



Protesters rally against taxes at City Hall

THE GROUP WAS IN FAVOR OF A FAIR TAX.

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Larry Middleton sat outside City Hall for nearly four hours Wednesday, wielding a sign that read, "The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money."

Middleton, along with about a thousand other dissenters, protested the Internal Revenue Service by grabbing the attention of passers-by and voicing their opposition.

Some signs were hoisted high by men and women. Others were propped up by toddlers in strollers.

"I like paying taxes," Middleton said, "but I like paying my fair share."

Roz Miller, county coordinator for the Alachua County Fair Tax Group, said Fair Tax supports a national sales tax in place

of an income tax, which is not paid by everyone in the United States.

"Do you think a drug dealer's going to fill out a tax form and put 'occupation: drug dealer?'" she said. "A lot of money goes through those hands, and they all shop."

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Alachua County Fair Tax Group
county coordinator

Miller said the sales tax should be about 22 percent, which would help generate revenue from those who don't pay taxes now.

"We are a nation of consumers," she said. "And everyone shops."



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Mary Mew, a certified public accountant, holds a sign at a rally protesting the IRS in front of City Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Man admits to groping

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UF student Robin Garg, 22, was arrested for groping a UF student outside Library West on Tuesday night.

Garg later confessed to groping 32 other female students on campus since last Friday, according to University Police Department. Lt. Darren Baxley.

Garg is accused of groping each of the women after telling them he was trying to remove a bug from their bodies.

He told police he went on the groping spree because he "liked to scare women," Baxley said.

He said Garg has only been charged once with a misdemeanor battery, but Baxley expects the number of charges

to increase when the other victims identify Garg as their attacker.

As of Wednesday morning, UPD had received 15 to 18 calls from women



Garg

who might have been groped by Garg. Although he admitted to 33 incidents, Baxley said he doesn't think that is the exact number.

"We're still trying to flesh that out," he said.

Baxley said it appears Garg targeted white, student-aged females.

"It seems to be pretty consistent," he said.

All of the known incidents occurred

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Commission hears changes to discrimination ordinance

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The Gainesville Code of Ordinances remains a source of contention for local committees after a Thursday meeting about revisions to its anti-discrimination chapter.

Gainesville's Equal Opportunity Committee will recommend that the City Commission adopt a series of revisions, which deal with the ordinance's effect on businesses.

Commissioner Craig Lowe, chair of the committee and founder of pro-ordinance group Equality is Gainesville's Business, explained his proposed revisions, which would delete pieces of the ordinance requiring businesses to modify their buildings to fit the ordinance.

"We are proposing that the city commis-

sion modify the ordinance to remove any remote possibility that businesses would have to construct facilities any different than they would under the building codes," Lowe said.

Instead, the ordinance would include a blanket exemption for businesses where patrons in shared showering or dressing facilities cannot avoid being seen fully unclothed.

"We're trying to address the concerns of the business community," he said. "They came to us in an atmosphere of collaboration to work together to find a solution that's best for the entire community."

Mark Minck, chair of Citizens for Good Public Policy, said that while he commended the committee for addressing the con-

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■ UF left fielder Jonathan Pigott (left) and his brother, Daniel, led the Gators at the plate and in the field to a huge 15-4 victory against Stetson on Wednesday night at home.
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Police believe escaped inmates killed elderly woman, stole two cars

PALATKA (AP) — Authorities believe two escaped Florida inmates who are still on the loose killed a 66-year-old woman and stole two cars.

Police say 23-year-old Doni Ray Brown and 25-year-old Timothy Wayne Fletcher broke out of the Putnam County Jail in Palatka at 4 a.m. Wednesday and stole a truck. Palatka is about 40 miles east of Gainesville in northeastern Florida.

Later, authorities discovered a car missing

and its owner, Helen Key Googe, dead inside her Palatka home.

Putnam County Lt. Johnny Greenwood says Googe was related to one of the suspects.

Brown was arrested Aug. 17 and charged with robbery with a firearm. Fletcher was arrested March 3 on three counts of failure to appear on an aggravated assault charge.

Police would not say how the pair escaped.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Hanrahan manages busy life with delicate balance

By **JACQUELYN WEINER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Leaning forward in a cushioned chair in City Hall, Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan listened intently as a constituent laid out her concerns, the same focus she gave county officials discussing next year's budget an hour later.

Although such a procession of appointments could be seen as an ordinary day in the life of a mayor, Hanrahan said it is difficult to pinpoint exactly what normal would be.

"I always say it's never dull," she said.

Hanrahan, who is in her second term as mayor, was first elected in 2004. After graduating from UF in 1992, Hanrahan was hired as an engineer for the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department's hazardous materials program.

That position sparked her interest in seeking political office, she said.

"I really liked local government and the interaction with citizens," Hanrahan said.

So in 1996, Hanrahan decided to enter the race on the last day of registration.

She won the election, going on to serve for six years as the city commissioner for District 3, which encompasses UF.

In general, Hanrahan works in City Hall Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and meets constituents on Wednesdays and Fridays, she said. Yet such a schedule is hardly set in stone, she added, as she pulled out her BlackBerry to see if she was going to be in Tallahassee on a particular evening, and again to check what days she would be in Washington.

She also carries an iPhone, which she used to show off a picture of her children, Evyleen, 3, and Quinn, 2.

"They're my little darlins," she said.

From a meeting with four women representing the Action Network of North Central Florida, a faith-based community group, to appointments with county staff, Hanrahan listened attentively to everyone's opinions before responding.

Regardless of who was speaking, she kept her blue eyes fixed on them, laughing and smiling during casual conversation and nodding intently when subjects turned grim.

In her first meeting that afternoon, Hanrahan entered the small room and shook hands with the women from the Action Network and took a seat at the head of the table.

After chatting about mutual acquaintances and church life, Hanrahan asked how their organization was faring.

They went on to discuss helping low-income families make their homes more energy-efficient, the closing of Shands at Alachua General Hospital and the stimulus money Gainesville has received.

Hanrahan, who normally praises Obama, had criticism of his stimulus plan's "shovel-ready" stipulation, which requires that projects be ready for construction to receive government stimulus dollars.

This puts smaller communities at a disadvantage because they don't always have the funds for preparation, she said.

When discussing the closure of AGH, which historically served lower-income resi-

dents, Hanrahan shared the story of how she chose a pediatrician on the east side of Gainesville after she was told that "people like [her] don't go there."

"I said, 'Sign me up for that,'" Hanrahan said.

Her penchant for inserting conversational tone into otherwise straightforward business carried into her meeting with Sol Hirsch, the county library director.

They debated online privacy in libraries, including patrons' access to pornography, and discussed pensions for library employees.

At the end of the workday, Hanrahan's duties are anything but over.

With two young children, Hanrahan said it is a priority for her to be around during this "very precious point in their life."

"For any working parent, the toughest part of their life is figuring out that work-life balance," she said.

Although being mayor takes time away from her family, Hanrahan says she feels lucky to be able give back to her hometown and views it as a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



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450 sign to save program

By **CHELSEA KEENAN**
Alligator Writer

The Documentary Institute may be on the chopping block, but it's not going quietly during this round of budget cuts.

Ana Habib, a graduate student enrolled in the program, worked with two Documentary Institute alumni to get an online petition posted on Monday to help generate support.

About 450 signatures were posted by Wednesday evening.

Eric Flagger, one of the UF alumni who helped create the site, said 30 states and 13 countries are represented on the petition.

"We were feeling powerless," Flagger said. "It's something we decided was important for the dean and the president to see."

Flagger said each time the petition is signed, an email is sent to UF President Bernie Machen, UF Provost Joe Glover and Representative Larry Cretul.

"We want to make sure we exhaust all possible options before we let (the institute) disappear at its peak," he said.

Churchill Roberts, a professor in the Documentary Institute, said Rachel Grady, who was nominated for the Academy Award for her documentary "Jesus Camp," signed the petition.

Roberts said he cannot believe the 11-year-old program is being cut since it is both award-winning and nationally ranked.

Two students enrolled in the Documentary Institute also recently won the Student Emmy at the Academy of Television Arts &

Sciences' College Television Awards for their film "Standard Deviation." Roberts said the program has now won the award two years in a row.

"You know success breeds success," he said, adding the program's prominence has started to attract more students and grant money. "We were really beginning to blossom. But a lot of our good things happen to be unfortunately overshadowed by the bad things."

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Eric Flagger
UF alumni

Flagger said if they do not receive a response, they will consider taking the whole petition to Machen. However, he said they are taking things one step at a time.

"We'd really just like a good explanation," Flagger said.

In an interview earlier this semester, John Wright, dean of the College of Journalism and Communications, said he chose to cut the program because it is not as central to the college's core mission as its four other departments.

To find out more about the Documentary Institute or the petition, visit savethedocinstitute.com.

Rally raises awareness

By **RACHEL KOPEC**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Around the world, 800,000 to 900,000 human beings are bought, sold or forced across the world's borders each year, according to a U.S. Department of State estimate. But Friday night, some UF students will try to do their part to help.

A human trafficking awareness rally will be held in Turlington Room L007 at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The rally is sponsored by Sigma Phi Lambda, a UF Christian sorority, and STALL, which stands for "stop trafficking and liberate lives."

STALL is a nonprofit organization that works in Moldova, a country in Eastern Europe, to provide safe houses that protect girls from being sold into sex slavery. The founders of STALL worked in Moldovan and Romanian orphanages, seeing firsthand what happened when the girls left the orphanages at 16.

Staci Good, president of Sigma Phi Lambda, said she was unaware of the enormous scope of human trafficking around the world before reading an article on ABC News about a girl being abducted and forced into prosti-

tution. Good said she organized the rally because she wanted to do something to prevent other girls from falling into the dangerous cycle.

"Human trafficking is an enormous issue that does not get enough awareness in the U.S.," said Melissa Milroy, a Sigma Phi Lambda member.

Good said part of the event is educating people that trafficking happens even in the U.S., though it is not as widespread as in other countries.

"It is so scary that it could be your sister or your mom," Good said.

Two videos will be shown at the event, one about the STALL efforts in Moldova and another about human trafficking in the U.S.

Andrew Cameron, a representative from STALL, and Natalie Gutium, a 17-year-old girl rescued by STALL, will speak about their experiences.

In addition to raising awareness, the rally is also collecting donations, clothing and toiletries. And STALL will sell T-shirts reading "Clothes should be bought and sold. Not humans" for \$20, with all of the proceeds going toward the safe houses in Moldova.

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ON CAMPUS

Campaign gives away 300 peace lilies for clean air

By PAZIA DWYER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Crowds of students and faculty swarmed the small setup of two folding tables on the Plaza of the Americas Wednesday morning to snag a "free air purifier" or "houseplants with a purpose."

The giveaway began at 9:50 a.m., and it took 40 minutes to strip the tables bare of 300 peace lilies.

O2 for You, a public service campaign, teamed up with American Lung Association, the Clean Air Council, Costa Farms,

Earth Day and Gators for a Sustainable Campus to educate the public about a sustainable solution for combating indoor air pollution. The lilies were free, but those who took one were asked to sign a large board pledging to live a greener life.

Costa Farms, one of the nation's largest indoor foliage growers, donated the 300 peace lilies for the cause.

Indoor air pollution is one of the top U.S. health concerns, and plants are a natural solution to purify the air, said Maria Calvert, who co-organized the event.

A houseplant can help reduce harm-

"I never knew there were specific plants that were better than others for cleaning the air."

Vickie Mena

UF political science graduate

ful chemicals that come from carpet, paint and even tobacco products.

Volunteers also passed out postcards with information on the best plants to use indoors and the benefits they provide.

According to the cards, using one houseplant for each 100 square feet can remove

up to 87 percent of indoor air pollutants. Vickie Mena, a recent UF political science graduate, suffers from migraines, and until she got her plant, didn't realize plants could do so much.

"I never knew there were specific plants that were better than others for cleaning the air," Mena said.

O2 for You plans on visiting Atlanta and Chicago this year to spread the word about the benefits of plants and living green. "Houseplants are just a way to get people started in going green," Calvert said.

Students make T-shirts for 'Paint Your Orgasm' event

■ THE EVENT WAS PART OF PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH.

By JESSICA TURK

Alligator Contributing Writer

"My orgasm defies you."

That's what Christina Garcia De los Rios, a UF English junior and committee member of Pride Awareness Month, wrote on the back of her Paint Your Orgasm T-shirt last year. On the front, she

Painted her orgasm depicted as an explosion of bright colors. The Pride Student Union at UF sponsored the Paint Your Orgasm day for the Ninth Annual Pride Awareness Month, De los Rios said.

Pride Awareness Month aims to spread acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Members of Pride Student Union and other volunteers set up near the Reitz Union Wednesday with paint, paint brushes and

white T-shirts so passing students and faculty could show how they think their orgasms would look.

The annual event is aimed to spread sexuality awareness and create an environment where it's OK to talk about sex, said Pride Student Union member and UF sociology and Spanish senior Davier Rodriguez.

Not everyone is open to the idea of these walking, visible orgasms,

though.

Rodriguez said a preacher had to be removed from the area one year for protesting the event.

Lorraine Wheat, one of the event directors, said most people are very receptive to it. In the past, she said there have been about 200 students who have stopped by to paint a T-shirt.

Gabrielle Robinson, a UF freshman and one of the first participants, said she had been planning on coming to the event since she

heard about it at the Pride Student Union comedy show on Monday.

For the first time, there was an evening follow-up event in the Reitz Union, Rodriguez said.

The purpose of the follow-up, he said, was for everyone to wear the shirts they painted earlier and to share stories and poetry during the open-mic period. The event also featured a talk about safe sex by Teresa White of the Alachua County Health Department, also known as Condom Miranda.



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Editorial

Stephen in Space

NASA names space treadmill after Colbert

Poor Stephen Colbert.

On what should have been a day of celebration, with NASA set to officially announce Colbert's moniker as the new name of Node 3 on the International Space Station, ended in disappointment for the Comedy Central host.

While Colbert emerged victorious in an online voting contest to name the compartment on the station thanks to write-in votes from fans, NASA elected to rededicate Node 3 as Tranquility – which finished a meager eighth in the poll. News of NASA tossing Colbert a curveball broke Tuesday evening as astronaut Sunita Williams appeared on "The Colbert Report" to inform the comedian of NASA's decision.

The consolation prize for Colbert? Having a treadmill named in his honor.

Dubbed the "Comibined Operational Load Bearing External Resistance Treadmill" or COLBERT for short, the treadmill will be used by NASA astronauts while aboard the station to exercise and maintain bone strength.

Luckily, Colbert took the heartbreak in stride. Instead of breaking down in tears or launching into a tirade of expletives, Colbert appeared grateful that his name will still have a presence in outer space – unless, of course, we were viewing a heavily edited version of the show.

The Editorial Board can't help but laugh at the absurdity and attention Stephen Colbert has garnered over the course of the past couple of years. From his presidential election bid to showing his strength in numbers in the NASA voting, Colbert's hybrid role as a political commentator and comedian has won over the hearts of millions of fans. With a storied history of theatrics already under his belt, we eagerly await what's next on tap for the Comedy Central funny man.

Dating Distraction

In times of economic strife, hunger pangs have more to do with love than an inability to afford daily delivery service from Pita Pit.

With businesses going bottoms-up quicker than dollar drafts at happy hour, the matchmaking industry has seen smooth sailing amid a treacherous current of financial uncertainty.

According to an article on CNN.com, Americans have turned to companies such as LifeWorks Matchmaking, based in Ft. Lauderdale, in search of love when the latest financial figures show their portfolio plummeting to new depths.

For eHarmony.com, there's little surprise behind the fact the company has enjoyed a 20 percent growth between Sept. 2008 and Jan. 2009 compared to the previous year. Simply put, it's easier to deal with uncer-

tainty and lean times when you have someone else to offer you a distraction. With a few clicks of the mouse and a fabricated profile (complete with a particularly thin photo), would-be loners can find love thanks to an assist from the matchmaking industry.

The Editorial Board is glad to see that someone besides big box stores (yeah, you Wal-Mart) and McDonald's are managing to beat the odds with a profit margin in the black.

For now, we are blessed with feasting on the proverbial manna known as Midtown, but we'd like to think there is hope for us yet when we escape the bubble of college and enter the real world.

But who knows, perhaps the time will come when a pair of his and hers 40s (smuggled in from Georgia) and beef jerky sounds like one hell of a Friday evening.

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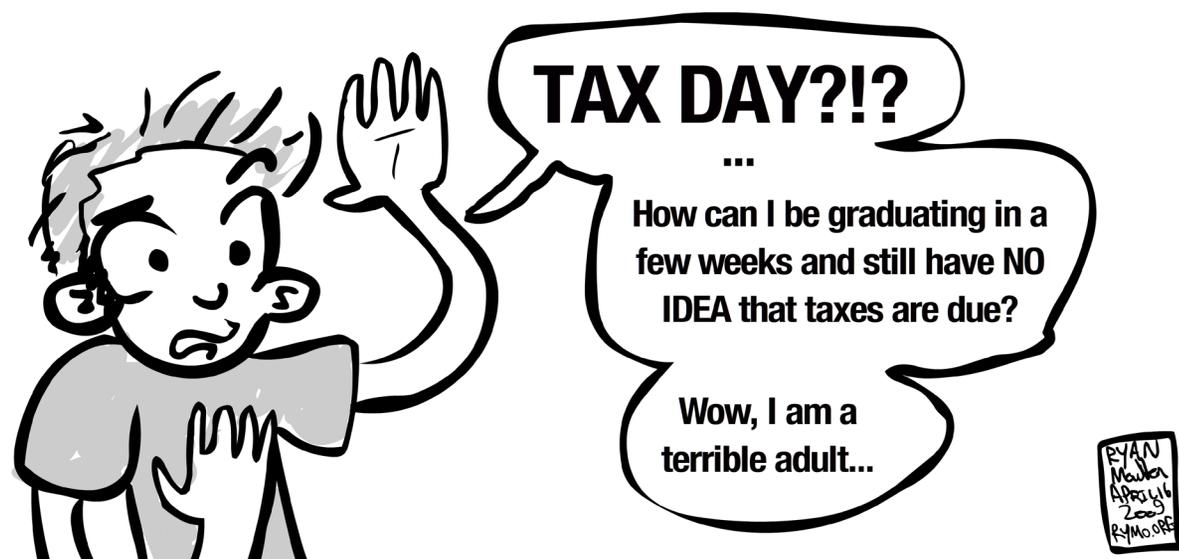
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Yesterday, on tax day, people across the nation protested increased government spending by holding tea parties.



There are much better ways to protest taxes, namely
NOT KNOWING YOU SHOULD PAY TAXES.



Column

Raising taxes won't fix higher education

UF is going through a tough period. It's not exactly surprising: The economy is in the gutter, so Florida (along with everywhere else) is losing revenue.

And when budget cuts creep in, so too come the self-righteous calls for more taxes to fund education, including a state income tax.

Thankfully for those of us who will probably be paying income tax someday (around 38 percent of wage earners pay no income tax at all), a state income tax is not an option in Florida. Because an income tax is unconstitutional, 60 percent of voters would have to vote on a ballot in favor of higher taxes. Good luck with that.

But even if it was politically feasible, increasing taxes to fund higher education would still be a bad call. Higher education is not a requirement, and no one is forcing you to get a degree. College is a voluntary investment in your own future. It's great to make an investment in oneself, but the government shouldn't force others to pay for it.

Instead of raising taxes and forcing other people to pay for college, it would make more sense to raise tuition and have the people who benefit from college pay the cost. But as soon as you raise tuition, there are cries of "class warfare" and exploiting the poor.

When "class warfare" means making people pay for what they consume, we have lost all hope for society. The average starting salary for a student with a liberal arts degree was over \$30,000 in 2005, and much higher for math and science students. So even if tuition gets jacked up to around \$6,000 a year, the cost of the investment is still well worth the returns. If students can't get need-based aid or merit scholarship, they may have to — gasp — take out a loan to pay for their education, and then



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pay back that loan with the additional income they get from their degree.

This is exactly what we expect law, business, medical and graduate students to do, and they usually manage to get by quite well for themselves. For some reason, though, to suggest that undergraduates pay for their own degree is evil, conservative hate-speech.

On the other hand, if you can't get aid or pay your own way and you don't plan to be in a situation where you can repay your loans, then maybe college isn't right for you. Yeah. Somebody had to say it.

The cost of college at public schools is grossly distorted by subsidies. It becomes "the new high school." The subsidies result in overconsumption of college, and make fewer resources available for the students who take their education seriously.

Some subsidy does make sense because there are positive externalities from more educated people, but that only occurs when the education is put to proper use. When people who aren't suited for it attend college, there is no added benefit, but the cost for everyone goes up.

So complain all you like about how crappy UF has gotten during the recession. UF can't offer a stellar education without more money. But don't cry to everyone else to pay for it for you. Most people have better things to do with their earnings than give it to the mostly rich and white students at UF.

Johnathan Lott is a political science and economics sophomore. His column appears on Thursdays.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Reader response

Today's question: Would you be able to afford your education at UF on your own?

Wednesday's question: Did you see Demetri Martin last night?

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Letters to the Editor

Congrats to Karma Cream owners

In response to the Alligator's Tuesday article "Ice cream shop opens today, will offer 11 vegan flavors," I would like to congratulate Payal Patel and Kyle Fick on the opening of the Karma Cream ice cream shop. By staying true to their ethical beliefs and featuring nearly a dozen delicious dairy-free choices, they are doing a great service to the community by offering diners healthier, more eco-friendly options. In addition to helping students keep off that pesky "freshman 15," by picking the vegan Peach Cobbler, Dream-sicle or any of the other dairy-free dishes, consumers won't be contributing to a lifetime of misery for a cow on a dairy farm.

The nine million cows living on dairy farms in the United States spend most of

their lives in large sheds or on feces-caked mud lots, where disease is rampant. Cows raised for their milk are repeatedly impregnated. Their babies are taken away so that humans can drink the milk intended for the calves. When their exhausted bodies can no longer provide enough milk, they are sent to slaughter and ground up for hamburgers.

Thankfully, with so many delicious and cruelty-free options available at Karma Cream and other local restaurants, it's easier than ever to take a stand against animal abuse one cone at a time.

Ryan Huling

College Campaign Coordinator, peta2.com



Students should volunteer this summer

Remember that one-liner when you were writing your college admission essay or when you cast your ballot during the recent election? You know, the one about "saving the world" or "making a difference"? Well, guess what? This summer is your big opportunity to fulfill that promise by improving your local community.

With the national rate of unemployment in March at 8.5 and Florida's percentage nearly one point higher at 9.4, more people are in desperate need of a helping hand. Yet with the rising numbers, the terrible irony is that when case loads are up, resources are down. Or to be quite frank, when more people need help, there is less help to go around, especially here within Alachua

County where more than 22 percent of the population lives in poverty in comparison to the 12 percent of the total population in Florida.

Moreover, it's obvious that the poorest of families will be impacted the hardest by the deteriorating economy. Therefore, every student at UF can make a difference this summer by volunteering free time through collecting unwanted clothes, feeding the hungry or mentoring kids. Individually, people may only have a subtle impact on the community, but collectively, we as students can make a lasting difference in our towns and cities which will help our fellow men live a better life.

Charlie Shaw

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Guest column

President-elect Johnson should improve public speaking

Dear Jordan Johnson, aka student body president-elect:

I would first like to congratulate you on your first (of many) public speaking events. I had the distinct privilege of hearing Provost Joe Glover, distinguished economics professor David Denslow and yourself, our soon-to-be student body president, speak on imminent budget cuts at Pugh Hall this past Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. With exams upon us, you nonetheless must be eagerly anticipating May 1, your first day as student body president.

Let me remind you that you, more than any other student, have direct political sway and respect of our Florida legislators. These legislators hold the means to pass a one-cent sales tax that could effectively sustain not only UF, but the majority

of public schools in this state during trying economic times. These legislators hold you in great esteem: not only have you been elected by your peers, but you are the physical student embodiment of our flagship university that boasts an average weighted high school GPA of 4.2 and a 1300 SAT in its entering freshmen class. And we are national champions.

I would like to say that to best reflect the caliber and integrity of our beloved university, it behooves you to clearly and concisely communicate your ideas and future agenda. Tuesday, I witnessed shaking hands, furtive glances that avoided the gaze of the crowd, the zealous peppering of "ums" and misconstrued figures of speech. This was in front of a hefty crowd of about 70 students.

Anonymous Speaking Out

When an inquiry into what our SG-funded lobbyists are doing to pass legislation that will guard our university's reputation of excellence in the years to come, it was met with a pithy "They are doing their best." When questioned on why it seems unlikely that our stolid house of representatives is unyielding in their stance against a tax increase when we have lobbyists that earn over \$100,000 was posed, you avoided answering the question altogether.

I hope this does not come as a surprise, Jordan Johnson, that I ask you to enroll in a public speaking course during Summer A. As our president, you are required to be on campus in the summer months,

when enrollment temporarily dwindles and some of your responsibilities are less pronounced. Yes, you have recently begun a blog to welcome open discussion about our budget crisis and yes, you have also made three trips to Tallahassee to lobby those who hold our future in check. But Tuesday you stated that we have 40,000 students when we actually have 52,271.

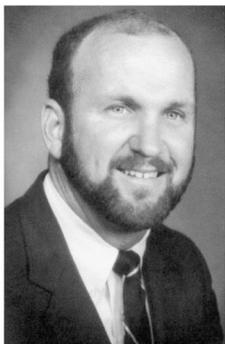
Our current student body president spends the majority of his office hours perfecting solitaire skills; I implore you to thoroughly review the current allocation and distribution of the approximately \$13.3 million SG budget, which averages \$330 per student per year, to ensure in fair and balanced management. In an age of renewed interest in public service, we the students are wit-

nessing future funding, which determines the worth of our degrees, trickle away before our eyes. When a lack of speaking ability and working knowledge of your constituency is so apparent, I feel this summer can be best used to brush up on interacting with students beyond your voting base of less than 9,000 and learn more about what it means to be an active student, a real Florida Gator—not just a Unite-machine elect.

This university and its faculty are depending on you to not only paint a confident, articulate, educated image, but to act as a liaison between those who hold the ropes to the guillotine and the 52,271 who lay helplessly on the chopping block.

This guest column was submitted anonymously by a concerned UF student.

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Where There's Smoke...

A firefighter looks out the windows of the third-floor lobby of Hume Hall East as he investigates smoke in the room that triggered the fire alarm. The alarm went off at approximately 2 a.m. Wednesday after a fire extinguisher was sprayed throughout the lobby, activating the smoke detectors. Students were kept out of the building until 3 a.m. while the lobby was aired out and a crew was brought in to clean up the residue

Student remembered for passion, humor

By **TATIANA GONZALEZ**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Thad Hammond Owens had long red hair and an equally bright red mustache and beard, but friends say he was better known for his uplifting and humorous personality.

"He made you feel better when you were around him," said David Reed, who met Owens nine months ago when he enrolled in Reed's class. "He lived life wide open."

About 100 people attended Owens' memorial Wednesday afternoon in the Newins-Ziegler Hall breezeway to commemorate his life.

Eleven people shared anecdotes for nearly an hour about his infectious nature and the effect he had on their lives.

Owens, a 27-year-old wildlife ecology and conservation major, had a passion for music, the outdoors and people.

He caught a gator with a fishing pole, ditched class for a whole day to play the popular video game Rock Band and was an instant friend to all who met him.

"He made me believe in miracles and never in coincidences," said friend and fellow student Robert Lara. "He was always happy to help and had a laugh for everything."

Chris Wolf, fellow wildlife ecology and conservation major, told the audience of how Owens, during a class project, dubbed their group the A-Team and picked an accompanying superhero theme song.

"You just knew it was going to be a good time just 'cause he was there," Wolf said.

Robert Lay, another friend, recounted

a story of when he and Owens took a class trip to the Everglades.

During the most miserable part of the trip, Owens kept the sweaty and tired group's spirits up by spouting scientific names for plants and gastrointestinal functions, along with trying to fashion a new pair of shoes for a friend who'd lost his in the mud.

"Thad was the craziest guy you'll ever meet," Lay said, laughing and crying simultaneously. "He was the best guy you'll ever meet."



Owens

Amy Brown, a Rollins College alumna who met Owens in high school, recalled how he decided to scale the outside of the Statue of Liberty during a class trip to New York City to the horror

of her mother, who was chaperoning.

"Every memory with Thad is awesome," Brown said. "Each is better and better."

Owens' memorial was coordinated with a ceremony in Namibia, Africa, where he was studying abroad with UF's wildlife ecology and conservation department.

"We could all be a little more like Thad," Reed said, his voice breaking. "Live more, give more and play harder."

The Owens family has set up a fund in their son's honor through the University of Florida Foundation called the Thad H. Owens Wildlife Ecology Fund.

Owens' body was found Saturday after being swept downstream while he was swimming in the Kunene River on Thursday in Namibia, Africa.

LOCAL

Group hopes to raise \$5K for diabetes association

By **MICHAEL DeVOGGD**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF Health Troupe will host a scavenger hunt on Sunday to raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

Teams of six to 10 students will complete a series of tasks in order to win prizes, such as signed Gator football jerseys, iPod shuffles and gift cards for local restaurants.

The event will begin at noon at the Swamp Restaurant, where teams can pick up their hunt list. In past years, the list required participants to take a picture of their team napping in an inappropriate location, sitting on a conveyor belt in a grocery store and break dancing on a cardboard box.

Hayley Rosen, a UF senior event management major, organized the scavenger hunt this year for the American Diabetes Association.

"[The participants] love the scavenger hunt," Rosen said. "They enjoy going around Gainesville doing stuff they wouldn't normally do, like duct taping a member to the wall."

Participants will carry donation cans with them to different locations around

Gainesville, and some of their tasks will in-

corporate information on diabetes.

The teams will submit photos of their completed tasks to Facebook before 7 p.m. and return to the Swamp Restaurant for a free concert, guest appearances from Gator athletes and the announcement of the winners.

"They enjoy going around Gainesville doing stuff they wouldn't normally do, like duct taping a member to the wall."

Hayley Rosen
scavenger hunt organizer

Health Troupe, a UF student organization that raises awareness in the college community about ways to prevent diseases through a healthy lifestyle, hopes to gather about 30 to 50 teams on Sunday and raise about \$5,000 for the American Diabetes Association.

The scavenger hunt is sponsored by Galigani Robertson Law Firm, University Club Apartments and the Swamp Restaurant.

Students can register online for \$10 at www.theswamphunt.com.



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Dr. David Reed speaks about lessons he learned from Thad H. Owens, a UF student who died while studying abroad in Africa, at a memorial held in the Newins-Ziegler Hall breezeway on Wednesday afternoon.

AROUND GAINESVILLE

'Tosca' opera features love, jealousy, rape, hate, murder

By **KATIE EMMETS**
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After her lover was shot by a firing squad, and she killed the man who tried to rape her, she jumped off a building.

This is the story of Giacomo Puccini's "Tosca" which will be performed by UF students, faculty and staff Thursday and Saturday

in The Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

"This is one of the most successful and classic operas ever written," said sophomore voice performance student Adelaide Boedecker.

Boedecker, who plays a peasant in the 7:30 p.m. performances, said "Tosca" is a story about two star-crossed lovers whose lives end in tragedy.

Set in Rome in the 1800s, "Tosca"

"This is not your grandmother's opera."

Tony Offerle
Producer

is filled with love, jealousy, rape, hate and murder, she said.

The biggest key to a successful performance is a collaborative effort, said the opera's producer

Tony Offerle.

Tony Mata, head of the musical theater department, is directing the performance while Stephen Thomas, interim director of orchestra, and graduate student Matthew Wardell will conduct.

From the performers on stage, to the UF Symphony Orchestra, to the backstage crew and the lighting technicians, there are 120 students in the production, he said.

UF professor of voice Elizabeth Graham will perform the role of "Tosca."

Graham, an award-winning singer, has taught at UF for 30 years, Offerle said.

Although "Tosca" is an Italian opera, there will be English subtitles on a screen above the stage, he said.

"This is not your grandmother's opera," Offerle said.

Obamas pay about \$855K in federal income taxes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, millionaires from his best-selling books, made \$2.7 million last year and paid just under one-third of their adjusted income in federal taxes.

While the income, mostly his, was far more than the U.S. median household income of about \$50,000, it was quite a decrease from the \$4.2 million the Obamas made in 2007.

Both years, nearly all of the earnings came from Obama's best-selling books. "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope" — brought in about \$2.5 million in royalties last year, according to copies of the returns released by the White House on Wednesday, the federal filing deadline.

Obama earned \$139,204 as a Democratic senator from Illinois last year before leaving his seat after winning the November election. Michelle Obama received a salary of \$62,709

from the University of Chicago Hospitals, where she was an executive.

The couple's total federal tax came to \$855,323. That was 32 percent of their adjusted gross income of \$2,656,902.

The Obamas overpaid by \$26,014, and elected to apply that amount to their 2009 taxes.

The couple's federal tax deductions included about \$50,000 in home mortgage interest. Their expenses also includ-

ed \$47,488 to send their two daughters to the University of Chicago's elementary school.

They reported contributing \$172,050 to charity last year, including \$25,000 each to the CARE international relief agency and the United Negro College Fund. That \$172,050 represented about 6.5 percent of the family's adjusted gross income. That percentage is roughly two to three times the national average for household donations to charity, according to Indiana University.

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ON CAMPUS

Author discusses link between meat and sexism

By **JACQUELYNE SMITH**
Alligator Writer

What do a steaming plate of chicken and a sexy woman have in common?

Nothing, if you ask Carol Adams, author of "The Sexual Politics of Meat," but the media often portrays otherwise, she said.

In her slide show presentation Wednesday, Adams, a self-labeled "vegan, feminist agitator for peace," discussed the link between sexism and meat through advertisements, news articles and even children's homework. About 100 people attended the talk.

Adams, who has written over 100 articles and 20 books, said she feels "inequality is made sexy" in images depicting women as enticing meat entrées, such as a Gap T-shirt where a naked woman is drawn with butcher lines next to the caption, "What's your cut?"

"The images elicit the same snickers, the same jokes, except men don't have to admit they're putting women down," she said.

Some of the more graphic images in the slide show, such as a hanging row of disembodied cow heads in a meat-packing facility, elicited shocked moans from the audience.

Leah Goldberg, an agricultural and food

science major at Santa Fe College, said she found a Louis Vuitton advertisement showing a woman's red-stiletto'd leg hanging from a rope around her ankle equally disturbing.



Adams

The image is disturbing because it depicts abuse to women as lighthearted in addition to likening the woman to a slab of meat, Adams said.

"I can't believe something like that is fashionable," Goldberg said.

William Bowers, an English professor at

SFC, encouraged his students to attend Adams' presentation because it applied to many of the feminist and culinary themes studied throughout the semester.

"A lot of them are frustrated, but in a way that's interesting and healthy," Bowers said of his students after the presentation.

Adams said she encouraged the audience to stop eating animals and "stop consuming women," along with being more critical of the media and the underlying sexist ideas it may contain.

"Perhaps you, too, can see ads differently," she said.

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near the core of campus, he said, from the Reitz Union North Lawn to Little Hall.

The story was the same in each case, he said.

"Every one of them involved the bug," he said.

"There's no real differentiation between any of these cases," he said. "It's really quite odd."

In Tuesday's incident, which happened around 8:20 p.m., Garg allegedly told the student she had a bug on her and then started touching her, telling her he was removing the bug, according to UPD. He then put his hand under the student's shirt without her consent.

The student, along with several other witnesses, called UPD, Baxley said.

Officers caught up with Garg about 20 minutes later as he was walking near Turlington Hall, Baxley said.

He said UPD was able to nab Garg so quickly because the department already had several undercover officers in the area attempting to catch him in the act.

A master's student in computer and information science and engineering,

On Campus

Garg came to UF in the fall of 2008 from Maharshi Dayanand University in India, according to UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

Garg was booked at the Alachua County Jail Tuesday night, with bond set at \$5,000. Chris Loschiavo, director of UF's Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, said he couldn't comment on whether Garg might face sanctions from UF, citing student privacy rules.

Revised ordinance would include exemption for shared facilities

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cerns of the business community, he felt that the portion of the community who voted for Charter Amendment 1 in the March elections are not being heard.

The amendment would have removed the anti-discrimination chapter of the ordinance.

Minck said he wants the commission to acknowledge the state statute

that allows businesses to designate and enforce separate restrooms for men and women.

"We never wanted a person who's transgendered to not be able to get a job or get kicked out of their house," he said. "It was the public accommodations provision that had this self-definition that allowed a man to walk up to a woman's restroom and say, 'I'm going in there because I have the inner sense of being a woman.'"

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13: Saltimbanco, a Cirque du Soleil arena touring show, will perform from May 7 to May 10 at the O'Connell Center. Artistic bicycle photo courtesy of Olivier Samson Arcand

she said it



The assumption is that my eccentricity is not who I really am, but it is. I have lost my mind.
—Lady Gaga in an interview with the Observer

12: Sex columnist Ashley Ross fantasizes about foreign affairs and Stephanie Granada looks at spring's trends.

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the **A - LIST** [concerts]

By ALISON SCHWARTZ

Here's something to sing about: Your classes are winding down, the air is getting warmer and, to top it off, all of your favorite musical artists are coming to a town near you this summer. If you can break away from the beach (or your summer job, you overachiever), you won't want to miss these gigs.

1)Kings of Leon is making stops in St. Augustine, Orlando, Coral Gables and Tampa this summer, which means you have several opportunities to hear the band sing about various parts of your body on fire. It's catchier than it sounds.

2)From the boys who brought you punk rock back in the days you were teeming with prepubescent angst, it's time to pay homage to your pre-college, pre-real-stress days. Blink-182 is back and touring with Weezer this summer.

3)The Vans Warped Tour is just another summer staple (alongside SPF 30 tanning lotion and cold beer). Bands like 3OH!3, The White Tie Affair and Hit The Lights will be in Florida from July 24 to July 26.

Foreign affairs, adventures

ASHLEY ROSS ◆ AVENUE WRITER

Voulez-vous coucher avec moi, ce soir? Me vuelves loco. Ti desidero. Ez csodalatos volt.

The word "sex" always emits a hint of excitement, a bit of blushing and a tingling feeling of anticipation. But there's no question it sounds better—and far sexier—in another language.

As we embark on our summer breaks, it's time for study abroad trips, far-away internships and family vacations. And although the economy may be suffering, sex is one thing the dollar doesn't effect.

Here in America, sex is almost a forbidden act, a secret activity discussed in hushed voices and whispers and thought of as shameful by many. It's a private thing in this country where kisses can't be shared in public and butt grabs are forbidden.

Public displays of affection are gawked at and avoided so often that the letters PDA are even used as excuses for couples afraid of showing their love for each other to anyone but themselves.

But in other countries, benches, subway cars, street cafés and museum steps are completely acceptable places for acts of affection.

As we pack our bags, our itineraries may be packed full of the top tourist places, the best-rated restaurants and even the most exclusive

boutiques. But with the economic turmoil rain cloud hovering over everyone's vacation plans, it's probably a good idea to take a less steep and more sexy sidetrack.

Whip off your swim trunks and untie your bikini. It's time to bare all. There's nothing like letting the sun shine on your sexy summer body, and I mean all of it.

There are plenty of nude beaches all over the world, but a top one is Playa de Es Cavallet in Ibiza, Spain. It's about a mile long with rolling dunes of natural sand

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and an endless strip of disco bars and restaurants.

You don't have to pay to take your clothes off, but the drink prices may be steep, so don't forget to bring along the beloved flask you regularly sneak into midtown bars. The alcohol may loosen you up, letting you strut your stripped sexiness with confidence and could even lead you to flirt your way into a Spanish cabana.

Getting naked not your thing? Well, there's nothing wrong with looking at other naked people. I'm not talking porn—this isn't America, where we have to hide behind our laptop screens to get our fix.

Le Musée de L'érotisme, or the Erotic Museum, lies in one of the sexiest cities in the world, Paris, and it is just steps away from the Moulin Rouge. The museum features artifacts, paintings and, yes, photographs, of all things erotic. And with a discount voucher you can print off-line, a trip will only cost you three euro (about five dollars).

But if you can't wait any longer and you're visiting Buenos Aires, feel free to cure your horniness with some on-the-spot humping in telos, also known as love hotels. They are little huts on the street corner prepared and cleaned for 'pay by the hour' sexfests.

And who could forget the ever-famous Amsterdam, the red-light district where women pose nude behind windows and are offered on the menu at restaurants and bars? But some sexy shops might be pretty pricey, as some sex clubs can charge you up to 75 euro an hour.

So, whether you'll be stripping in the sand, sexily staring or paying for your fun, try to seize the sexy summer, because it only lasts three months. Though sex isn't something we fear in Gainesville, not everyone in this town is as comfortable with it as other cultures are.

As for now, I bid you adieu. Let the summer lovin' begin.



Photo by Stephanie Granada

For the spring, designers keep showing their love for rough-and-tough safari-inspired pieces and romantic flower-painted canvas dresses. UF english student Judy Tran pays tribute to this season with a perfect mix of both: a spring trench coat from The Gap and a knee-length flower-printed dress from The Body Shop. With this look, she shows that with a little imagination, runway looks can easily be transformed into affordable streetwear.— Stephanie Granada

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Q & A

with cast members of MTV's "College Life"

MARY MANCHESS
AVENUE WRITER

What happens in college often tends to stay in college.

It is an outlet for freedom where parents and the other folks back home are unaware of that party from last night, that hook-up from the night before or that mental breakdown an hour ago.

"College Life," a new series that premiered Monday on MTV, has changed this freedom.

Four students attending school in Madison, Wis., were equipped with camcorders to tape their freshman years without producers, cameramen and directors. Here is an interview with two of the cast members, Jordan, 19, and Kevin, 18, on their reaction to their lives away from home exposed to the world.

Q: What went through your mind when you first began filming yourself?

K: How absolutely awkward it

was carrying a video camera and having to talk into it around people. It was one little camcorder, not even state of the art. I never had any experience with one, so it was pretty much a homemade video of me and my buddies. I have been doing it for almost six and half months now, so after the first month it became second nature.

J: To be honest, I was a bit uncomfortable with the camera first. I didn't know what to shoot or was well-versed in the production of it. It got easier over time.

Q: Was it hard for you to stay true to who you are?

K: Unfortunately for my parents, I did not hold back at all. I put a lot of faith into the editors. There is definitely going to be things I regret or things that happen that I am prone to regret. That's reality. Whoever has

gone to the college can connect to some of the things that are going on and some of the things I'm not too proud to show my parents, and that's college for ya.

J: I have a good sense of who I am. I'm not too nervous because I am not really fazed by the type



Kevin

of people who would pass judgment on me without meeting me. If you are that type of person, I don't really care about being your friend.

Q: Are you afraid of your parents' or others reaction to the show?

K: They always have their concerns. They know I like to have good time. They have seen a couple clips of it, and my mom had a couple of problems. I show

my uncut personal life to my parents. Honestly, I would be perfectly content with all of this if my grandparents, parents and little brother weren't watching it. But I'm just going to have to get used to my parents knowing about my social life.

J: Everything that I recorded on camera I feel I am comfortable with my parents seeing and the community seeing. If you want to judge me off this television show, I don't understand how people who know me for my whole life, for 18 years, change their judgment of me from how I am perceived on this show.

Q: Do you think this reality show is impacted because the producers, director and cameramen are taken away?

K: It is definitely a lot more uncensored, a lot more real. Sometimes it would be a lot easier with a crew around. It is MTV. It is not

the Discovery Channel.

J: MTV did a great job giving me guidelines, telling me what was good for TV. It got easier overtime. They never really suggested activities for me to do or ever pressure me into doing anything.

Basically what they wanted is if you start a story, they want an end to it. They didn't give specific things to film.

Q: What has this experience taught you?

K: With the filming aspect, the one thing I'm going to have to worry about is growing thick skin. There is definitely going to be a couple of things I'm not too proud of but it happens.

J: My family was never big on home videos. I have always been really intrigued by documenting your life. This is just such a good opportunity to do that.

Saltimbanco pushes barriers with acts, performances

ASHLEY ROSS ◆ AVENUE WRITER

The circus is coming to town, ladies and gentleman, but this one doesn't have a thing to do with Britney Spears.

Saltimbanco, a Cirque du Soleil arena touring show, will perform for the first time in Gainesville from May 7 to May 10 at the O'Connell Center.

Saltimbanco comes from Italian "saltare in banco," which literally translates "to jump on a bench," and creative director Carmen Ruest said the show was created to push people to jump to another bench, to go further in life.

"It's a metaphor to say don't be afraid to try something else, to go somewhere else if you have to feeling, just go for discovery," she said. "It can be positive and can bring you a lot more than you thought."

Ruest said Saltimbanco is one of the best shows to experience because it is visually clear and pleasing.

Featuring amusing acts, outlandish characters and audience participation, it's a great show for everybody, said head coach Michael Ocampo.

It started in 1992 and is currently the longest-running Cirque du Soleil show.

It has fewer technical elements because of its age,

so its simplicity makes the story easy to figure out.

The concept of evolution is universal and timeless, which is why it's lasted so long.



Ruest

"There's no referral to time at all," Ruest said.

"But we do still have the costumes in lycra."

The staging represents urbanism and is set like an imaginary park full of vibrant colored lighting and even more eye-catching costumes.

The costumes are fashioned specifically to character as each emerges throughout the development of the show.

In 1991, a new color chart was developed, allowing the Cirque team to design brilliantly vibrant and bright costumes with primary colors.

And though there won't be any elephants in the ring, there will be nine high-level acrobatic acts that relate to the themes of the show.

For example, Peruvian juggling is a tribute to what many juggle in their everyday lives.

But there will also be

a duo trapeze, which Ruest calls "so dangerous," an acrobatic leaping act on Chinese poles representing skyscrapers; a solo bicycle act unlike any ordinary bike ride in the park; a Russian swing act where characters will fly on their imaginary playground up to 30 feet in the air; and a gravity-defying bungee performance "like four little white birds" to conclude the show.

All of the acts are performed to a wide range of elegant music from funky to opera, which musical creator Rene Dupere said will give rise to different emotions in each spectator.

Ruest started working with Saltimbanco in 1996 after spending her time on La Nouba, the Cirque show in Orlando.

In 2007, Saltimbanco was reconfigured for large arenas, and its new tour will stop in about 40 cities each year to spread its message of pushing the barrier.

"How will it leave the audience?" Ruest asked.

"I hope that they will go back home with a new light in their head and a beautiful smile, and that they will feel that all dreams are possible."

Tickets are about \$30 to \$80 for adults and \$24 to \$64 dollars for children.

City inspires bloggers

KARINA GALVEZ ◆ AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Fashion and street-style blogs are usually based in big cities where fashion has a heavy presence, and the style savvy roam the streets and make it easy for bloggers to click their cameras and post the pictures for all the world to see.

Based in Gainesville, the Tonnish Touch, www.tonnishtouch.blogspot.com, authors Leah Southers and Flavia Cervantes capture fashionable residents, as well as feature trends they are interested in.

"Gainesville's fashion community is more hidden," said Cervantes, a second-year marketing major. "However, it definitely exists and is rapidly growing. That is what is so fun about blogging in Gainesville; Leah and I are constantly on the lookout for cuties roaming around campus or on the streets."

Southers and Cervantes have been blogging since September 2008. After spending so much time on other fashion blogs and looking at designer Web sites, starting the Tonnish Touch was the next logical step. The blog allows them to express their personal styles and tastes and react to other bloggers and editorials.

"We were always coming across beautiful things online that we wanted to share with other people, not just one another," said Southers, a third-year public relations major. "Gainesville is an unexpected city for a fashion blog, but contrary to popular thought, there's a thriving fashion culture here."

Cervantes said she pulls inspira-

tion from other blogs such as "Who What Wear Daily" and "Mademoiselle Robot" more often than from magazine editorials because the bloggers provide a more realistic way to wear the clothes and provide the answer to the question, "How would that look on a normal person?"

Southers also uses the blog for personal inspiration, and says even though the Tonnish Touch does not focus on personal outfit posts, they never post anything they would not wear.

"We're not really that picky with what we choose. We blog separately, so when we see something we like while lurking blogs, we'll repost it or just post pictures of shoes or headbands or designers we like," she said. "I'd wear everything I post (and wish I could afford to) because I only post what I like."

The blog to them is a form of personal expression and an outlet for ideas. Even if there is a trend they like but cannot afford, such as Christian Louboutin sandals, the girls will publish a "lust" post because after all, every girl can dream.

For the summer, they look forward to wearing high-waisted shorts, floral skirts and embellished sandals, which according to Southers' last post, she is willing to splurge on.

"I love sandals that are on the border of being 'too much' with hardware, ankle straps, studs, you name it," said Cervantes, who hopes to pair the sandals with ruffled dresses and floral skirts.

"Gainesville's fashion community is more hidden. However, it definitely exists and is rapidly growing."

—Flavia Cervantes
the Tonnish Touch

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Bands unite, create album to benefit the homeless

MARY MANCHESSE ♦ AVENUE WRITER

Mosh pits and skanking aren't usually associated with helping the needy.

However, an assortment of hardcore, punk, reggae and ska bands are using their music to help a local cause. Eighteen local bands will perform a series of CD release shows through June that will raise funds and more awareness about HOMEvan, a grassroots volunteer-outreach organization that provides services to the homeless.

The CD is a second compilation entitled "HOMEvan: A Gainesville Music Benefit for the Homeless." Twenty-four bands, along with the 18 that are performing, are featured on the CD. Some of them include Chupaskabra, The Duppies, Morn- ingbell and Oh Sanders.

"For the musicaholics in this town, it's great because Gainesville is a really tight music community," said Dan Fitzpat-

rick, one of the show's organizers. "This town is really progressive in that the Gainesville music scene is willing to come out for some really neat causes."

The next show is April 26 at Common Grounds featuring Grabass Charlestons, Liquid Limbs, Spanish Gamble and Crash Pad. Doors open at 5 p.m., and organizers are asking for a \$5 to \$20 donation.

They are also asking attendees to bring either a jar of peanut butter or a pair of white socks for distribution. According to Fitzpatrick, the items are what the homeless community has said it needs the most.

Clean socks were requested because they tend to get worn out easily, especially in the rain. Peanut butter, because it is non-perishable and highly nutritious.

"A lot of people see this town as just the four-year layover between high school and real life,"

Fitzpatrick said. "There is more going on in this town than the bubble of school and midtown bars; there is a whole community going on here."

The CD's price is on a sliding scale of \$7 to \$20. It is available at all four shows and also at Hyde 'n Zeke Records and Wayward Council. All sales will also go to HOMEvan's efforts to relieve the growing homeless population in Gainesville.

According to the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, the number of women, men and children without homes has jumped about 70 percent.

HOMEvan helps 100 to 300 of these people twice a week by bringing them food, clothes and

hygiene products.

The first CD and benefit show of this kind was put together for HOMEvan back in 2002. It featured 42 bands, and overall raised \$3,000 for HOMEvan, which Fitzpatrick hopes to top this year.

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—Dan Fitzpatrick
An organizer of the HOMEvan shows

Fitzpatrick brought the idea back to life after he visited his best friend who was in the Peace Corp in Mongolia. He said his friend told him he should try to reorganize a benefit show and compilation CD for HOMEvan again because it was such a great idea.

"I felt the biggest tragedy of the first one was it was such a good idea and it didn't pick up," Fitzpatrick said. "We are hoping this really grows legs, gains some momentum and becomes a regular thing."

When he talked to bands about

the idea, he said they raved about it.

Brian Hiebel, the lead singer of The Duppies, said while the band has done a lot of benefit shows, he enjoys using his music for humanitarian causes a lot more.

"I don't always like giving out my spare change," he said. "But I definitely like contributing my artistic ability to something like this."

Hiebel and The Duppie's guitarist Tony Farah both said they like seeing the cause affect their own community.

"With how much I'm out, and how many homeless people I see on a daily basis, it's cool to help them," Farah said.

Farah, who is also the bassist of Chupaskabra, said he hopes the benefit compilation will have an influence on the fans.

"As far as our fans, most kids that come out are pretty young," he said. "Hopefully this exposes them to the cause and new music."

Young, fabulous, broke: budgeting tips

NICOLE FINEO ♦ AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As if trying to make it at 20-something isn't challenging already, our economy is in a dangerous position and the majority of economists predict it will not improve anytime soon.

"I'm not going to sugarcoat this — times are really tough right now and there's great uncertainty," "Rich by Thirty" author Lesley Scorgie explains.

"There is hope," she adds, "markets are cyclical, they go up and down and times like this have happened before."

Strive for wealth; it will give you freedom and a sense of stability even in our challenging economy.

Create a budget: Financial experts agree that before cutting costs and clipping coupons, it is crucial to first track where exactly every cent is going. Spend a good week or two and write down every single expense — \$3.74 for a latte, \$8.50 for lunch, etc.

Keep track of daily expenses, whether you jot down all expenses in a notebook or simply hang on to every receipt. "Living Rich for Less" author Ellie Kay says that a budget will ultimately be a road map for finding a cheaper, smarter way to do everything.

Out of the red, into the Green: While times are tough, it is still crucial to tackle all of the credit card debt you can. For example, if you're carrying a \$10,000 balance on a credit card with 11 percent interest, which is a pretty average rate,

you're paying at least \$1,000 in interest annually. It is possible to focus on small, consistent payments with a reduced interest rate.

With a lower APR and consistent payments, creditors will appreciate that you are "diligently working to pay above the minimum," Scorgie explains.

Entertain yourself: Really, Kay says if you do not "budget for fun," your budget is bound to fail. Start by allotting a certain amount and keeping

that in cash in your wallet. This will give you an excellent visual to see just how fast a \$3.79 latte will add up.

Also, when dining out, visit restaurant.com, which will give regional specials. Recently Kay found a \$25 gift certificate to her favorite pizza place on there — for \$2.

Another suggestion is to monitor travelzoo.com, which will give you amazing deals — like an \$899 cruise Kay went on with her husband. She paid \$199 and insists this was no "bait and switch" and almost all of the other passengers onboard paid the full price.

Go green, save green: Make a few small tweaks in your daily routine that are not only good for the budget but equally awesome for sustainability. You can easily lower your utility bill in two simple

ways. First, Scorgie suggests only washing clothes in cold water. Another plus: Cold water is better for maintaining fabric.

Second, properly seal your doors and windows to keep cool air in and humidity out. Doors and windows can have a copious flow of air where even the slightest gaps exist.

Shop, but online: The 20-something set shops online more than any other demographic, according to Kay. Continue to purchase electronics and other items online and "layer the savings," Kay explains. First, go to a Shopping Robot online — such as FatWallet.

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Then, add free shipping or other incentives to your order from that seller by going to couponcabin.com or dealhunting.com, which will provide promo codes used at your checkout. Now that you have the lowest price with free shipping, Kay recommends you go to ebates.com and access thousands of rebates offered that many shoppers don't know about!

Speak Up In-Store: No matter how tough times get, women are still shopping, explains Mary Hall, The Recessionista blogger. "And never pay retail prices, ever," Hall commands.

If you loathe online shopping and find pleasure in perusing racks of clothing amidst screaming children in shopping malls, ask and you shall receive, Scorgie, author of "Rich by Thirty," explains.

At the Nordstrom flagship store, Scorgie described eyeing a \$450 Coach bag. Interested in it, she asked the sales associate what is on sale and if the coveted bag would ever be. "She told me to come back the next day, and there it was, \$175." In this tough economy, retailers predict they will continue to slash prices and hold sales, so speak up and shop on.

The Web is a Wonderland: Hall admired a \$500 crochet Jovavivch Hawk dress for almost a year at Fred Segal in L.A. Her patience finally paid off when she purchased the coveted dress for \$50. So maybe you do not have a year to wait — Hall still says using web sites like Bluefly.com, where you find the \$565 Gucci Powder Patent Leather Crest Pumps listed for \$452.

Also, sign up for Google alerts to get updates on your favorite designers and sales. Additionally, a quick Google search for the store or designer name and the word "coupon" can turn up wonders, "The Budgeting Babe" blogger Dianna Baros explains. Both bloggers agree that eBay is a great resource, but they also recommend monitoring blogs like theirs where they are constantly updating sale information and offering coupons for readers.

Scion appeals to young, hip

DAVID LOW
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■ An open letter to advertisers of Scion automobiles

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                                                         | <b>DOWN</b>                        | 32 Tenet's CIA successor  | 51 "Dallas" name                |
| 1 Late-night name                                                                     | 1 Scold                            | 33 French states          | 52 Antisocial elephant          |
| 4 Sharp-witted                                                                        | 2 Billiards player's consideration | 34 "When pigs fly!"       | 53 Slow mollusk                 |
| 9 O. Henry's "The Gift of the ___"                                                    | 3 Streisand title role             | 38 Donate, in Dundee      | 55 ___ Khan                     |
| 13 Prop extension?                                                                    | 4 Tennis great who retired in 2006 | 39 Club appearance        | 56 Level                        |
| 14 Taunts                                                                             | 5 Prefix with hertz                | 42 Overlooks connector    | 57 Tegucigalpa's country: Abbr. |
| 15 Key that often sounds gloomy                                                       | 6 Alpine goat                      | 44 Logician's connector   | 58 Comical bit                  |
| 16 Windy City superstation                                                            | 7 Sportscaster Berman              | 46 Nape growth identifier | 59 Summer in the city           |
| 17 Toxic defoliant used in Vietnam                                                    | 8 More than -er?                   | 47 Livestock identifier   | 60 Ordinal suffix               |
| 19 Charlie Parker's instrument                                                        | 9 Address to a pal, in Pamplona    |                           | 61 Meadow                       |
| 21 Novel type                                                                         | 10 "Archie Bunker's Place" costar  |                           |                                 |
| 22 Sings, so to speak                                                                 | 11 Satanic nation in Revelation    |                           |                                 |
| 23 Philosopher ___-tzu                                                                | 12 Anger                           |                           |                                 |
| 25 "As I see it," in e-mail                                                           | 15 Hosp. scanner                   |                           |                                 |
| 27 1930s Fred Astaire partner                                                         | 18 Skunk's defense                 |                           |                                 |
| 32 Rowlands of "Another Woman"                                                        | 20 '70s Olympics name              |                           |                                 |
| 35 Place for a stud                                                                   | 23 Matt of "Joey"                  |                           |                                 |
| 36 Tribute with a wink                                                                | 24 Anatomical ring                 |                           |                                 |
| 37 Siouan speaker                                                                     | 26 "Mr. Triple Axel" Brian         |                           |                                 |
| 38 Study of rock groups?                                                              | 28 Marlins' div.                   |                           |                                 |
| 40 Old touring car                                                                    | 29 Skilled in 30 Access ending     |                           |                                 |
| 41 2005 horror sequel                                                                 | 31 End                             |                           |                                 |
| 43 Artist who worked on Hitchcock's "Spellbound"                                      |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 44 O.K. Corral name                                                                   |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 45 Show runner                                                                        |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 48 Certain, for sure: Abbr.                                                           |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 49 LAX tower gp.                                                                      |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 50 Golden ___                                                                         |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 54 Actress Cusack                                                                     |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 56 Don hastily                                                                        |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 58 "Adam Bede" novelist                                                               |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 62 Red-and-white supermarket logo                                                     |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 63 Perplexed                                                                          |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 64 "Lovergirl" vocalist ___ Marie                                                     |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 65 Rapa ___: Easter Island                                                            |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 66 Yegg's thousands                                                                   |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 67 Letter appearing only in down answers; its opposite appears only in across answers |                                    |                           |                                 |
| 68 Glue is one                                                                        |                                    |                           |                                 |

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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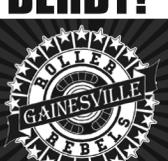
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# A FAMILY AFFAIR

## Father guides son's path toward college golf success

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**  
Alligator Writer

After Tyson Alexander beat his dad for the first time, he rushed inside the house and turned the monkey.

"I turned the monkey around, and that was all that was said," Tyson recalled with a smile on his face.

That solidified his name in the family tradition.

The ceramic monkey, which was originally a birthday present to his grandfather, Skip, acts as the family trophy.

It is shared among Tyson, his grandfather and his father, UF men's golf coach Buddy Alexander.

The one-foot-tall ceramic monkey sits on a shelf. When Buddy wins, it faces the wall. When Tyson wins, it shows its face.

Along with the trophy, a love for the game of golf has been passed down the bloodline.

That love started with Skip, who played on two USA Ryder Cup teams.

Then it continued to Buddy, the 1986 U.S. Amateur champion.

Now it has reached Tyson, who has played in all but one of the UF men's golf team's tournaments this season.

### Who's Your Caddy?

Although golf ran deep in Tyson's blood, it wasn't always the only sport he focused on.

He split his time between basketball and golf in his freshman and sophomore years at Gainesville's Buchholz High before he abruptly decided to leave the basketball team. Tyson decided to use his junior year as a break from basketball in order to focus on golf.

The break was a short one.

He took a basketball class as a senior, which tempted him to return to the team.

When the Buchholz basketball coach noticed Tyson's eagerness to return to the hardwood, he asked Buddy if Tyson could make a return to the team.

Despite Buddy's preference for golf, he allowed his son to make the decision.

After much deliberation between the two, Tyson decided to juggle the two sports during his final year of high school.

"I don't regret it. It was really fun," he said. "I like being on a team. Sometimes in a golf tournament you miss that."

But in the end, Buddy knew basketball was not in his son's future.

"He loved both sports, and I think early on he understood that he was not going to be a college basketball player, but that he did have a chance to be a pretty decent golfer," Buddy said.

As a two-sport athlete in high school, Tyson built a hard-headed, can-do-no-wrong attitude as one of the big men on the Buchholz campus.

The U.S. Amateur Championship was evidence of that.

Tyson qualified for the prestigious tournament as a high school junior, one of the few events where he was allowed to have a caddy.

He knew his father would assume that role from the start.

In the second round of the tournament, Tyson shot two bogeys on the 10th and 11th holes, putting him in the dispiriting position of not qualifying for match play.

Already bitter from the previous two holes, he discussed his club selection with his caddy on the 12th hole.

After the talk, he took his father's advice

and used the lesser club.

As Tyson started his motion and cocked back to hit the ball, his father watched.

The golf club met the ball, but not with enough force. The ball fell short into the bunker, sparking an argument between the two.

"Nice club," Tyson said sarcastically.

Bothered by his son's lack of accountability, Buddy fired back.

"You hit that ball a little bit fat, and if you can't be accountable, then I'm not going to caddy for you," Buddy said. "Do you want to carry your own bag?"

Tyson accepted the offer and finished the round by himself.

After being fired by his son, Buddy refused to follow him, opting to check out some of his recruiting prospects.

Once the round was over, Tyson avoided his dad's reaction to the incident and went back to the hotel with his mother.

The next morning at breakfast, Buddy approached his son to talk about the previous day's events.

Their conversation was short. Before his father could even begin, Tyson admitted he was wrong.

"I hit it fat," he said.

With that four-word sentence, the hard-headed kid who could do no wrong learned how to accept defeat.

Since then, Buddy has attempted to caddy for his son a few more times with more successful results.

### Homeward Bound

While most high school seniors look forward to escaping their parents, Tyson never even considered leaving home.

He didn't have to, either.

In his junior year of high school, he participated in the Junior Heritage tourna-

ment as an unranked golfer.

Despite Tyson's position as an underdog, he finished in the middle of the pack in a tournament composed of top-ranked players.

These results didn't surprise Buddy, who expected this from his son.

On the drive home from Tyson's impressive performance, Buddy brought up a subject they had avoided so far: college.

"I'm going to have about four or five days where I can take you to take a look at some colleges," Buddy said to Tyson. "I've talked to those coaches about you, and they seem to be interested in having you on their teams, if you want to get out of Gainesville."

In high school, Tyson received letters of interest from various colleges, including Alabama and Tennessee, but he never took an official visit to any school.

"I think that would be a waste of time," Tyson replied.

With that, Buddy had successfully recruited his son. Because Tyson had been around the UF golf program for most of his life, he knew what to expect from his father as soon as he chose to attend.

Even his mother, Jane, never questioned where her son would end up for college.

"Deep down in his mind, he knew that Florida and learning from his dad was where he wanted to be," Jane said. "I think it was always Florida."

After reflecting on the recruitment of his son, Buddy realized he didn't have to officially offer Tyson a spot to sway him to stay in Gainesville. He considers his son the easiest recruit he ever influenced to commit.

While the father-and-son connection might have helped Tyson land at UF, it hasn't helped him since he arrived.

If he didn't call his coach "Dad," no one

would be able to tell they were related.

Now finishing up his third year at UF under his father, Tyson said he has never been given any preferential treatment.

Tyson might not admit that Buddy is harder on him than the rest of the golfers on the team, but he will confess that his father isn't easier on him.

His teammate and roommate, Will Strickler, agreed.

"I don't see any favoritism anywhere," Strickler said. "He probably treats him a little tougher, if anything."

While Buddy admits he is a lot more critical of his son than the rest of the team, he doesn't believe it bothers Tyson.

"I can needle with him a little differently, and I know he's going to get it," Buddy said. "That's just a normal father-and-son thing."

### Looking Toward the Future

As Tyson works toward a successful future in golf, he says he will carry the past with him.

"I remember growing up, I would always follow my dad around in the Gator Invitational and always want to play in it," he said. "I remember thinking to myself that I could play in this tournament one day, and it's pretty cool that it has come true."

As for the monkey, it is still facing outward, a sign that it's Tyson's turn to continue the family's dominance on the golf course.

At 56 years old, Buddy admits it is only getting harder to contend for the statue.

"It's getting a little tougher for me," Buddy said. "He is getting better, and I'm getting older."

Tyson agreed with his father.

"I'm always going to have it," Tyson said with a smile on his face.

After hearing such assured remarks from his son, Buddy was quick to retract his earlier statement. The Alexander competitiveness prevailed.

"We'll have to see about that," Buddy said.



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UF junior golfer Tyson Alexander came to Gainesville with his father, Buddy, as the coach. The family's history with the sport and a natural father-son competitiveness has brought out the best in Tyson.

## UF GYMNASTICS

## Short-handed Gators ready for NCAA Championships

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**  
Alligator Writer

Nothing to lose. It's cliché.

But in the case of the UF gymnastics team, it's the honest-to-goodness truth.

With only eight healthy gymnasts, the team has already cemented itself as one of the top 12 in the country, having advanced to the NCAA Championships, which start today at 2 p.m. in Lincoln, Neb.

"You wait all year for it, and when it finally comes it's like, 'Wow, I can't believe it's already here,'" junior Courtney Gladys said.

The Gators, competing in Session 1 against No. 1 Georgia, No. 5 LSU, No. 8 Oklahoma, No. 9 Stanford and No. 12 Penn State, will hope to carry their momentum and finish as one of the top three teams in their session.

If that happens, they advance to the Super Six, where they have a shot to become the national champs.

The team drew floor exercise first for Thursday, following the same routine as in the NCAA Regional Championships on

April 4.

"Whatever (event) we start on, it's fine," junior Maranda Smith said. "You're going to have to do them all anyway."

UF lost to Georgia both times this season, once in Athens, Ga., and again at the Southeastern Conference Championships. While the Gators dropped their meet at LSU, they topped the Tigers at the SEC Championships. UF beat Oklahoma to open the season, fresh on the heels of the other Gators win against the Sooners this year — the BCS National Championship Game.

While other schools may be feeling the heat of the national spotlight, members of the UF gymnastics team insist they're just having fun.

After all, the team is only eight deep. Who can take a team with eight gymnasts seriously?

"We know we're limited," senior Corey Hartung said. "But I think that has helped us tremendously, just pulling together more and fighting more for every routine. We peaked at the right time."

Hartung pointed out that the Gators, who had only seven healthy gymnasts at the time, were — from the team's standpoint — overlooked at the SEC Championships.

"You wait all year for it, and when it finally comes it's like, 'Wow, I can't believe it's already here.'"

**Courtney Gladys**  
UF junior gymnast

The conference has five teams at the NCAA Championships, including defending champion Georgia, and it's hard to argue the SEC is not the toughest conference in gymnastics.

Still, the Gators managed a third-place finish. And then, with eight gymnasts, the team corralled a win in the NCAA North Central Regionals, perhaps pitied by other teams because of its injury plight.

"Just hearing that is awful," Hartung said. "It feels good to prove people wrong."

UF coach Rhonda Faehn believes her team is ready mentally and physically to compete in similar fashion as the last two meets. She credited the competition at the SEC Championships and NCAA Regional with preparing UF for the national championship.

"They have gone out and done above and beyond at SECs and regionals," Faehn said. "I know they're going to go out there and do the exact same thing at nationals and have a blast."

Smith, who is eyeing her first All-America title and hopes to be an All-American on all-around, vault, uneven bars and floor, said the team has proven itself during the last month and that even with the team's third- and first-place finishes, respectively, there is room for improvement.

The grim reality, though, is that the Gators can only field eight gymnasts. But there is a slight positive to be found in that.

"We haven't put the extreme pressure (on ourselves) that we have in the years past," Gladys said. "It's certainly helped us to our advantage this year."

## Wilks likely out for season after suffering torn ACL

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By **MIKE McCALL**  
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UF fullback Steven Wilks will likely miss the 2009 season after suffering a torn ACL.

"He'll have surgery in about two weeks," coach Urban Meyer said.

"It's a shame because he's do-

ing great. We maybe still hope he can play next year a little bit, and then he has two years left after that. He's one of the most improved guys on the team."

Two weeks ago, Meyer was complaining about the poor performance of his fullbacks, Wilks and T.J. Pridemore. But his tone completely changed soon after. He has since praised them and their importance in the I-formation, which the Gators began experimenting with this spring.

**NELSON TAKES ON COACH-LIKE ROLE:** Receiver David Nelson is

finding the positives in the ankle injury that has kept him sidelined during spring practice.

Nelson, a fifth-year senior, will be counted on to lead the Gators' inexperienced receiving corps next season, and his time off has allowed him to be more of a coach for the other wideouts.

"I can take a step back and see everything going on at

once," Nelson said. "I'm trying to be more of a vocal leader and give everyone my thoughts on the plays and routes. I've been around the block, and I've seen everything and know everything about the offense."

Nelson said the different perspective has helped him develop as well, as he's able to observe the offense's plays and defense's reactions more closely.

**BROWN DRAWS PRAISE AT CORNER:** Last spring, cornerback Jeremy Brown looked poised for playing time as a freshman be-

fore a back injury held him out of the 2008 season. This year, he has picked up where he left off.

"Oh, man. I'm just telling you, don't sleep on him," Meyer said.

"He was ahead of Janoris Jenkins before he got hurt (last fall). Just think about that for a minute."

To see regular playing time, Brown will either have to supplant starters Jenkins and Joe Haden or beat out Wondy Pierre-Louis and Adrian Bushell for the third corner spot when Jenkins plays at nickelback.



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By **KYLE MAISTRI**  
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Two Pigotts were better than one for the Gators on Wednesday night.

Freshman Daniel Pigott (20 starts this season) has seen the bulk of the two brothers' playing time, but junior Jonathan Pigott (six starts) got in on the action as UF defeated Stetson 15-4 in McKethan Stadium.

"I like playing with my brother, and it was good for both of us to play well," Jonathan said.

Jonathan went 3 for 6 with two RBIs and a run, including a triple to center field in the sixth inning. He got the start in place of Avery Barnes, who was given the day off after colliding with FSU pitcher Tyler Everett in Tuesday's win. Jonathan took advantage of his opportunity in the field as well, making the play of the game defensively when he took a double away from Stetson left fielder Frank Florio.

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and were in position to take the lead when Florio ripped a Justin Poovey offering down the left-field line. Jonathan tracked the ball down on a full sprint and laid out to make a full-extension diving catch, preventing the Gators from falling behind.

"It certainly puts us in a much more difficult situation (if Jonathan doesn't make the catch), because both runners score there and they take the lead and who knows?" UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "The momentum shifts now, and now we're playing from behind, and who knows? It certainly kept the momentum on our end."

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### UF SOFTBALL

## Walton tossed in Gators' win

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With all his team has accomplished in the last two seasons, it's hard to imagine UF coach Tim Walton could do something that hasn't been done in that span.

But he did just that Wednesday night: He was thrown out of the game.

In the sixth inning, Walton disputed a call with third-base umpire Diane Kendall after pinch runner Le-Net Franklin ran into Central Florida shortstop Tiffany Lane while heading to third and was called out.

Clearly frustrated with the ruling and hoping for an interference call on Lane, Walton threw his hat on the ground, and Kendall threw Walton off the field, drawing cheers and applause from the crowd.

"I was going to get thrown out, there's no question about it," Walton said.

"That's why I argued it. You just get to the point where you've got to defend your players. I wanted to make my point and let

my players know that I had their backs."

Whether he intended it or not, Walton's ejection fired his team up. In the next at-bat, right fielder Alicia Sisco stepped up to the plate and singled, driving in pinch runner Lauren Heil.

That was all the No. 1 Gators (43-3) needed, as they beat the Knights (21-23) 3-0 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

Sisco said the crowd's reaction to her coach's exit pumped her up, and that helped her add to the Gators' 2-run lead at the time.

"Alicia Sisco responded for me, and that's what you hope for," Walton said. "Whether it's a tight game or a blowout, as the head coach, you've got to defend your players.

"I don't allow my players to talk back to umpires, so I've got to go to battle for them."

Stephanie Brombacher (18-0, 0.91 ERA) got the win for UF, striking out 10 batters while giving up just three hits.

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## O'Sullivan right man for job

Let's be honest. The UF baseball team isn't a national contender, and Kevin O'Sullivan hasn't turned it into a powerhouse overnight. He's not a miracle worker.

And there's absolutely nothing wrong with that. That's because O'Sullivan has done exactly what has been expected of him. When he was hired a little more than two years ago, he was one of the brightest pitching minds in college baseball. Now Gainesville is seeing why.

The Gators' second-year coach has taken a group of seven freshman pitchers and showed how quickly he can develop talent.

On Tuesday night, O'Sullivan put the ball in the hands of freshman righty Greg Larson, and he responded with 4 1/3 innings of scoreless baseball. UF has three freshmen — Nick Maronde, Alex Panteliodis and Anthony DeSclafani — who are



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regular contributors, and the highest ERA of any of them is 4.19 (Maronde). Panteliodis and DeSclafani are sub-4.00 and have eaten up significant in-

nings. Larson has a ridiculous 0.89 ERA in 16 appearances as one of the Gators' most reliable relievers. Freshman pitchers can't do this unless they have a coach who shows them how to.

Yes, Maronde was one of the highest-rated prep pitchers out there. That's why he and DeSclafani were taken in the MLB Draft and could be playing minor-league ball right now. Still, they're finding ways to get qual-

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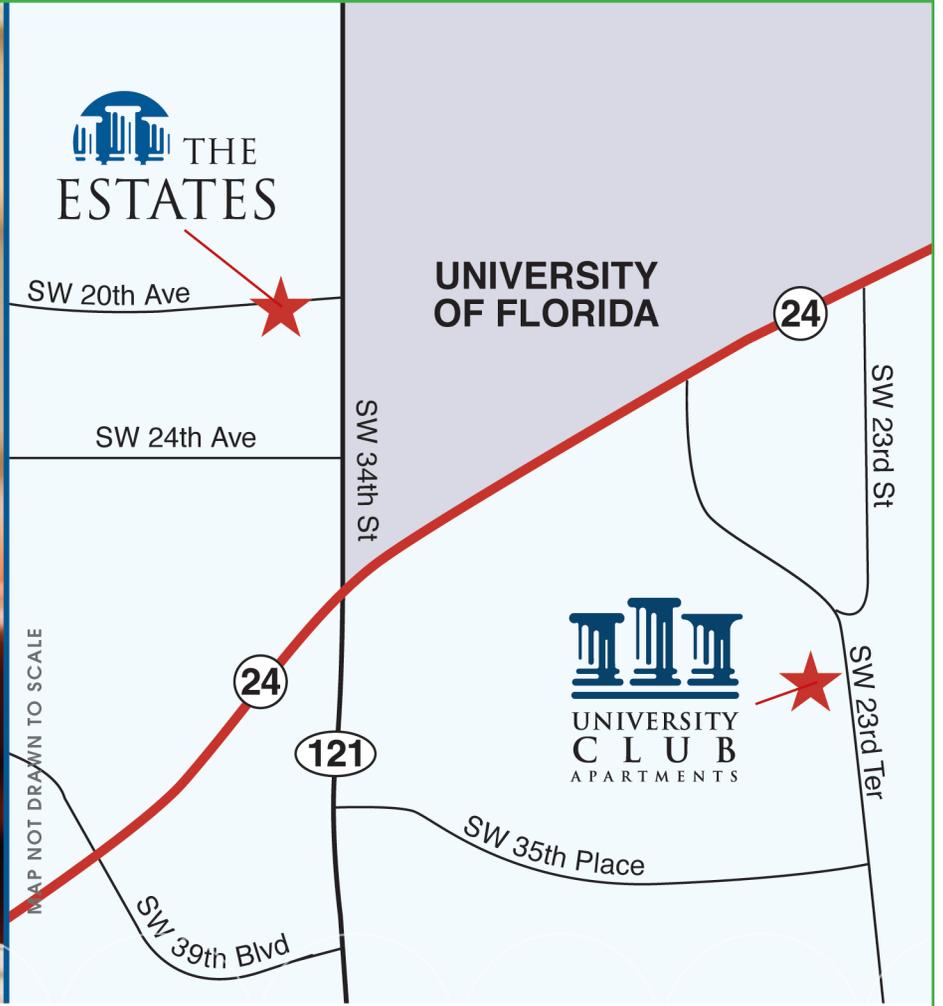
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### POLL QUESTION

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**Previous question:** Which summer sport are you most likely to watch? (see right for results)

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ity hitters out in college baseball, and they may be doing it in bigger venues than some minor-league parks. They've improved, and that doesn't happen without coaches knowing how to play the right mental cards with their players, especially in baseball.

"I tend to be a little bit harder on (freshmen)," O'Sullivan said. "I want them to understand the value of an out. The value of hitting spots. Making good pitches early in the count. Making good pitches late in the count. Getting the leadoff hitter. You tend to coach those guys a lot more. I've always been that way. Once they figure it out, you leave them alone."

The highest ERA (9.00) on the team belongs to Chas Spottswood, and he has only thrown five innings all year. Other than that, there's a sprinkling of sub-3.00 and sub-4.00 ERAs across the roster.

The Gators' 25-12 record shows this team has potential to win a regional for the first time in four years.

Even if UF does make it that far, it doesn't matter as much as what's going on in the living rooms of high school players across America when O'Sullivan walks in. If he continues to sign and develop pitchers the way he is now, a consistent baseball program has arrived in Gainesville.

And inconsistency was exactly why Pat McMahon was fired. That's why you 86 a coach just two years after making the College World Series: You know he can't do it year in and year out.

If O'Sullivan can keep getting this caliber of pitching, he won't struggle to do that.

That's why O'Sullivan has proven he's the right man for the job.

And that's why the rest of the Southeastern Conference's hitters should not look forward to playing at McKethan Stadium for a long, long time.

**Keating's struggles continue against Hatters**

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Bohne over the left-field bleachers to cap the two-inning offensive explosion.

The Gators are now averaging over 12 runs per game in their last eight contests.

"As long as we get contributions from everybody from top to bottom, your offense never goes in the tank," O'Sullivan said.

For the second straight game, UF used a 3-run home run to jump on its opponent in the first inning. Preston Tucker took Stetson starter Jake Hitchcock deep to right for his fourth consecutive home run in a game at home — he hit three in a row in the late innings against Central Florida on April 8.

Senior Patrick Keating (2-3, 6.39 ERA) got the start for the Gators and struggled yet again on the

mound. He gave up nine hits over his 3 1/3 innings of work and was pulled in favor of Poovey during the Hatters' rally in the fourth inning.

O'Sullivan said he plans to stick with Keating in the midweek games.



Keating

"He's going to keep going out there and keep starting games," O'Sullivan said. "I say it every week and I'll say it until the season's over, I think he's going to figure it out."

The teams recorded a combined 31 hits and used 12 pitchers over the 8 1/2 innings of play. Freshman Alex Panteliodis (3-4, 3.76 ERA) was especially effective for UF in his 1 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and picking up the win.

**Lineup without seniors gives glimpse of next year**

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Brombacher said she and senior pitcher Stacey Nelson are capable of winning games when the Gators' bats aren't hot.

"As long as we can go out there and put a few runs up on the board, me and Stacey are going to hold them," Brombacher said. "Three runs is plenty for us."

The undefeated sophomore pitcher said the game provided a chance to see what the team might look like next season when

Gardiner, Nelson and the rest of the seniors will no longer be with the team.

There were no seniors behind Brombacher in the field Wednesday night.



Softball

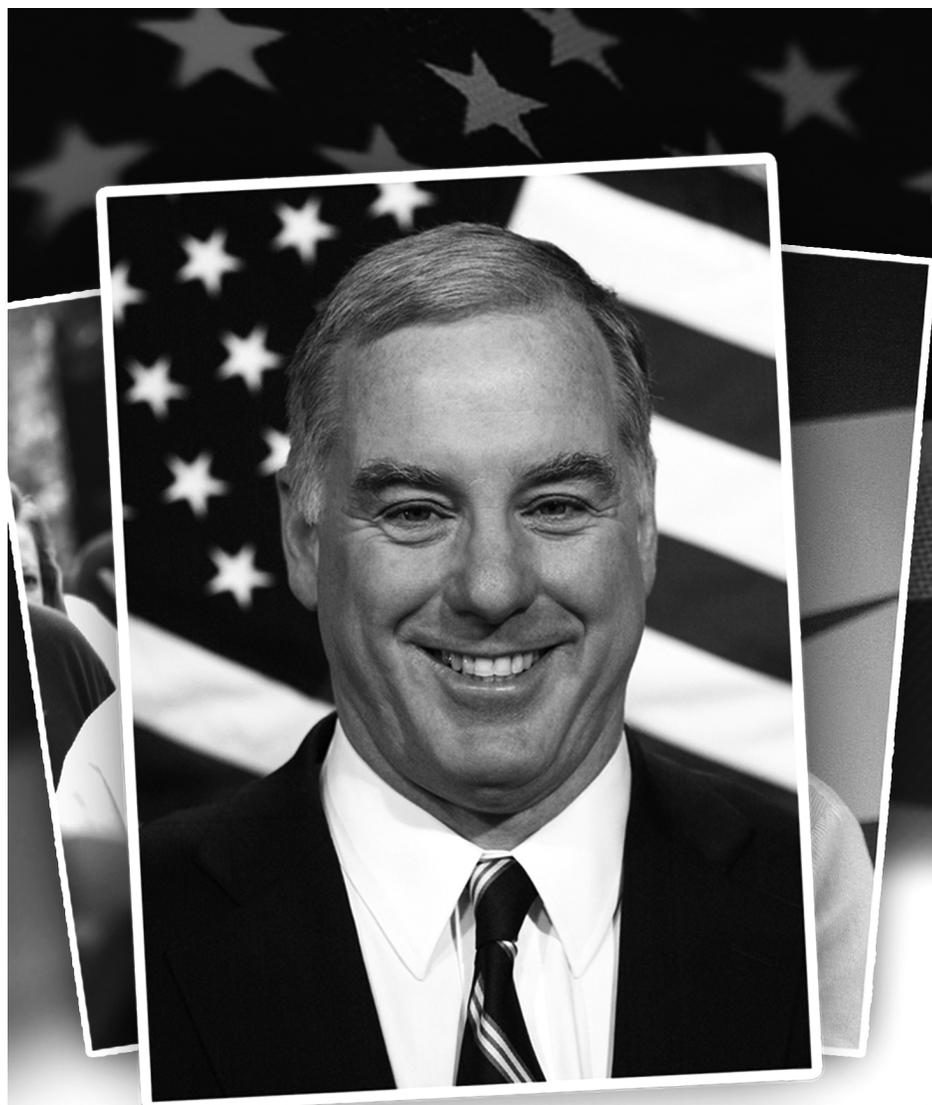
The only senior who saw time on defense or at the plate was Ali Gardiner, who moved from her usual position at first base to designated hitter.

"Getting playing experience in different positions and seeing what we will look like next year

is good for us and for everyone to see that next year we're still going to be around," Brombacher said.

With the victory, the Gators have now defeated all six in-state opponents they have faced. UF beat FSU, Florida International, South Florida, Florida Atlantic and Jacksonville earlier this season.

"We've got to beat the teams in-state because they're the regional teams," Walton said, adding that defeating teams in Florida also helps his recruiting efforts.



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# Healthy, deep safety unit ready for 2009 season

■ THE POSITION HAS BECOME A STRENGTH FOR UF.

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Eight months ago, safeties coach Chuck Heater sat in his chair on a raised platform at UF's preseason Media Day and tried to explain why the 2008 season would be different, how a secondary that gave up 373 passing yards to Michigan in the 2008 Capital One Bowl could possibly be any better after entering fall two-a-days with three scholarship players at safety.

The trio consisted of one returning starter (Major Wright), one converted cornerback (Ahmad Black) and an incoming freshman who just arrived on campus (Will Hill).

"I don't listen to the radio shows. I don't read the newspapers," Heater said at Media Day regarding his critics. "I work for (coach) Urban Meyer."

Meyer should have little criticism

for Heater this spring.

Rarely does a position go from being a weakness to earning praise on SportsCenter, but that is exactly what happened with the UF safeties. And during a spring where it seems starters get injured each day, the safeties have remained completely intact.

Wright and Black return as starters after anchoring a Gators secondary that intercepted 26 passes, tops in the Southeastern Conference. Hill will look to find even more playing time after stellar performances in spot situations in 2008, when he mostly saw action in the team's nickel defense as well as on special teams. Rising redshirt senior Dorian Munroe is back after watching last season from the sidelines due to a summer ACL tear, and Scout.com four-star recruit Dee Finley is finally in Gainesville, albeit a year later than expected.

"Well, it's the first time we've had depth," Heater said. "Of course, I had a bunch of safeties going into last spring, and two months later they were all gone."

Attrition depleted Heater's stock of safeties when Jamar Hornsby was kicked off the team for his legal issues, Jeremy Finch decided to transfer to Indiana, and penciled-in starter Munroe went down with his injury prior to two-a-days.

Black turned out to be the surprise of the season and started all 14 games at safety. Over the course of the season, the 5-foot-9, 185-pounder intercepted seven passes, including his highlight-reel ripaway from Juaquin Iglesias with less than 10 minutes left in the National Championship Game.



Heater

This, of course, was after Black tipped a pass and Wright intercepted it near the goal line right before halftime, which also followed Wright laying out Manuel Johnson during an attempted catch in the first quarter.

"The way I look at it, we've got four starters at safety," Meyer said. "Dorian was a starter. Will Hill basi-

cally is a starter, and then you've got the two guys who did start."

It will be interesting to see how the battle for the season opener's two starting spots on Sept. 5 pans out. The rotation will be there, but so far this spring, Heater hasn't tipped his hand too much, giving all five guys some reps with the first-squad defense. While Wright and Black, an All-SEC second teamer, stood out last year, Munroe is back and gunning for a starting job.

Hill has been working out exclusively at safety this spring after Janoris Jenkins shifted to the third corner in the nickel defense, and Finley is quickly learning the ropes due to his high "football quotient," according to Heater. Meyer said Finley may be the first player he's recruited who went through a prep academy.

"They realize that type of situation should make them a better football player," Heater said of the close competition. "It doesn't allow them to relax for a moment, both mentally or physically."

So far, the returns are quite promising. In a goal-line scrim-

mage earlier this spring, the first two possessions ended in interceptions by safeties: Black picked off Tim Tebow, and Hill grabbed a John Brantley pass.

Black said there is a noticeable swagger this season stretching from the safeties to the corners to the line, which is to be expected with UF returning its top 22 defensive players from last season.

But no matter the talent level, no more than two or three safeties will be playing at the same time in fall.

"Ultimately, someday, someone is going to be on the field and someone is going to be watching, and you gotta really manage that," Heater acknowledged. "My conversation with them is, 'Earn the right to play. Be a good enough football player for us to win a championship. It's my job then to make sure you get on the football field.'"

No matter what the rotation, someone will likely take fault with Heater's choice.

Good thing he doesn't read the papers, then. They've been wrong before.

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