance itself, or Sinclair and Hartung's attempts to keep a straight face during the dance, but it has caught on.

Hartung said sometimes the other gymnasts just ask them to put on the show.

It's a show that started spontaneously, but a show that requires the right beat. And yes, the beat is imperative. It can't be too fast. It can't be too slow. It has to be just right, and that means something that both Sinclair and Hartung can dance to, including "Wop" by J. Dash and "Womanizer" by Britney Spears.

UF coach Rhonda Faehn said she didn't have anything like the dance when she was a member of the UCLA gymnastics team.

"I think that we were almost too afraid to be acting like we were not focusing in the (bye rounds) or in the locker room," Faehn said.

While it's not a custom she grew up with, she loves the notion of her team being comfortable and mature enough to have fun in the locker room and carry it out on the competition floor.

Sinclair said she doesn't mind doing the dance at competitions.

"I think it loosens me up because instead of sitting in the corner waiting and overthinking my skills, I'm doing something that I enjoy doing," she said.

And the twosome has put the routine on

display at some significant venues, most recently the NCAA North Central Regional Championship in Iowa City, Iowa, where the dance was caught on the video screen, and at the Southeastern Conference Championships.

"It just blossomed into this thing that we just do every meet now, over and over," Sinclair said. "Every time a good beat comes on, we'll look at each other like, 'It's time.'"

**GATORS IN SESSION 1:** On the heels of winning the NCAA North Central Regional Championship, the No. 5 UF gymnastics team will compete in Session 1 of the NCAA Championships beginning April 16.

There are two sessions, each consisting of six teams. The top three teams from each session advance to the Super Six competition, where the NCAA champion will be crowned.



Hartung

## Saints mercy-rule Vikings in both games of doubleheader

■ THE TWO CONTESTS ENDED IN 8-0 WINS FOR SFC.

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The Santa Fe College softball team showed no mercy to St. John's River Community College in a doubleheader Tuesday.

The Saints (41-5, 16-4 Mid-Florida Conference) mercy-ruled the Vikings in both games, winning 8-0 each time.

"Two run-rule games are al-

ways good, especially when they are conference games," SFC coach Chris Ahern said. "We had a good contribution today from everyone who played. We used all our weapons. It was a total team effort."

In Game 1, the Saints jumped on the Vikings early, putting up 1 run in the first inning compliments of a shot over the left-field fence by sophomore outfielder Lawna Hunter.

Pitcher Kimberly Squires (21-3) started the game off strong,

striking out the first three batters she faced.

She recorded six total strikeouts in Game 1 with no runs on six hits.

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Squires also helped herself out, going 2 for 4 at the plate with two RBIs.

SFC finished off SJRCC in the

bottom of the fifth inning with a string of hits from sophomore outfielder Brittany Cannon, sophomore second baseman Nadirah Nesfield, Hunter and Squires that produced 4 consecutive runs.

Hunter proved indispensable in the back-to-back games, going 4 for 8 at the plate and bringing home three runners.

The Saints kept the hits coming in their second game of the afternoon. Sophomore shortstop Erika Garcia went 3 for 4 with two RBIs, and Cannon was 2 for 4

with one RBI.

Sophomore pitcher Ashley Schmitt (18-2) and freshman Ali Savage proved too much for the Vikings to handle, as they weren't able to produce a run in the second game either.

Schmitt allowed three hits in five innings, and Savage finished the game with no hits in the top of the sixth.

"We came out strong on offense and defense," Schmitt said. "We just did great and kept it up both games."

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