



# UF rises two spots in university rankings

## Change occurred despite budget cuts

By **CAROLYN TILLO**  
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UF climbed two spots in both the national and public school standings in the U.S. News & World Report 2010 rankings.

UF moved from 17th to 15th on the U.S. News & World Re-

port's 2010 Top Public National Universities ranking and from 49th to 47th in the National Universities ranking.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said UF improved its average freshmen retention rate, student-faculty ratio and acceptance rate.

"Given all the budget con-

straints we had, a lot of people thought we would fall this year," Orlando said.

### UF Academics

Jordan Johnson, UF's Student Body president, said UF's rise was due in part to the UF community's decision to face the chal-

lenge of budget cuts head-on.

"We really came together, and we made compromises that were in the best interest of the university in moving forward," Johnson said. "We have to keep preaching the idea that, look, we're going to make it through this, we're going to make it out better than we came in, and the education at UF will not compromise to a bad economy."

Despite this optimism, UF's performance slipped in some areas of the ranking assessment, including expected graduation rate, financial resources rank and the number of freshmen from the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

Bob Morse, the director of data research at U.S. News & World

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### Sprinting New Sisters

New sorority members race across Norman field to their sorority houses after receiving their bids Sunday afternoon. Spectators crowded the Norman Parking Garage and the fences around the field to see the newest members of the UF Greek community.



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## Help given on first day

■ THE ASK ME CAMPAIGN KICKED OFF SUNDAY AND ENDS TUESDAY.

By **HILARY SHEINBAUM**  
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If tuition included a personal tour guide, navigating a new school would be simple. Fortunately, new Gators can benefit from the next best thing.

The ninth annual UF Ask Me campaign kicked off Sunday and will continue through Tuesday.

The campaign, sponsored by the UF divisions of Business Affairs, Student Affairs and Human Resources, offers help at residence halls during check-in and other campus locations to help make the first days on campus less confusing for new students.

"Navigating the bus schedule and routes was a daunting task," said journalism freshman Sara Solano. "A figure to answer questions like that for new students, such as my-

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### ON CAMPUS

## New students come together in welcoming ceremony

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A pedestrian on UF's Stadium Road Friday afternoon may have mistaken the swarm of freshmen for a new military branch.

But instead of Army fatigues, most of them sported flip-flops and shorts.

About 6,000 new Gators gathered in the O'Connell Center for New Student Convocation and Navigating the Swamp, an event that hasn't been held in years and has never been held for the entire incoming class, according to Dean of Students Office spokeswoman Ann Ho Becks.

The event, which lasted about three hours, featured speeches from UF President Bernie

Machen and Luis Alberto Urrea, author of the current Common Reading Program book, "The Devil's Highway."

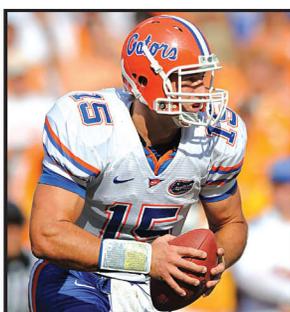
The morning kicked off with the convocation portion, during which students took part in a pinning ceremony to symbolize their welcoming into the university. Freshman business major Sophie Perez was pinned on stage, and the rest of the students pinned those around

them.

After the convocation, the mass broke into groups by college for about two hours, and faculty led discussions on the Common Reading Program book and on how to succeed in different programs.

According to Becks, the event received positive feedback, and UF plans to continue the event in the future.

■ Last season's loss to Ole Miss has fueled UF quarterback Tim Tebow (right) as he continues his assault on the record books. Another Heisman or BCS title would cement his legacy. See Story, Page 41.



### Hurricane Bill blamed in deaths in Maine, Fla.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A large wave fueled by Hurricane Bill swept a group of surf-watchers into the sea at a Maine park Sunday, including a 7-year-old girl who died after the Coast Guard pulled her from the waters.

The girl, her father and a 12-year-old girl who were all visiting Acadia National Park were plucked from the water by rescuers. The man and the 12-year-old were hospitalized.

The three were part of an afternoon crowd of thousands who lined the national park's

rocky shoreline to watch the high surf and crashing waves, which were "absolutely the effects of Hurricane Bill" coupled with the effect of high tide, park ranger Sonya Berger said.

The hurricane was also blamed for the death of a 54-year-old swimmer Saturday in Florida. Volusia County Beach Patrol Capt. Scott Petersohn said Angel Rosa of Orlando washed ashore unconscious near rough waves fueled by Bill at New Smyrna Beach. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

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## AROUND GAINESVILLE

## Students weigh benefits of buying books online

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Cheap or easy — when it comes to buying textbooks, you usually can't have both.

Students have to weigh the convenience of buying locally against deals available online.

Scott Laming, public relations coordinator for abebooks.com, said buying textbooks online is usually cheaper because online vendors cater to a national market. The greater customer base allows vendors to purchase their supplies of books in bulk, often at discount prices.

"Smaller local bookstores just don't have the same buying power

and can't get the same prices that we do," Laming said.

In addition, online vendors do not have to pay to operate a storefront, keeping prices low.

But Laming said students who need a book immediately usually buy it locally rather than waiting or paying to expedite shipping.

Also, if a professor makes any last-minute changes to the syllabus, students who purchased online are stuck with a book they no longer need. Buying locally makes returns and exchanges easier.

Buying from the UF Bookstore allows students with financial aid to defer textbook costs until financial aid is disbursed.

Peter Shekailo, a UF microbiolo-

gy senior, bought his textbooks from the UF Bookstore because of the convenience of the deferment program.

"I'm not supplying the money I'm using."

Peter Shekailo  
UF senior

"Here I can just slide my [Gator 1 Card]," he said.

Even though the books may be more expensive than buying them online, Shekailo said he doesn't mind because he is paying for books with scholarships.

"I'm not supplying the money I'm using," he said. If he went elsewhere, he would pay out of pocket

and wait to be reimbursed.

The UF Bookstore also offers digital copies of some textbooks at a lower price. Director Lynne Vaughan said a student can purchase a code that, when entered online, downloads the textbook to a computer. The code expires after 180 days and cannot be sold back.

The campus bookstore also hosts the UF Book Market on its Web site, allowing students to post classified ads to sell used books at a price they set. Buyers can search the listings and purchase directly from other students.

While buying used is generally cheaper, it's not always feasible.

Keith Cox, manager at Orange and Blue Textbooks, said some stu-

dents have to buy new books if their courses have an online component. This coursework is accessed with a code provided in new copies.

According to Vaughan, early shoppers tend to buy all the used books first, forcing others to buy new.

Brittany Hicks, a materials science and engineering freshman, purchased two calculus books from the UF Bookstore. She bought her other books online through amazon.com, but was unable to find the last two on the site.

The campus bookstore did not have used copies of the books she needed, so she bought them new.

"At that point I just wanted to have them," she said.

## Students room with RAs due to 104 percent capacity

■ SO FAR, 105 RAs HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A ROOMMATE.

By STEFANIA FERRO

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Zumaly Dixon snuggles in her dorm bed while on her laptop as a Harry Potter movie plays in the background.

Dixon is a resident assistant, but she isn't listening to the movie alone — freshman Victoria Brathwaite sits across from her RA in a temporary bed watching, too.

For the first time in at least 25 years, UF

RAs have assigned roommates as part of a housing overflow procedure, according to Sharon Blansett, assistant director of housing for research and organizational development. Previously, UF housed students in lounges or made off-campus living arrangements.

But at 104 percent capacity this year — the highest in UF history — more residents are being doubled or tripled to offset demand.

The new living arrangements are temporary, lasting for two to three weeks until some residents cancel their leases.

"It affects the [expectations] of the job, but I don't mind," said Dixon, a marketing sophomore.

Out of 183 UF RAs, 105 RAs have been assigned a roommate. Rawlings Hall RA Akeelah Ammons is one of the 78 RAs who continue to enjoy single rooms.

"It must be tough because you're not used to having a roommate," said Ammons, a fifth-year dietetics major. "I'm using my room as a refuge for them and the hall."

Prior to move-in, students were notified via e-mail about temporarily living with a resident assistant.

"I feel bad because [having your own room] is one of the perks of being an RA," said Brathwaite, a biology major.

Some students can only imagine what it would be like living with their hall RA.

"That's weird because if you go out partying or something your RA is watching your back," said Ansuya Deosaran, a freshman biology major. "I would rather have a triple than living with [an] RA."

Broward Hall RA Nabil Abazaid also has a freshman roommate in his dorm. He believes having a roommate may send the wrong message to others in his hall.

"It takes away the authority aspect of being an RA," said Abazaid, a sophomore health science major. "You want to be friendly enough to them but also have respect for the rules."

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## UF ADMINISTRATION

## UF denies discriminating against former law professor

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UF's lawyers have responded to claims of racial and sexual discrimination made in a lawsuit earlier this year by former associate professor of law Sherrie Russell-Brown.

In documents filed Aug. 7 and 10, UF denies it discriminated against her and asks the court to dismiss the case.

In her lawsuit, Russell-Brown, who is black, alleges UF fostered a hostile atmosphere that resulted in harassment by students and faculty and that the university ultimately forced her from her job.

In one instance, she alleges she was talking with a black student when a male colleague hit her from behind, pushing her into the classroom's whiteboard as class was about to start and students were taking their seats.

In another, she said a white male student in one of her classes sent her a threatening e-mail the day after the Virginia Tech killings. The e-mail stated there would be something waiting for her when she arrived at the classroom, leading her to cancel the last day of class, according to the lawsuit.

She that alleges faculty members

were told to avoid her and that UF forced her to leave in retaliation for submitting discrimination complaints.

Her lawsuit was first filed in Alachua County in February and then re-filed in New Jersey, where she lives, in May.

In its response to the lawsuit, UF states that if students or faculty avoided or harassed her it was done without its knowledge or approval. UF alleges Russell-Brown resigned willingly after she was told her contract would not be renewed.

In court documents, Bob Jerry, dean of the law school, stated the university wanted to let her go because she could not be relied on to teach her assigned classes.

Jerry asserted that Russell-Brown e-mailed him about a week before the start of classes in the fall of 2007 informing him that she had an "unexpected illness" and that she

couldn't teach the first week of class. Jerry asked her to report back to him in a few days to let him know if she would be able to fulfill her teaching obligations for the semester, UF's response alleges.

When she didn't report back and attempts to contact her failed, the law school reassigned her class, according to the response.

After a series of e-mails and phone calls, the law school offered her another class that would start in late September. She declined, stating there wasn't enough time left to properly teach the class. However, she offered to teach the class in the spring and proposed a class description that included four essays and no class meetings.

UF alleges that the law school found this unacceptable and yet she continued to try to avoid face-to-face teaching.

"Face-to-face teaching of stu-

dents was an essential function of Russell-Brown's position," Jerry stated in court documents.

The lawsuit notes that Russell-Brown was living in Plainfield, N.J., at the time. By the end of September, when Russell-Brown had still not met with the dean about her situation and had not turned in proper medical documentation to excuse her from work, Jerry stated the school decided not to renew her contract, which resulted in her resignation.

According to court documents, Russell-Brown put the school in a similar situation in 2005 when, a week before fall classes, she informed the law school she couldn't teach that semester because of a medical condition.

She was living in England at the time, working on a degree in public international law at the University of Oxford.

A medical form filed with UF in the fall of 2007 indicates she began experiencing irregular heartbeats and chest pain in 2005.

Russell-Brown resigned from UF effective Dec. 31, 2007. She received almost \$121,000 in compensation, totaling more than a year's worth of salary and health benefits.

She also agreed not to file any lawsuits or other complaints against UF for incidents that occurred before the contract was signed, which UF alleges should be grounds for dismissal of the suit.

Her lawsuit seeks monetary compensation and reinstatement at UF.

UF officials declined to comment, citing university policy that prevents them from talking about ongoing lawsuits.

On Aug. 11, a statement from the dean about diversity was posted on the law school's Web site.

"[T]he measure of an institution or a community is not the isolated acts of behavior of one or a few members of that community..." Jerry's statement reads. "Like any responsible institution, we investigate any incidents of alleged discrimination brought to our attention and, while every allegation is not true, if it is we respond appropriately," it said.

2005

Fall Russell-Brown informs UF she can't teach class due to a medical condition

2007

Fall Russell-Brown informs UF she can't teach due to an unexpected illness

Sept. UF decides not to renew Russell-Brown's contract

Dec. 31 Russell-Brown resigns

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

2009

Feb. Russell-Brown files lawsuit in Alachua County

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Aug. 7 and 10 UF asks court to dismiss case

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# UF may spend \$10K on repairs for broken bat house

■ IT WAS HOME TO ABOUT 200,000 BATS.

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After years of housing too many bats, part of UF's bat house collapsed Aug. 16.

As a result, UF could end up spending about \$10,000 on repairs, and the campus could see an influx of homeless bats taking up residence in the attics and crevices of its buildings, said Ken Glover, UF's pest management coordinator.

The house, located on Museum Road across from Lake Alice, was home to an estimated 200,000 bats that weighed in at nearly 1 ton, Glover said. The structure's roosting fins, a series of plywood boxes attached to the inside of the roof, fell to the ground, killing about 100 bats, he said.

"They just overloaded the roofing structure," he said. The rest of the bats had already left the house for the night to seek food, he said. No people were injured.

Glover recovered about 80 dead bats on Aug. 17 to be examined by the Florida Museum of Natural History at the museum's request.

It's not clear when it collapsed, but Glover said he was notified around 8:30 p.m.



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

Roosting fins from the UF bat house are piled on the ground after they fell from the structure on Aug. 16, killing nearly 100 bats and forcing another 100,000 to relocate.

He said the structure can still house about 100,000 bats. The partial collapse could renew talks of building a new bat house, Glover said.

The colony of bats has grown too large for the house in recent years, which has led bats to form small colonies in on-campus buildings like Larson Hall

A new bat house could cost about \$60,000, he said, and might take four to six weeks to build.

If UF decides to build a new bat house, funding will be sought

from various sources, he said. The UF Foundation, which handles donations to UF, and the Florida Bat Conservancy are two potential sources of funding.

In the meantime, the money for repairs will likely come from UF's building maintenance budget, he said.

The bat house was built in 1991 at a cost of about \$20,000 to relieve the bat infestation at Percy Beard Track.

The bats began living in the concrete stands after Johnson Hall, UF's old cafeteria, burned down in 1987, he said. Before the fire, a couple thousand bats had been living in the attic of the building, which was located at the site of the current Academic Advising Center.

For reasons that are still unclear, the bats didn't start living in the structure until 1995.

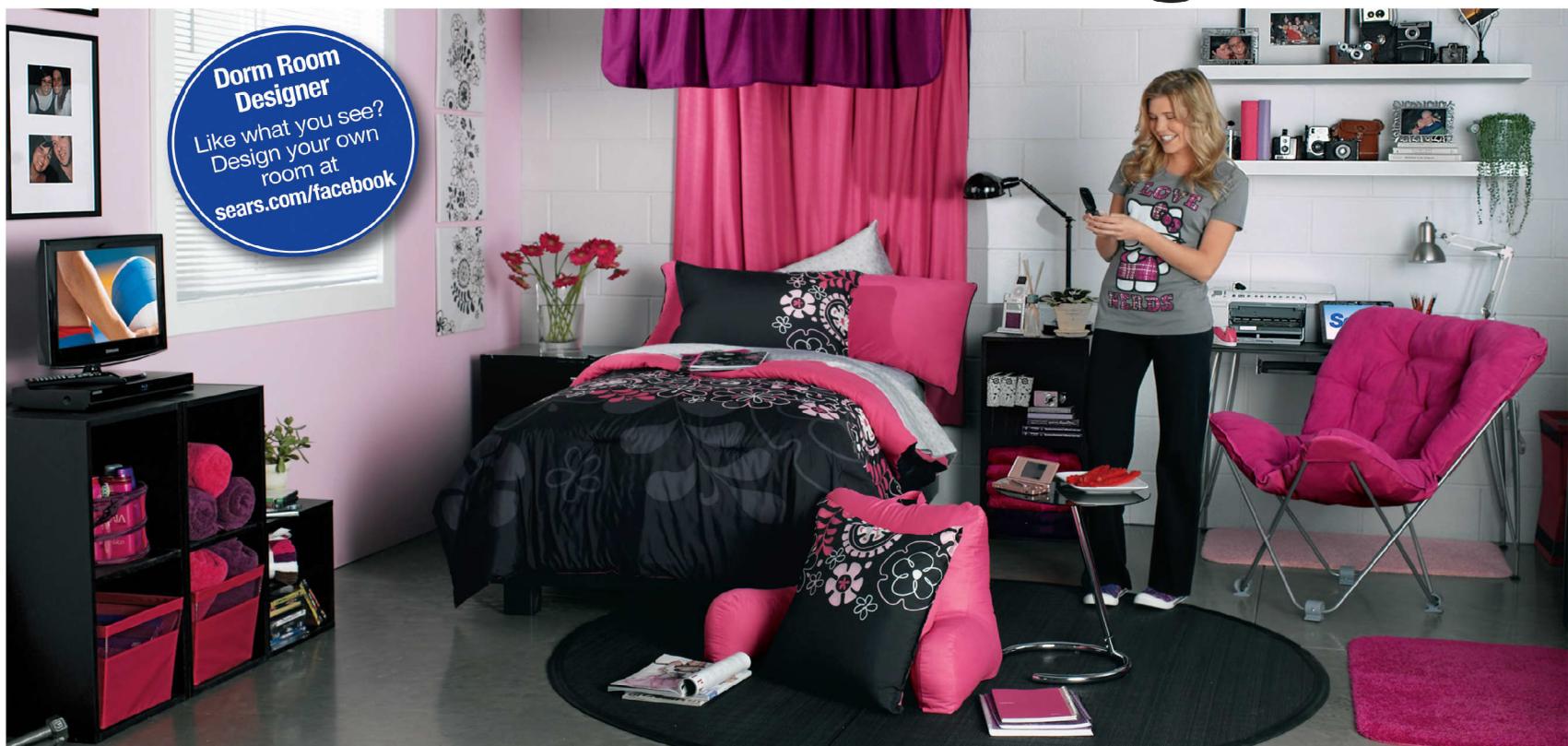
With the possibility that more bats could migrate to campus buildings, Glover said it is important that people don't try to touch the bats if they see them.

Many bats carry rabies, he said, which can be deadly.

He urged anyone who finds a bat on campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to call UF's pest control at 352-392-1904. For after-hours bat discoveries, he said, the University Police Department can be notified by calling 352-392-1111.

Alligator staff writer Andrew Stanfill contributed to this article.

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## Editorial

## Still A Future

### Tuition increases not the end of the world

**B**right Futures recipients still get a hell of a financial break, but this year it won't be quite as big.

UF students are being asked to take a little responsibility in financing their higher education, which isn't as horrible as every groaning 20-year-old on campus might make it seem.

Although it seems disingenuous to tell kids to do well in high school and stay in Florida while dangling a later-vanishing carrot in front of their faces, the fact remains that UF's tuition is still phenomenally low, and the out-of-pocket cost to attend UF is practically nil. So taxpayers will now pay 85 percent of what it costs for you to take "Fruit for Fun and Profit." Cry us a river.

Times are tough, and everyone is all too aware of the budget issues facing our university. But, for some reason, students bemoan the fact that they will have to pay \$20 for a credit hour.

If paying \$60 for a college class is too much of a hassle, you might need to ask yourself what you're here for in the first place. A well of knowledge and a possible life-changing experience might cost about the same as a copy of Call of Duty 5, but please, get your priorities straight.

Other states do not get Bright Futures. Next time you're feeling bummed about the cost of tuition and books, imagine if you were born and raised in Wyoming. Not only would you have to pay for all of your school expenses, you would be in Wyoming. See? Thought experiments are good for you.

We do wonder if the solution wouldn't be to set higher standards for the Bright Futures scholarship. Getting a 1270 on the SAT is hard and all, but we're not sure if it merits a free ride to college from every old lady with a scratch-off addiction, a poor understanding of probability and a never-ending supply of optimism. Regardless, having to pay for your own books is not the end of the world. Plus, if scraping together \$60 per class each semester is gonna break you, you're already broke.

## Dormitory Disaster

**O**ne of the worst welcomes a UF student can receive is "permanent triple." The second worst welcome they could receive would be telling them they have to room with a cross between a peer, a Mother Hen and an authority figure.

Due to overcrowding, resident assistants and regular ol' dorm dwellers are being paired up in living arrangements that we imagine can only be described as one half-step up from Dante's Inferno.

We wonder why UF keeps ignoring its capacity problem. The fact that RAs must give up a major job perk proves the issue isn't improving.

It's false advertising. When someone is hired for a job, they should be aware of what they will receive as payment for their duties. Taking away one of the few perks of an RA's job is the same as hiring someone for \$10 an hour and then paying them \$7.

It's also unfair to underclassmen who are stuck in this setup. The UF housing Web site does not mention the possibility of living with someone who is essentially in charge of you. Underclassmen could move to an off-campus apartment if the situation is truly awful. However, they would still have to forfeit their deposit, which UF refuses to return to those who end their contracts. It's like buying a TV at Wal-Mart, opening the box to find a VCR and being refused a refund.

Our hearts go out to the RAs who will now watch as half of their rooms are desecrated with life-size posters of Tim Tebow, campus maps and other freshman regalia.

And our hearts go out to the freshmen who must deal with never having anyone want to hang out in their dorms, ever. But a line of consolation: You won't have to deal with the post-party mess.

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Guest column

## All students welcome to open house

**W**ant to hang at our house? Well, Friday is your chance. "Cause it's Friday. You ain't got no job, and you ain't got shit to do.

But seriously, the Alligator will open its doors to students this Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. for the first of many open houses of the semester. We asked about getting a keg, but unfortunately we'll only have pizza to offer.

We are (desperately) searching for a metro editor to assign all city-related stories to our whopping one city writer. Yeah, we need those too.

Metro attire isn't required for the metro editor, but we do ask that applicants know — or are vaguely familiar with — the difference between the county and city commission. Bonus points to any applicant that can accurately spell our mayor's name.

Alligator.org will also get a major makeover within the next two weeks — we're looking forward to a snazzier design, more online projects and multimedia. Our woefully tiny online staff is looking for anyone interested in making the new site awesome, whether you're into programming, Web design or video.

In addition to a metro editor and an online staff, we're on the hunt for multimedia gurus, photographers, writers, graphic designers, columnists, copy editors... the list goes on.

So, what is it like to work five days a week at the nation's largest student-run newspaper?

Believe it or not, it's fun.

Sure, we clock more hours in the newsroom than we do sleeping, in class, sleeping in class or doing our homework. But fortunately for us, we're all in the same classes.

Just kidding... sort of.

We give each other back rubs and nurse our poor,

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already-suffering-from-carpal-tunnel forearms and hands. We watch Jeopardy! religiously every Monday through Thursday, and text message answers (or rather, questions) to one another during the Friday airing.

We eat here, we study here, we sleep here. If there was a shower, we'd likely bathe here, too.

We receive voice mails from puzzled readers concerned about missing Sudoku puzzles and word jumbles. (Don't worry, we're trying our best to bring back ol' Crossword Lite.)

Since we spend so much time here, we've even started decorating. The online office now comes complete with a throw cover for the couch Alligator staffers have slept on since 1987.

We also cleaned the newsroom recently, and discovered such gems as an ancient gas mask and a key to the building's elevator that was missing for two years. We assume the mask belonged to the sole non-smoker who worked here back in the good ol' days when we could smoke inside the windowless newsroom.

During Friday's open house, we will conduct on-the-spot, smoke-free interviews. We suggest you bring your resume and portfolio (which will hopefully be smokin').

If we like you, you'll get a call back. If we love you, you'll likely be writing a story for Monday's edition. See you Friday!

Kristin Bjornsen is a journalism senior and editor in chief of the Alligator. Jennifer Jenkins is a journalism senior and managing editor / online. Brian Kelley is a journalism and economics senior and managing editor / print.

### Reader response

**Today's question:** Do students have a right to complain about Bright Futures changes?

**Monday's question:** The results of Monday's poll question are unavailable due to technical error.

Vote or post a message at [www.alligator.org](http://www.alligator.org)

## Guest column

## Student Body president outlines goals for coming semester

To all students new to UF, welcome to the next four years of your life. Returning Gators, cut the freshmen some slack and welcome back as well.

We have a lot to look forward to in the next year. Whether you'll be busy cheering on our defending champion Gators football team or studying to be a future leader of the world, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the goals my administration has been able to accomplish, as well as give you an idea of things you can look forward to this fall. These goals have included everything from securing 300 parking spaces for students in the new parking garage to nearly completing the plan for an extended-hours study area.

This summer contained a period of technological expansion on campus in which we

were able to increase the usability of WebMail by including e-mail forwarding to Gmail and Yahoo. We also renovated the Student Government Computer Lab to double the number of computers. This will also double the number of students able to print at one time when the lab reopens today.

Another major topic that my administration has worked tirelessly on is student safety. Facing a rising rate of muggings and burglaries in and around campus, I personally worked to shed light on the problem by partnering with local law enforcement to create an awareness program for the fall semester. My administration worked hand in hand with the local Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and local law enforcement on the "\$103



**Jordan Johnson**  
Speaking Out

to Life" Seat Belt campaign. My administration was also able to increase the amount of SNAP vans and expand operating hours to better provide nighttime security for students.

But this is only the beginning. This very week my administration will be kicking off the "Be A Smarty, Think Before You Party" campaign. This is a DUI prevention campaign that will include the promotion of the newly extended SNAP as well as Later Gator bus routes, and the Fabulous Rides scooter pickup service. Starting today, you can call 877-RIDE-UF1 to be connected to

our safe ride dispatch to any of these services. But we don't plan on stopping there. This fall we will be tackling sustainability issues like motion sensors, paper recycling, working to increase the number of exercise classes available to students and, of course, continuing to represent students like you on the issues that concern you most while still providing quality entertainment and services.

Since my administration took office, we have been able to get real results for students, and with your help we can make sure more work is done. With the ingenuity of UF students and the will to do what must be done, we can make our campus a better place. I look forward to an exciting year. Go Gators!

*Jordan Johnson is the Student Body president at the University of Florida.*

## Guest column

## At 22, transition to UF just as difficult as freshman year

This summer, while everyone was in a lazy summer mood, I was the girl armed with her class schedule, 50 fliers, a campus map and the bus schedule. No, I'm NOT a freshman. I am a transfer student. And I'm still a new, small fish in a big, swampy pond.

I've been to college before. Hell, I've actually graduated from college. Starting at a school as big as UF, though, is a totally new experience for me. I feel like I have to start all over. It seems like everyone knows

everyone else. People have things to do after class. People know where they're going. I do not.

I went to orientation. I listened to the speeches (no open containers, no kegs, there is a club that helps you find other clubs you may want to join, etc.). However, after we got our little orientation bag and complimentary pencil, we also got a polite shove out the door.

UF has all of these cutesy little handbooks and guides for freshmen, but transfer students kind of

**Ashley Cruel**  
Speaking Out

get the short end of the stick. We are new to UF, but by now, most of us have figured out how to navigate through college and all that comes with it. But no one tells you which bus you need to take to get home. No one tells you how to decline the 50 bajillion people handing out fliers on Turlington Plaza. I wasn't told about the smoking policy on campus, although, judging from how many people gave me

the stank-eye as I practically ate my cancer sticks out of stress, smoking is akin to eating small children.

This fall will be my second semester here, and I still feel like a new kid. I've moved 12 times in my life, once to another continent. When you're 6, you make friends by marching up to someone on the playground and boom: Before you know it, you're trading stickers and planning a sleepover. When you're 22, that doesn't fly.

There is nothing wrong with be-

ing a freshman — we've all been one somewhere. But I have two years of college under my belt — please don't be condescending when I ask where the nearest Starbucks is!

With the degrading stigma of being labeled "freshman," I'm debating whether or not to carry around my AA diploma to flash like an ID card. Or maybe I'll just suck it up and tell myself that, one day, I'll stop being the lost little new girl and start giving directions myself.

*Ashley Cruel is a journalism junior.*

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# Groper promises to leave U.S. after serving jail time

■ HE PROMISED TO RETURN TO INDIA AFTER SERVING HIS SENTENCE.

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
Alligator Staff Writer  
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The UF graduate student charged with groping dozens of women on campus while pretending to remove bugs from their bodies was sentenced to 180 days in jail earlier this month.

Robin Garg, 23, also received three years of probation and promised to return to India when he is released. He was ordered to repay the state about \$3,500 in investigation costs

and about \$1,600 in court costs.

Garg, who has been in jail since his arrest on April 14, apologized before being sentenced.

"I want to apologize for University of Florida and all the victims," he said in his soft-spoken, emotional statement.

"I'm not a bad person," he said. "I did something very bad, and I don't know why."

After being arrested earlier this year, Garg admitted to police that he groped 33 women on campus. Police later identified 31 women who said they'd been groped by Garg and five others who had been approached by him.

According to police, in each case Garg told the women he wanted to help remove a bug

from their bodies. Garg told police he groped them because he "liked to scare women."

Not all of the women filed complaints.

Under an agreement with the state, Garg pleaded no contest to five cases of misdemeanor battery. The state withheld adjudication on one of those cases and agreed not to file formal charges in the other 20 cases pending against him.

Garg was given credit for 116 days he had spent in jail since his arrest. In addition, his attorney, Geoffrey Mason, said the Alachua County jail would likely shave 30 days off his sentence for good behavior. If that is the case, Garg could be released in the first week

of September.

Garg faced a maximum sentence of one year in prison for each charge against him.

A psychological evaluation determined Garg is not a threat to society, Mason said.

Though Garg, who is in the country on a student visa, said he will head back to India to finish school and be with his family after his release, the court ordered he is to have no contact with UF, Santa Fe College or any of his victims.

After his release, Garg will be handed over to U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, which could decide to deport him regardless of his intentions to leave the country on his own.

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## ON CAMPUS

# Parking garage opens today, adds 927 new spaces

*Editor's note: this article originally appeared in the June 2 edition of the Alligator.*

By **LINDSEY DURANT**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's new \$15.5 million parking complex opens its gates today to UF students, faculty and staff.

While the 927-space garage is available to all commuting Gators, it should mostly relieve parking for those who use the Health Science Center, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Office of Information Technology, which are all nearby.

"I'm not sure if the parking problem will ever be relieved," said Scott Fox, director of Transportation and Parking Services. "But with the opening of the new garage, a lot of spaces will be added."

The Southwest Parking Garage Complex, located on the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive and Mowry Road, has six stories and contains the widest parking spots on campus.

Its construction was intended to bring the number of decals issued closer to the number of spaces available.

Because there are only 24,000

spaces, only about two-thirds of the 36,000 drivers who are issued decals can park on campus at any given time.

Of these spaces, 19,821 are accessible to students, faculty and staff, while the remainder is re-

served for visitor, delivery, service and emergency vehicles.

"We will always have a supply and demand challenge," Fox said. "But the garage will certainly help."

The Southwest Parking Garage

Complex includes green, orange, blue, carpool and gated zones.

The complex serves as the new home of UF's Transportation and Parking Services, with 9,000 square feet of office space.

Along with the increase in

parking spaces, there's a 10 percent hike in decal costs.

According to UF's Transportation and Parking Services Web site, a semester student commuter decal currently costs \$67. An annual decal is \$134.

"I'm not sure if the parking problem will ever be relieved."

**Scott Fox**  
director of Transportation and Parking Services



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The new parking garage on Gale Lemerand Drive on Saturday night.

UF Transportation and Parking Services does not receive funding from the university or state and relies solely on decal sales.

Because the university does not restrict the number of decals sold, fall's profit will likely cover the total price tag of the project.

"We are not in the business of turning a profit," Fox said. "We are in the business of breaking even."

The parking complex called for a 12-month construction phase, including six months in design.

"The project has been nothing but successful," he said. "It is a true win-win situation, especially for students."

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## UF to lay off 60

UF is laying off 60 employees, 46 as a direct result of budget cuts and 14 as part of the reorganization of WUFT-FM.

UF announced in May that 58 employees would be laid off as a result of cuts, but that number was reduced by 12 as colleges and other units reworked their plans. The extra layoffs in the College of Journalism and Communications — four faculty and 10 staff — were added when the college decided to revamp WUFT-FM, opting to offer more news programming instead of classical music.



Fussell

The layoff numbers have changed and could continue to change as UF finds private funding to save some positions, employees find other jobs at UF and others decide to retire before they are laid off, said Paula Fussell, UF's interim vice president of Human Resource Services.

UF sent out official notices for most staff and some faculty Wednesday, though they already knew they were being laid off, Fussell said. UF's contracts call for a notice period between the notification of the layoff and the employee's last day of work. The notice period can be up to a year. UF's 2008-2009 budget plan called for 14 faculty and 118 staff layoffs. Eight faculty and 66 staff were laid off. Three faculty were later reinstated, and two were laid off in their place.

— THOMAS STEWART

### Layoff Notices At The University Of Florida

UNIT	FACULTY	STAFF
Education	1	1
Fine Arts	0	3
FLMNH	0	2
HHP	0	1
IFAS	0	20
Journalism	3	0
PHHP	3	1
Provost	0	2
CFO/F&A	0	8
CLAS	0	1
Journalism - WUFT	4	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>

Jessica Warshaver / Alligator Staff

## UF's performance slipped in financial resources

### RANKING, from page 1

Report, said UF's rise in rank was a very slight increase because the data were compared to information from more than 250 schools.

Regardless of the rankings, Orlando said, UF's goal continues to be to provide the best education possible.

"Rather than keeping our eyes on the scoreboard, we need to just play ball and keep

moving down the field," he said.

But according to Orlando, parents and students still pay attention to the rankings.

Kate Shoulders, a Ph.D. candidate in agricultural edu-

cation, said UF's high rank was one of the reasons why she came to the university.

"They seem like they strive to keep the best programs and to keep the best ranking," she said.

## Water, bus schedules, maps distributed to students

### ASK ME, from page 1

self, is certainly beneficial to UF campus life."

Campaign volunteers can be found around various parts of UF, beneath banners and in orange T-shirts with an Ask Me logo.

"The primary targets are new students to campus, which include freshmen, trans-

fer students and new graduate students," said Sharon Blansett, assistant director of housing for research and organizational development at UF.

Not much has changed since last year's program, Blansett said.

Sunday, staff and student leaders drove around campus distributing bottled water and meeting and greeting parents and stu-

dents.

Bottled water, campus maps and RTS bus schedules will be distributed to students as part of the Ask Me campaign today and Tuesday, she said.

The campaign is part of the One Team initiative — a project bringing together staff from across campus to provide focused and engaged customer service to all students.

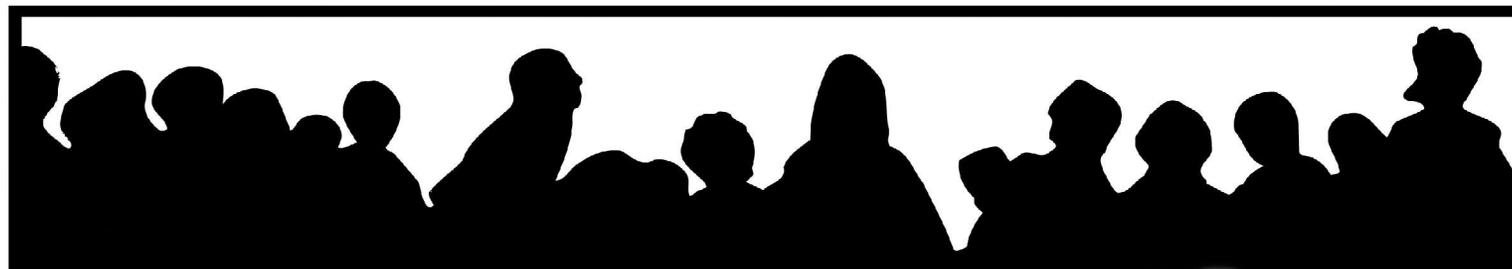
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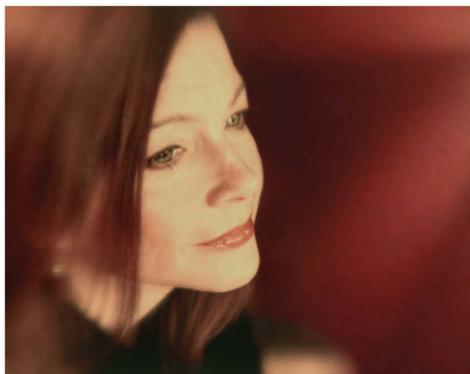
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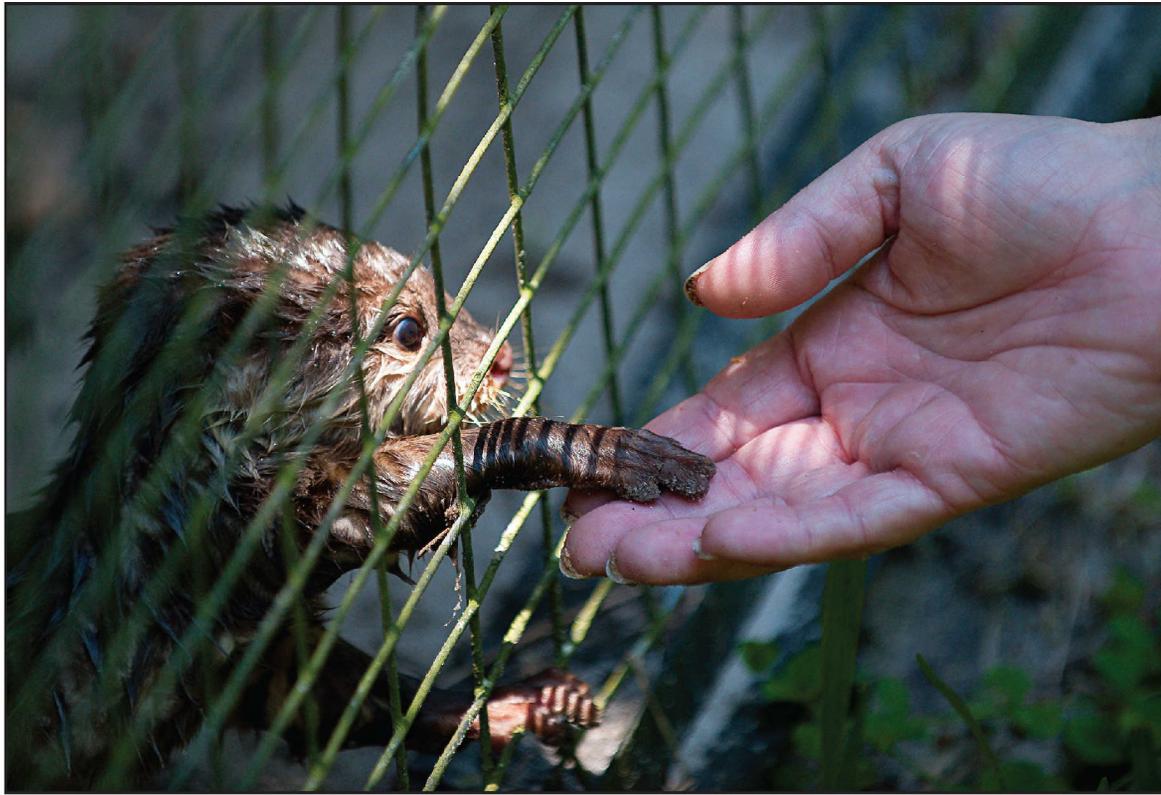
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*In The Heights*



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An Asian small-clawed otter pup reaches through its enclosure to touch the hand of otter trainer Emi Willows at the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo on July 20. The pup is one of two born April 30 at the zoo.

**SANTA FE COLLEGE**

# Santa Fe Zoo adds two new otter pups

*Editor's note: This story was originally published in the July 21 edition of the Alligator.*

**By MONICA VIGO**

Alligator Contributing Writer

In a small den on the west side of the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo, there are four Asian small-clawed otters, two more than before.

First-time parents Jay and Lakena welcomed two otter pups to the zoo on April 30, but the pups did not come out of their den until recently, said Jonathan Miot, assistant director of the Teaching Zoo.

The zoo waited until the otter parents brought their pups out from the den to publicize their arrival.

In the wild, Asian small-clawed otters keep their young in a den until they are able to open their eyes, which can take six to eight weeks.

Miot said the Teaching Zoo

wanted to do the same for Jay and Lakena.

Since being out of the den, the parents have been teaching the pups how to swim by dunking them in a small pool in their cage.

Miot said the pups did not appreciate the dunking at first but are now getting used to the water.

The pups have not been named because their gender isn't determined yet, said Emi Willows, a SFC student who works at the zoo.

Miot said the zoo is very pleased with the way the parents have been raising the pups and do not want to interfere to check their sex.

The best time to see the animals is around 9 a.m. when the zoo opens or when it is cloudy outside. They like cooler weather, Miot said.

The Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo, 3000 NW 83rd St., is open every day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$4.

# Florida officials buckle down on seat belt regulations

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**By ROBERTA O. ROBERTS**

Alligator Writer

Not wearing a seat belt has become more dangerous to motorists — or at least to their wallets.

Police in the state of Florida can now pull

over drivers solely for not wearing their seat belts, as the infraction has been bumped up to a primary offense, which carries a \$104 fine.

Previously a person could only get a ticket for not wearing a seat belt if he or she were already pulled over for another traffic violation. Now not wearing a seat belt is treated as a primary offense, and a driver can also get ticketed if the front-seat passenger is without a seat belt.

"Now officers can take action then and

there instead of having to pull them over for speeding or some other traffic violation first," said Lt. Tim Frith, Florida Highway Patrol spokesman.

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"The whole intent of going from second to primary [offense] is to save lives," Frith said.

The law will increase the number of seat belt wearers, which will in turn increase the number of crash survivors, he said.

According to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, the law will save 124 lives, prevent 1,733 serious injuries and save \$408 million in associated costs each year.

Frith said death rates are higher in fatal traffic accidents for people between 16 and 24 years old.

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# Thief nabs pricey book

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**By ANDREW STANFILL**  
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Six university police cars sat outside Marston Science Library and at least six officers searched the area for a suspected criminal June 1.

The crime: book theft.

Maria Hicks, a food and resource economics undergraduate, left her table on the fourth floor to answer her cell phone.

When she returned, a man at her table was zipping his backpack up, but she thought nothing of it, she said.

Then she noticed her \$200 "Data Analysis" book was missing.

She searched for the man with the

"I tried to chase him. He disappeared so fast."

**Maria Hicks**  
UF student

backpack, who she described as wearing an orange UF Gators shirt.

"I tried to chase him," she said. "He disappeared so fast."

UPD responded by searching the area for people matching the thief's description. Officers searched the bags of several people and questioned them about the crime.

Hicks had borrowed the textbook from a friend and will have to pay her back, she said.

Pam Bonner, a UPD spokeswoman, offered a moral to the story.

"Don't leave your stuff, take it with you if you go somewhere," she said.

# Officer cleared in shooting

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"There is no real winner. Now we have to pick up the pieces and move on."

At around 1 p.m. on May 15, GPD received calls about a man and woman fighting in a car at Northwest 34th Street and 39th Avenue. Before GPD officers arrived, Hanson pulled up and tried to stop the fight.

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After being Tasered, Weeks tried to grab the deputy's gun. Hanson shot Weeks several times, killing him, GPD spokesman Lt. Keith Kameg said. From about 9:30 a.m. to about 3 p.m., the jury listened to personal accounts of Hanson and the testimonies of multiple witnesses, said State Attorney Bill Cervone.

Cervone said the grand jury concluded that Weeks' death was a justifiable homicide.

— KATIE EMMETS

The killing of a Gainesville man by an Alachua County Sheriff's deputy was ruled justifiable by a grand jury on July 21.

Nicholous Vertex Weeks, 18, was shot several times by Lt. Mike Hanson on May 15 after physical force and the use of a Taser gun did not stop Weeks from attacking the deputy.

Hanson returned to work May 27 after he was cleared by the ASO Office of Professional Standards, ASO spokesman Art Forgey said.

Forgey said the Gainesville Police Department is conducting the criminal investigation. Its findings are not complete.

"Were glad it's over with," Forgey said.

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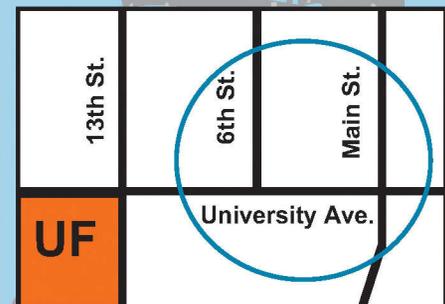
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# Study: Tanning poses big risk

*Editor's note: This story was originally published in the Aug. 4 edition of the Alligator.*

**By SHAY BRODERICK**  
Alligator Writer

Marla McGill had a lot of plans when she graduated from UF, but getting skin cancer wasn't on her list.

The Jacksonville native said she loved the sunshine and went to the tanning salon only a handful of times when she had free passes, but when a small mole on her stomach began to change colors last October, she knew something was wrong.

A biopsy confirmed her fears — McGill was diagnosed with the early stages of skin cancer at age 23 — and the cancer was safely removed.

She is one of more than 25 million Americans that tan in salons. On July 25, tanning beds were determined to be carcinogenic — the highest category of cancer risk.

According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which is part of the World Health Organization, the risk of skin cancer increases by 75 percent if the person uses a tanning bed before the age of 30.

Based on older research, scientists could only classify tanning beds as possibly harmful, but after analyzing about 20 different studies, researchers determined that tanning beds pose a far greater risk than previously proven.

The research puts tanning beds and other sources of ultra-

violet radiation in the same lethal group as tobacco, chimney sweeping and the hepatitis B virus. International cancer experts also recently deemed tanning beds to be as dangerous as arsenic gas, according to an article on MSNBC.com.

As of Aug. 17, nearly 34 percent of the 1,909 people who responded to an MSNBC.com poll indicated that they had never used a tanning bed, and commenters called them "cancer beds" that "should be illegal."

But as the use of tanning beds has increased among people under the age of 30, doctors have also seen a rise in the number of young people with skin cancer, according to the article.

"The question is how students will react to this study, or even if they will react," said Mel Toran, executive director for North Central Florida's American Cancer Society. "Our hope is that people will finally recognize the danger that tanning beds present and take caution."

Toran insists there are no advantages to tanning beds, especially given the new research.

"The bottom line is simple," he said. "If the risk is skin cancer, there is no benefit."

More than one million cases of skin cancer, the most common type of cancer, are diagnosed in the United States each year, according to the American Cancer Society Web site, and the number of melanoma cases has risen

steadily in the last few years.

Taylor Tribou, a UF political science junior, said the free tanning offered by many companies and apartment complexes makes it convenient for young people.

Tribou lived at Royal Village Apartments, which offers a free tanning salon to residents.

She said that her decision to live at Royal Village wasn't based on the free tanning, but it was a pleasant perk.

"I have fair skin, so I would have had to pay for a tanning membership somewhere else anyway," she said.

"I saved money by signing my lease there," she said. "I think it was a smart idea on their part to attract more residents."

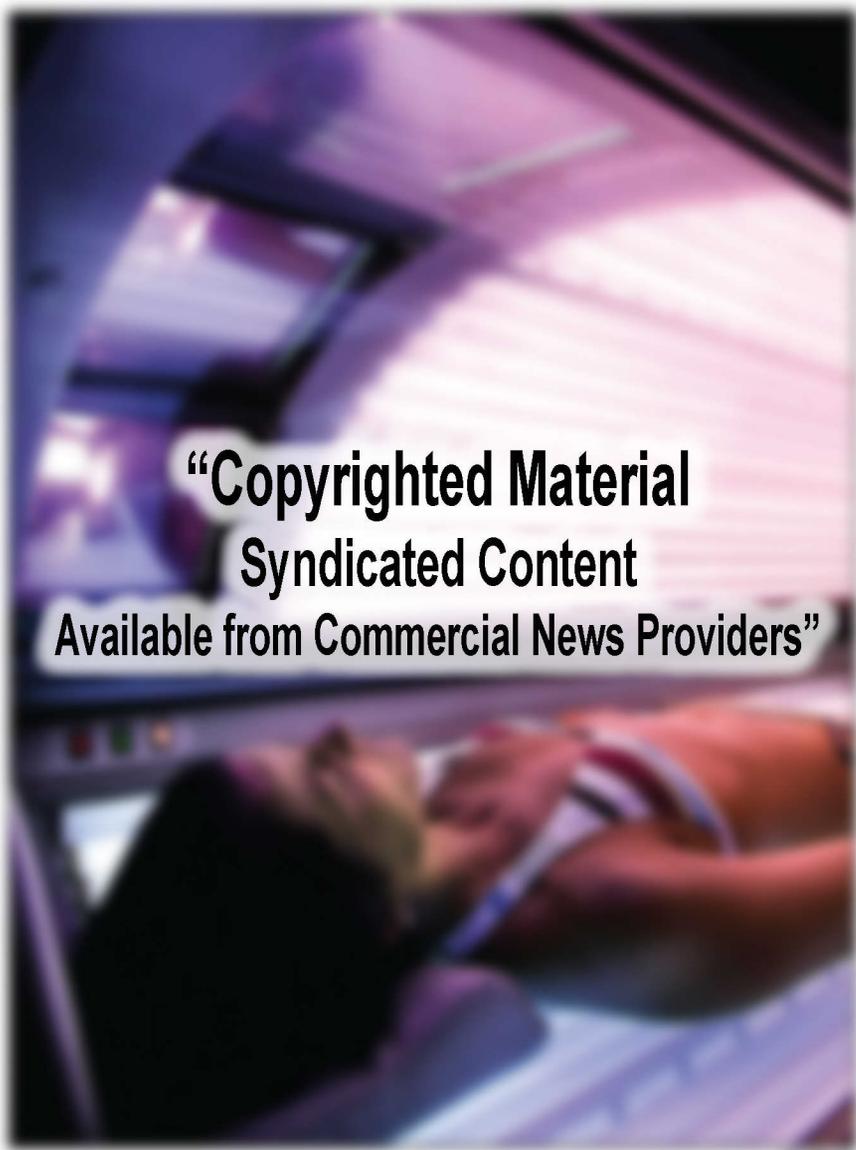
Tribou estimated that she used the tanning bed at her apartment about 30 times during the year and said she plans to continue moderate use.

"I don't go every day, so I'm not a tan-a-holic or anything," she said. "I just feel more confident when I'm tan. I don't see what the big deal is."

But McGill said her tanning bed days are over.

She said she regrets going to the tanning salon and not wearing enough sunscreen when she went outdoors. She wishes she had listened to her parents' warnings to be safe while in the sun.

"The urge to always be tan is such a vanity thing," she said. "If there's one thing I learned from my experience, it's that my health is more important than the color of my skin."



AP PHOTO

A woman lies in a tanning booth in Anchorage, Alaska. International cancer experts have moved tanning beds and other sources of ultraviolet radiation into the top cancer risk category, deeming them as deadly as arsenic and mustard gas.

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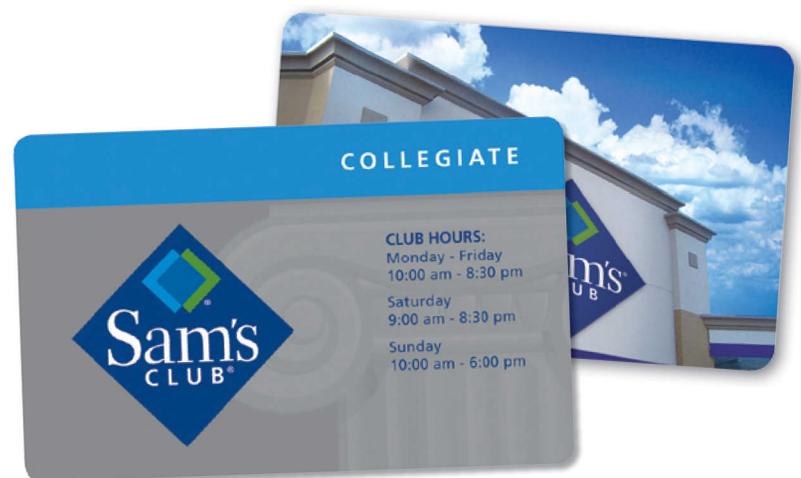
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## RESEARCH

# UF study: Brains superior to looks, self-confidence

*Editor's note: This story was originally published in the June 4 edition of the Alligator.*

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

It turns out those Jimmy Choos can't be considered an investment.

A UF study shows intelligent people have more economic success over a lifetime than those who are attractive or self-confident.

"If you were somehow able to choose from being smart, good-looking or self-confident, our study shows that while you'd want all three qualities, brains are the most important to economic success," said Timothy Judge, the UF management professor who conducted the

study along with graduate students Charlice Hurst and Lauren Simon.

"Smart people do better in their careers because they are more likely to be educated and are more confident in their abilities," he said.

Results of the study came from 191 men and women, ages 25 to 75, who participated in the National Midlife Development in the United States study.

"You could be the most beautiful teacher, but if you don't have classroom management skills, then students aren't going to care," said Nadene Francis, assistant director of public relations for the UF Career Resource Center.

Intelligence standards for the study were based on mental exercises and tests, and self-confidence, which was the second-most important. Results were based on a 15-question

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**Erika Equizi**  
The Swamp Restaurant manager

survey about a person's ability to handle situations.

Attractiveness was judged on personal photos on a scale from one to seven. Although beauty placed last against intelligence and self-confidence, beauty's importance in the job industry is still troubling, Judge said.

According to Judge, studies show that attractive students tend to receive more instruction and attention from teachers and are pun-

ished less frequently, increasing their chances of finishing high school and college.

"Beauty is key because society is based on looks," said The Swamp Restaurant manager Erika Equizi of the food industry. "Pretty girls get more [tips]."

The results of the study, which were published in the Journal of Applied Psychology, emphasize the need for employers to be fair when hiring, Judge said.

However, some employers feel neither intelligence nor physical attraction matter as much as personality and job skill.

"[Beauty's] not going to do you any good," said Lynne Vaughan, Reitz Union store director, of working in retail. "[Intelligence] won't do you any good either if you don't have the personality."

## 'Wayne's World' star booked as Gator Growl comedian

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■ **STUDENT TICKETS: \$15.**

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
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Dana Carvey, of "Wayne's World" fame, will perform at the Oct. 16 Gator Growl, organizers announced on July 6.

Carvey was the second most

popular comedian in the student poll conducted by Gator Growl staff earlier this year, said show spokesman Bryan Griffin. Jimmy Fallon got the most votes.

Other comedians on the ballot were Darrell Hammond and Demetri Martin. The poll received about 500 responses.

Griffin said the staff wanted Fallon, but his schedule didn't allow for an October performance.

Matt Sloan, the show's producer, said staff aimed for a bigger name.

He said with the football team's

success and an exceptional senior class, the staff felt Carvey was worth the extra money.

"We wanted to up our game because they upped their game," he said, adding that he wasn't able to release Carvey's payment for the show because it hasn't been finalized yet.

He said in recent years the show has alienated students.

"I feel like we've really lost a lot of traction with the students, and we're trying to get that back."

### On Campus

But it's tricky picking acts, he said, because of the wide variety of people who attend the show — about 40,000 students, 15,000 locals and 15,000 alumni and football fans in town for the game the next day.

Carvey, a former "Saturday Night Live" cast member, portrayed Garth in the "Wayne's World" movies. His recent HBO special is called "Squatting Monkeys Tell No Lies."

Some students surveyed on campus weren't familiar with Carvey, but recent UF graduate Rob Castellucci was excited to hear the news.

It's a "massive improvement" over last year's comedian, he said.

"I think he's really funny compared to a lot of the crap they usually bring in," he said.

Gator Growl organizers declined to name the musical act.

The bands on the ballot included Sugarland, ZZ Top, O.A.R. and Third Eye Blind.

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# New stem cell procedure could reduce vision loss

*Editor's note: This story was originally published in the Aug. 4 edition of the Alligator.*

By **JESSICA CHAPMAN**  
Alligator Writer

The link between age and vision loss may be a thing of the past.

New UF research suggests that bone marrow stem cells can be programmed to repair damaged retinas in people with a type of vision loss called macular degeneration, which causes worsened vision with age.

According to Maria Grant, senior researcher for the project, the researchers experimented on mice and injected adult bone marrow stem cells into the rodents' circulatory systems after modifying them to act like retinal cells.

"It's a unique way to program cells," Grant said. "UF's the first to do it in this way."

The new procedure will target diseases like macular degeneration, the damage to a critical area of the retina, and cardiovascular disorders, such as atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease.

Macular degeneration affects almost two million people in the United States, making it the most

common cause of vision loss in the country.

"Macular degeneration usually causes blindness," Grant said. "[This research] will someday restore vision."

Grant said she thinks the same effect could be created by injecting drugs into the cells instead of modifying them in a culture.

The researchers found that they could activate the stem cells by mimicking the body's natural signaling channels with chemicals, using drug manipulation rather than genetic manipulation, Grant explained.

Twenty-eight days after receiving the modified stem cells, the mice with damaged retinas showed no differences from the normal mice. This suggests the same thing would happen in humans because mice are used as a common model for human disease, Grant said.

Grant and UF have a pending patent on their research, which was developed over about four years, and they hope to start clinical trials for the procedure within the next year, Grant said.



Courtesy of UF Health Science Center

Maria B. Grant, M.D., a professor of pharmacology and therapeutics at UF's College of Medicine, has researched a way for stem cells to help repair damaged retinas.

## ON CAMPUS

# UF students will now pay cost of lost books, \$35 fee

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By **THOMAS STEWART**  
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If you've got any lost library books, now's the time to find them.

After a new policy went into effect Aug. 17, students may have less time after the due date

to return a book before UF charges them for the cost of a replacement.

Lost books used to be replaced when librarians get around to buying the new books, library spokeswoman Barbara Hood said. So some lost books aren't back on the shelf in a timely manner, which prompted the change.

Under the new policy, the library will institute a fixed schedule for book replacement, and as soon as the new book is ordered, the one who checked out the book will be responsible for its cost, she said.



Hood

The new policy states that 21 days after the due date, the library will charge borrowers a \$35 processing fee per item for general loans. The next day, the replacement item will be ordered, and the borrower will be responsible for the cost of the new item, in addition to the \$35 fee.

The other late fees will remain largely the same. For general loans, it will still cost 25 cents

per day after the due date until the maximum overdue fine kicks in after 20 days. That fine, however, will now be \$5 as opposed to \$10.

From July 1, 2008 to May 13, the library reported 728 lost books at the Smathers Libraries, which at the time didn't include the Health Science Center or the law school libraries.

Those books had a combined cost of about \$50,000, Hood said.

During the last school year, UF students, faculty and staff checked out almost 220,000 books, she said.



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# No charges filed against student

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By **THOMAS STEWART**

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Charges were not filed against Sergio Castro, 22, the UF student arrested May 26 for spray-painting a memorial for a local resident outside of The Top restaurant in downtown Gainesville.

Prosecutors who reviewed the case chose not to file charges because it wasn't a typical case of graffiti vandalism and because the owners of The Top wanted the felony charge of criminal mischief dropped, said Spencer Mann, spokesman for the State Attorney's office.

Castro was arrested after a Gainesville Police Department officer saw him spray-paint the words "RIP MUCH LOVE" in honor of Barry Bernard, a Gainesville resident who drowned in May near the Matanzas Inlet in St. Johns County.

Castro sprayed "RIP MUCH" before his arrest. "This is someone who was distraught over the loss of a friend who wanted to put a memorial up," Mann said. "Not to excuse it, but it helps us to better understand his motivation."

Castro said he is relieved that the charges have been dropped and thanked the owners of The Top for their leniency.

Overall, he said, the situation has been a positive one. "The whole purpose behind me going out and doing this was to bring attention to the cause," he said.

Recently, an unknown artist finished the memorial, which now reads "RIP MUCH LOVE."



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Pedestrians walk by a graffiti tag and poster depicting Barry Bernard on the wall of The Top Restaurant on North Main Street. An unknown artists recently finished the memorial, which now reads "RIP MUCH LOVE."



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# Tebow Turtle auction to benefit charity for children



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A turtle statue modeled after UF quarterback Tim Tebow sits at a street corner two blocks from Jacksonville Municipal Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla., where the annual UF-Georgia game is played.

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**By JENNA EZELL**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Part football legend, part sea turtle and a little bit of alligator, Tebow Turtle marks territory claimed by the Gators in last year's UF-Georgia game.

The roughly 5-foot-tall, fiberglass statue stands outside the Veterans Memorial Arena, about two blocks from Jacksonville Municipal Stadium, where the Gators and Bulldogs fight out their heated rivalry each fall.

It features Tim Tebow's signature "Phil 4:13" under its eyes, which he wore when the Gators rolled the Bulldogs 49-10 in 2008, and an alligator tail to represent UF's mascot.

"We really just wanted to celebrate Tim," said Bonnie Upright, the coordinator for Turtle Trails, the organization that placed the statue.

However, Tebow Turtle won't be around to greet Gators fans in October.

"He will be gone before the Florida-Georgia game, but if not, I would probably move him anyway," Upright said, fearing vandalism.

The statue is one of 24 turtles placed around Jacksonville as part of Turtle Trails, a fundraiser for Jacksonville organization Child Guidance Center

that provides mental health services to children and families.

In March 2008, individuals and companies could sponsor a turtle for \$5,000. The cost paid for production and artist fees, she said.

This October, Turtle Trails will auction off the statues. All proceeds will go to the Child Guidance Center.

Several turtles did not receive sponsorships, Tebow Turtle among them.

But Upright decided to have one of the extra turtles designed like Tebow because she knew it would do well at auction, she said.

## Around Gainesville

Upright contacted the Tebow family and made sure that they were OK with the statue before having it made.

Justin Rose, an artist from Macclenny, Fla., was asked to design the turtle. He accepted without hesitation.

"I admire Tebow because of the kind of person that he is and the values that he has," Rose said.

To prepare for the project, Rose said he read several versions of Tebow's biography and referenced pictures of the quarterback's cleats, alligator tails and turtle faces.

He worked for 14 hours a day for the first eight days and finished after about a month. He estimated the project took about 200 hours.

"When it was gone, it was almost like trying to drop an addiction," he said.

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# the Sin-shine State

Story by ALEX CHACHKEVITCH

With two BCS national football titles in three years, it's unsurprising that Gainesville's greatest sin is pride. But according to a research group, the sin means the college town exhibits diverse debaucheries.

Geographers from Kansas State University mapped the seven biblical sins county-by-county across the U.S., revealing that Alachua is one of the most prideful counties in Florida.

Pride, the deadliest sin according to some, is mapped by combining the data from Envy, Wrath, Lust, Gluttony, Sloth and Greed, each of which is determined by a separate statistic, or group of statistics. Researchers split each sin into five levels of intensity, and when mapped, the darkest is the most sinful, said Mitchel Stimers, co-author of the project.

In Alachua, Lust registered at the highest level of sinfulness, Envy, Wrath and Sloth reached the second highest, Greed placed in the middle level and Gluttony finished at the second lowest level.

Consistently high rates of sin pushed Alachua into the top 14 most prideful counties in Florida, even though it only ranked at the highest level in one of the six substantiating sins, Stimers said.

Jacob Larson, associate pastor at Vineyard Church of Gainesville, was surprised when he found out Alachua was high up on the scale of pride.

"I guess we have the Gator Nation here," Larson said. "And we're very proud to be Gators."

However, it's worth having the pride that develops a sense of individualism and pushes people to give back to humanity, he said.

"It's giving credit where credit is due," Larson said.

The dangerous part is when pride starts to dehumanize, he said.

"If you choose to love yourself more than anyone else you... commit atrocities to another person because you love yourself that much," he said. "The self-love begins to kill you eventually."

Envy was tied to the number of thefts per capita.

Although the crime rate decreased in Alachua by 3.3 percent from 2007 to 2008, larceny has seen a slight increase in the same period, according to Art Forgey, public information officer for Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Some of the crime statistics can be blamed on the worsened economy because people often become desperate under financial stress, he said. Alachua's large student population might also explain some larceny cases, he said.

The start of the school year shows a noticeable increase in robberies. Scooters, cars and other personal belongings are often stolen from students.

"Many students tend to leave their cars and apartments unlocked," he said. "For most of them it's their first time on their own."

Wrath was plotted by the number of violent crimes per capita.

Cities tend to have higher crime rates. But demographics and population size are very important when comparing data among counties, according to Steve Maynard,

Alachua County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

"It's a very tough question," he said. "In comparison with huge counties like Broward our crime rate is probably relatively low."

He doesn't believe UF contributes to the number of violent crimes. Common crimes, such as bike theft and underage alcohol consumption, are more prevalent among students, he said.

The number of violent offenses in Alachua, which include rape, assault, threats and stalking, increased by 6.2 percent between 2007 and 2008, according to the Uniform Crime Report Domestic Violence Data for Alachua County. Stalking and threats made a large part of the increase.

For Lust, researchers used the number of sexually transmitted diseases per capita. One reason for Alachua's high rate of STDs could be the younger population, according to George Gibbs, regional program manager for the Alachua County Health Department.

The most common sexually transmitted diseases in Alachua are gonorrhea and Chlamydia, which are largely carried by people between 15 and 24 year old.

Gluttony was determined by fast food restaurants per capita. Alachua's low score on the Gluttony scale could be because Gainesville is one of the 25 most educated cities in U.S., according to Roland Loog, director of Visit Gainesville, which provides visitor information. Knowledge generally leads to higher income, and Loog believes educated populations shop for healthier food, he said.

Greed was measured by comparing the ratio between average income per capita and the number of individuals below poverty line. A higher ratio meant there is greater separation between social classes.

Stimers has received some criticism over his team's choice of statistics, particularly those tied to Gluttony and Sloth.

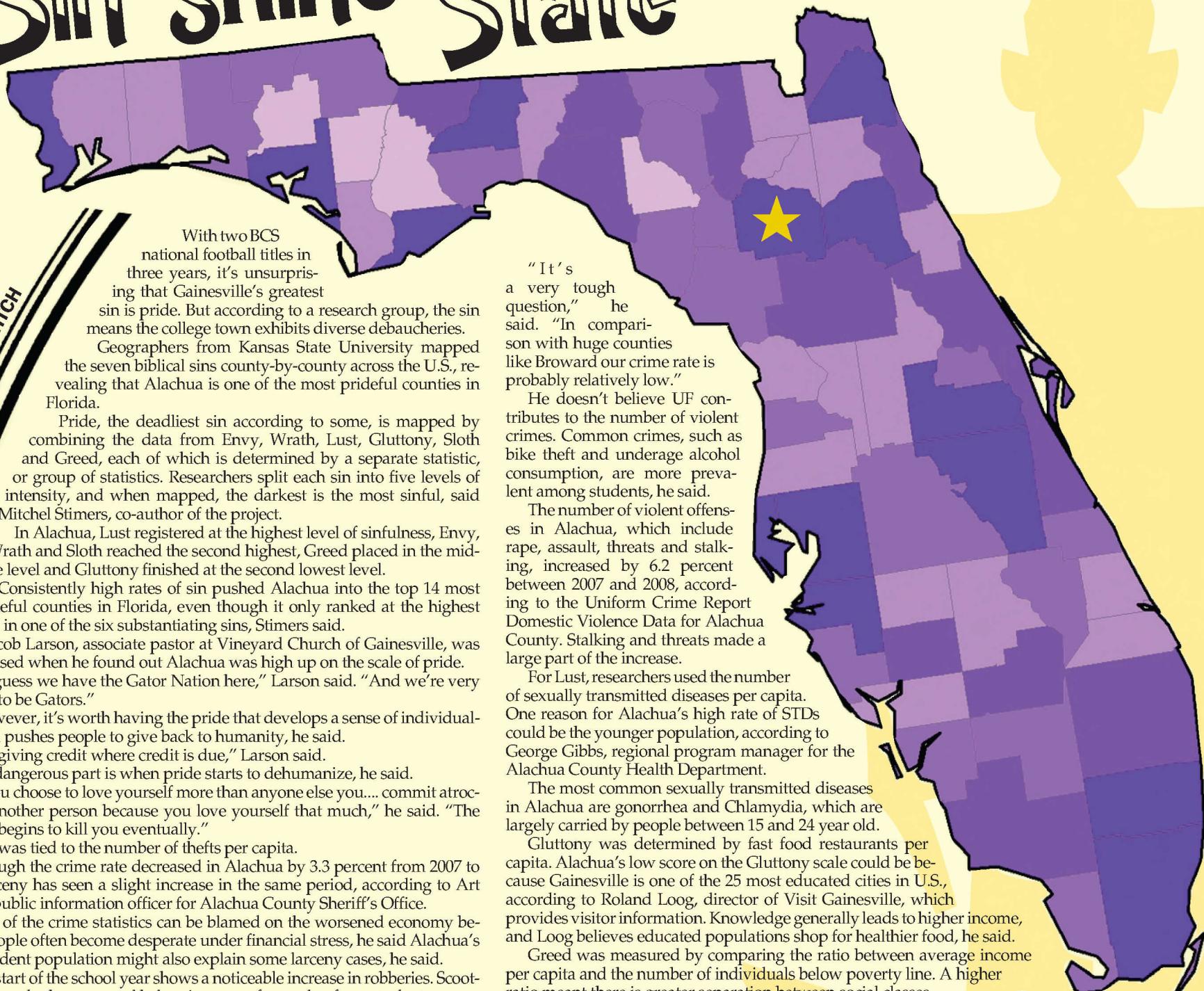
Originally, as shown in the maps, Sloth was determined by a comparison of money spent on arts, entertainment and recreation against unemployment rates.

Under pressure to have the presentation ready for a geographers' conference in mid-March, the research team had to choose data that not only represented the sin but also was available for analysis, Stimers said.

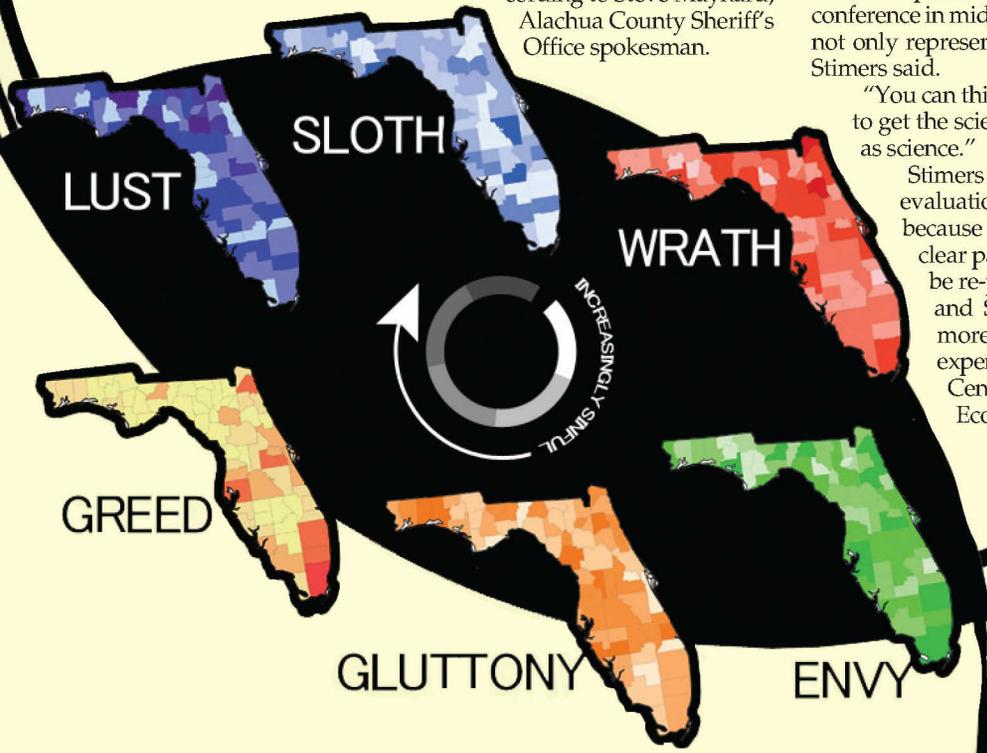
"You can think of an idea theoretically, but then you have to get the scientific data for it," he said. "It's art as much as science."

Stimers said the data is in the process of re-evaluation with a focus on Gluttony and Sloth because their distributions didn't show a clear pattern on the maps. Gluttony will be re-plotted with child obesity rates and Sloth will be updated with more detailed information on expenditures from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 Economic Census.

GRAPHIC BY MATT DEMERS



PRIDE



## ON CAMPUS

# UF allots \$5M for construction of business center

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By SHAY BRODERICK  
Alligator Writer

Most of Shands at UF's incubators are occupied by newborns, but thanks to an \$8.2 million grant, UF is building a different kind of incubator.

The grant for the Florida Innovation Hub, a business center for startup companies, was announced July 24 along with plans for building the 45,000-square-foot facility, according to a UF press release.

Scheduled for completion in December 2011, the building will provide office space, laboratories and conference rooms for several budding technological businesses and companies connected to the UF community.

Ed Poppell, UF's vice president of business affairs, said that as soon as the planning is finished, workers will begin construction on the facility, hopefully within the next six months.

The building will be constructed on what is now a parking lot on the northeast corner of Shands at AGH site, Poppell said.

The facility will also house

UF's Office of Technology Licensing and UF Tech Connect, whose job is to find technology from research that is patentable and then promote the licensing of these technologies to the market.

Win Phillips, UF's vice president for research, said that UF developed the idea of a new incubator after seeing the success of

a similar hub in Alachua County, which opened in 1995.

He said that various business sectors will use the facility, including chemistry, agricultural and engineering fields.

Phillips said the hub will provide constant communication between people who license technology and the ability to share re-

sources with other companies in the building to save money.

"There is no question that a company's ability to succeed is far greater in an incubator," he said.

The federal Economic Development Administration awarded the grant, which is one of the largest of its kind ever awarded

by the EDA's Atlanta regional office, said EDA regional representative Philip T. Trader in the press release.

"There is no question that a company's ability to succeed is far greater in an incubator."

Win Phillips

UF's vice president for research



A sketch of the future Florida Innovation Hub at UF, a new incubator that is scheduled to be completed in December 2011. An incubator provides space and resources for startup businesses.

UF will contribute an additional \$5 million in support of the project and will obtain this money mainly through past royalty incomes, such as from faculty research, Phillips said.

"We expect it to be extremely successful," he said.

Katie Haney, a health education and behavior senior, agrees with Phillips and said she thinks the hub is going to continue to improve the UF business community.

She is also optimistic about the new jobs that these future companies will create for Gainesville residents, she said.

"As a soon-to-be graduate, I think it's a great idea," Haney said. "It's something that is going to make Gainesville an even better place to live."

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**NATIONAL**

# UF dethroned from No. 1 party school spot

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**By THOMAS STEWART**

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UF's yearlong reign as the top party school in the nation ended abruptly at noon on July 27, when it was announced that Penn State University had taken the infamous title.

UF slipped to No. 2 on the list, published each year by the Princeton Review in its college guide, "The Best 371 Colleges."

The ranking means UF has high levels of drug and alcohol use, a popular Greek system and students who don't spend much time studying, according to survey results from 122,000 students at 371 colleges.

If UF had retained its No. 1 position, it would have been the first school to do so since 1995, when the University of Rhode Island completed a three-year run in the top

spot, according to Robert Franek, the author of the college guide.

Steve Orlando, UF's spokesman, said he was relieved UF had been dethroned.

"People who do what I do at universities dread this announcement coming out," he said.

One reason UF may have slipped to the second spot this year is that students weren't treated to as many championships, he said.

When the last rankings came out, UF had just won three national championships — two in men's basketball and one in football.

"We figure people had a lot to celebrate," Orlando said.

It's also possible UF President Bernie Machen's attempts to curb alcohol consumption have had an effect on UF's reputation, but it's hard to tell, Orlando said.

"This is anything but a scientific survey," he said.

Machen, who is in Indonesia meeting with university leaders, could not be reached for comment.

In addition to three other No. 2

finishes, UF placed first in one of the survey's 62 categories: Best Career Services. The ranking means students rated UF's job placement services highly.

UF was ranked No. 13 in Best Career Services last year, the first year the ranking was used.

Wayne Wallace, director of UF's Career Resource Center, said he thinks his staff and the center's use of student surveys have a lot to do with the level of satisfaction.

"I think that being responsive to student interests and needs has really been the key," he said.

And, he said, 99 of the 100 companies Fortune Magazine listed as the best ones to work for this year conduct recruitment at UF.

UF's other No. 2 finishes were in the categories Best Athletic Facilities, Students Pack the Stands and Jock Schools, which measured popularity of sports and fraternities.

Last year, UF finished first in Students Pack the Stadiums and Students Study the Least.

This year, UF dropped to eighth

among schools that study the least.

Students had mixed feelings about UF's drop in the ranking.

Nicole Frankel, a music and pre-health sophomore, said she was glad UF was no longer No. 1.

"I think [being No. 1] has kind of a negative connotation," Frankel said. "The university is taken a little less seriously."

But freshman Alex Patel said she didn't believe Penn State was a bigger party school than UF.

"I don't think it's true. I get texts about parties every night," Patel said. "They must be partying a lot, like severely," she said.

Jake Marika, a sociology sophomore, said he doesn't think the ranking means much.

"Whoever says they party the most parties the most," he said. "It's bound to change every year."

However, he said, the ranking might make Machen focus less on student drinking.

"Maybe it's a good thing," he said, "because Bernie will be less likely to get his panties in a bunch."

**UF Rankings**

- Best Career Services — #1
- Best Athletic Facilities — #2
- Jock Schools — #2
- Students Pack Stadiums — #2
- Lots of Beer — #4
- Best College Newspaper — #8
- Students Study the Least — #8
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- Lots of Hard Liquor — #18
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# UF student fired for plagiarism at Colo. internship

## She stole excerpts from New York Times articles

*Editor's note: This is a combination of stories originally published in the July 9, 14 and 16 editions of the Alligator.*

### STAFF REPORT

After plagiarizing passages from The New York Times in four of her news stories, a UF student was fired July 7 from her internship at The Colorado Springs Gazette.

Rising junior Hailey Mac Arthur formerly wrote for The Independent Florida Alligator and interned at The Gainesville Sun.

Journalism and Communications Dean John Wright said journalism students are repeatedly warned against plagiarism.

"For the life of me, I don't see how this kind of thing could happen in this day and age," he said. "Even if the person felt compelled to do something so dishonest... I'm totally baffled."

News of the firing reached blogs and The Associated Press stories by the evening of July 7. Some journalism professors received e-mails about the incident July 8, prompting them to quickly and firmly announce the

college's stance against plagiarism in classes and on Facebook, Twitter and blogs.

That afternoon, Wright's Facebook status read, "One thing is certain. Plagiarism will not be tolerated at the College of Journalism and Communications."

Meredith Cochie, adjunct lecturer at the journalism college, discussed the issue in her class and posted it on the class blog so students could discuss it.

Wright said that all colleges fight student plagiarism on school work, but this is the first time since Wright became dean a year and a half ago that a UF student has been exposed for something of this magnitude.

Professor and journalism department chair William McKeen said he takes plagiarism as a "personal insult" and that plagiarism by a student causes concern over the value of a degree from the college.

After discovering the plagiarized passages, The Colorado Springs Gazette issued a public apology on the paper's Web site, with links to the plagiarized Times passages. Links to Mac Arthur's offending stories were removed from the site.

Editor Jeff Thomas said the newsroom got a tip Tuesday morning that a passage in Mac Arthur's story had been published in the Times only a week before.

"It does not take a lot of sleuthing on the part of anybody to follow up on a tip and find out whether something has been borrowed from The New York Times," he said.

Mac Arthur was unpaid, but she interned for college credit, he said.

"I wouldn't presume to tell the school how to resolve this one way or another," he said. "I certainly have to believe that the university doesn't tolerate plagiarism. Whether that same standard applies to an internship setting, I don't know."

One of the stories Mac Arthur plagiarized was a man's first-person account of the death of his daughter.

Overwhelmed with his daughter's death, George Goens said he took eight months to write the story of why his grandson Luke and granddaughter Claire will grow up

without a mother.

Goens said he would like to speak to Mac Arthur and understands the consequences she could face.

"I'm not interested in any kind of retribution or punishment," he said. "I just want the person to own up to the mistake they've made and make better decisions in the future."

Having written two books on the education system, Goens has his opinions on how students are taught to learn.

"I think our whole society has to take a look at how we rush kids and take shortcuts to get test scores," he said. "A well-educated person has a sense of principle and ethics, around which they make decisions so they can live a good life."

Mac Arthur met with officials from the College of Journalism and Communications July 15.

McKeen, along with journalism master lecturer Mike Foley, attended the meeting with Mac Arthur, but UF's privacy laws mean the information about Mac Arthur's future won't be released.

"I really can't say anything other than the matter is being resolved," McKeen said.

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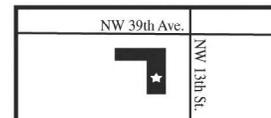
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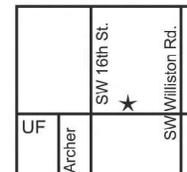


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# Delays to last into Fall 2011

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Drivers can expect traffic delays across central Gainesville to end no earlier than September 2011.

Road and sidewalk resurfacing that began in June on Northwest and Southwest 13th Street will start on Main Street on Sept. 1 and University Avenue on Jan. 1.

According to the Florida Department of Transportation spokeswoman Laurie Windham, Main Street will be permanently reduced from four lanes to two in the one-mile stretch between North Eighth Avenue and North 23rd Avenue, increasing downtown public parking.

The construction will cost at least \$13 million and will be funded by state taxes, requiring an estimated 8,640 hours of labor, she said.

During resurfacing, asphalt on the roadway is replaced and damaged sidewalks are repaired, she said. While sidewalk repairs require minimal lane closures and can be completed during the day, road repaving can cause major delays.

Nighttime paving for the 13th Street phase, which spans four miles from Southwest Archer Road to Northwest Sixth Avenue, began Aug. 1 and could continue for up to three months, according to an FDOT press release.

## Local News

While 13th Street and University Avenue will each take six months to complete, the Main Street renewal is a two-year project, Windham said.

Windham said despite weather delays, work on 13th Street is still expected to end in December.

State standards call for routine road resurfacing, said Regina Hawkins, a public education specialist for the city of Gainesville.

New criteria call for the installation of detector devices on curbs for the visually impaired and wider ramps for those in wheelchairs. Bicycle lanes will be added to all three roads.

"It has been on the drawing board for a long time," Windham said. "It was definitely [the roads'] turn."

Businesses with driveways leading onto 13th Street said they have not been affected by the road work.

"I can't really say that we have been hurt at all by it," said Ryan Levine, guest service manager of the Holiday Inn University Center.

The pockets of those caught speeding in the areas, however, will be take a hit — state law allows for a 200 percent fine increase in active construction zones.

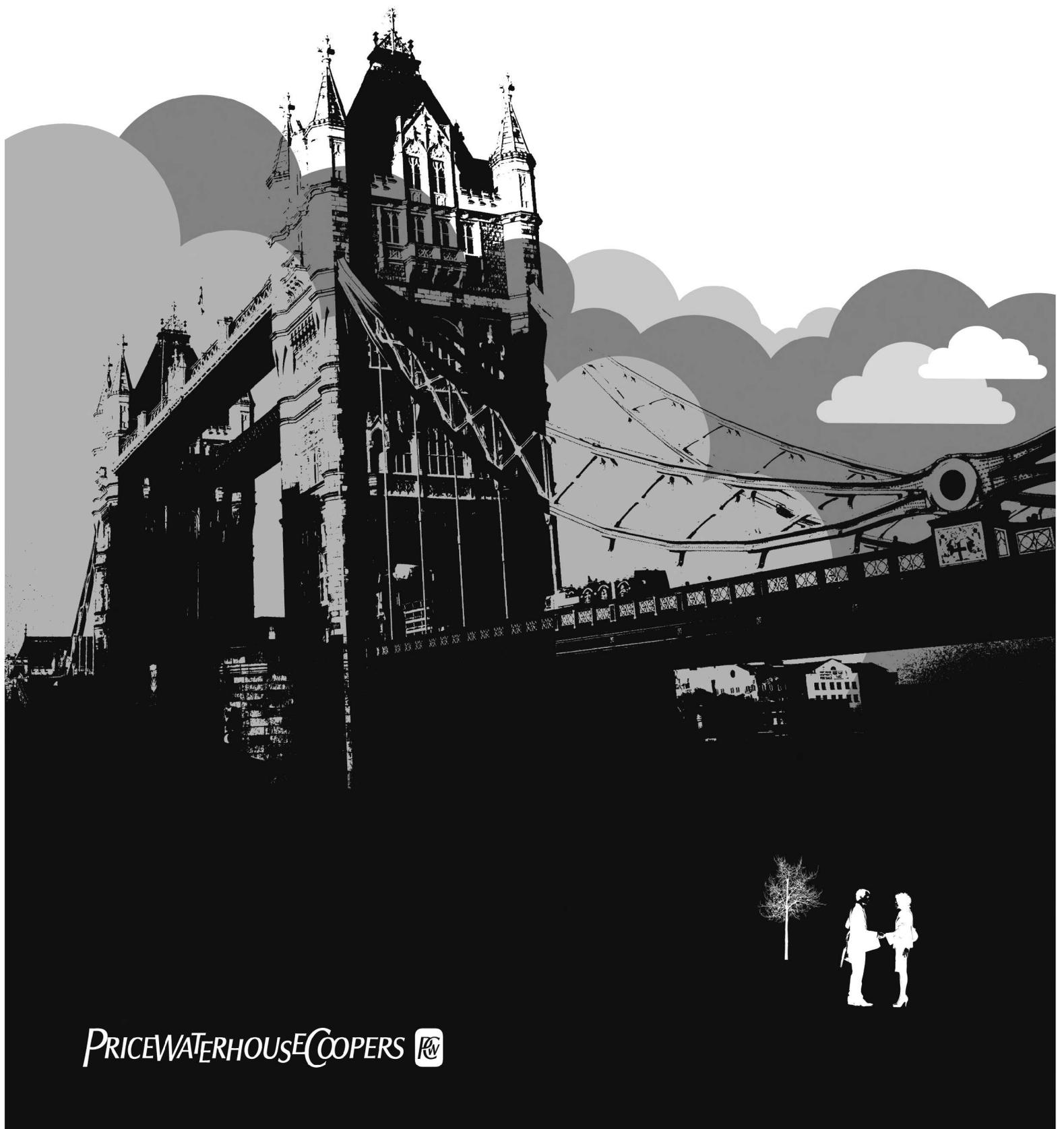
V.E. Whitehurst & Sons Inc., of Williston, was contracted for the 13th Street resurfacing for \$3.9 million.

The other two projects are still being bid on by independent contractors, Windham said.

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# UF cashier stops accepting cash

*Editor's note: This story was originally published in the June 11 edition of the Alligator.*

**By THOMAS STEWART**  
Alligator Staff Writer

UF students are no longer able to pay for classes and other university expenses with cash or debit cards or make over-the-counter payments to the University Cashier at Criser Hall. The change was enacted on June 12.

However, the change won't affect most students, as about 73 percent of payments are handled electronically, UF spokesman Steve Orlando wrote in an e-mail.

UF expects to save \$85,000 a year by eliminating the over-the-counter option, Orlando said.

Other payment options, like online credit card transactions and e-checks, will remain available.

**On Campus** Payments can also be made by dropping checks in a 24-hour drop box outside the University Cashier's office or by mailing checks to UF.

The most popular payment method is the online e-check, which is free, he said.

UF will still charge a fee for online credit card transactions, and Visa cards will still not be accepted because the company charges a flat rate for transactions, as opposed to a percentage, he said.

UF prefers to pay a percentage fee because of the wide variety in payment sizes, Orlando said.

Most of the remaining 27 percent of students who pay through the University Cashier pay with checks.

University departments that send their deposits to the cashier will not be affected by the new policy, according to a memo sent to administrators on June 9.

## LOCAL

# Shands CEO discusses closure

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After a marked absence from a May meeting to address the closure of Shands at AGH, Shands CEO Timothy Goldfarb announced a number of effects of the closing on Shands at UF at a public meeting July 15.

Goldfarb, who oversaw the closing, said Shands at UF will be equipped to take on extra patients when it opens a new emergency department and Shands Cancer Center on Nov. 1.

Goldfarb said none of programs or employees from Shands AGH would be cut by the closure, adding that only 52 of the 1150 AGH employees have not yet been placed.

Still, Goldfarb was unsure what presence AGH's programs for heart rehabilitation and wound-care would have at Shands at UF, but parts of the program would likely appear, he said.

Starting Nov. 1, Shands will offer 92 more patient beds than they have currently, though a lessened obstetric capacity may mean delivering mothers will be two to a room.

"It will fit. It doesn't mean it will be comfortable," Goldfarb said.

North Florida Regional Medical Center meanwhile is also prepared for more patients, while the Alachua County Public Health Department plans to extend its hours and services.

Jean Munden, Alachua County Health Department administrator, said increasing the department's operations would depend on whether or not it receives the \$750,000 from low-income pool state

funding, for which it has qualified and expects to receive next week.

The department expects to take on many of the low-income patients without health care, who can no longer depend on Shands at AGH.

Shands at UF has also taken steps to provide for patients without health insurance by partnering with Solantic to open an urgent care center, Goldfarb said.

The center is scheduled to open in September.

Still, some doubted Shands at UF's ability to treat veterans and those lacking health care.

"Solantic is not a cheap, affordable option to health care," said one Gainesville resident at the meeting, a veteran, who stressed the need for a plan that serves the majority of the community.

Others said the cultural transition would be huge for AGH patients.

"We already know that services to the low-income are very poor," said Commissioner Jack Donovan, who spoke of a "population left behind."

Goldfarb said tough economic times and financial losses made closing AGH the best solution, estimating the shut down would save about \$79.2 million during the next seven years.

"As a last resort when we looked at those storm clouds, we said, you know, we have to close AGH," he said. "The decision, obviously, was a difficult one."

Vice President of University Relations Jane Adams said after the institution is dismantled, UF plans to convert the property into a tech-transfer development complex, a facility used to bring UF's research to the marketplace.



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# Group protests St. Francis House 130-meal limit



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Gainesville resident Corey Williams speaks at a protest outside City Hall. Protesters marched from the St. Francis House homeless shelter to voice their opposition to an ordinance that limits the number of meals a shelter can serve to the homeless.

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**By ROBERTA O. ROBERTS**  
Alligator Writer

James Chamberlain decided to protest the 130-meal limit at St. Francis House when he heard the story of a pregnant woman who was turned away from a meal. She was the 131st person of the day, he said.

"Based on moral, ethical standards alone, if she's pregnant and hungry, let her eat," said Chamberlain, from Catholic Action Resource Exchange, the organization that put the march together.

About 30 to 50 people marched from St. Francis House and ended at the steps of City Hall, where protesters spoke out against the limits July 28.

The 130-meal limit is enforced by the city because St. Francis House set a 130 limit when they initially applied to obtain a special-use permit allowing them to serve more than 20 meals a day, said Bob Woods, Gainesville spokesman.

Religious organizations such as St. Francis House can serve no

more than 20 meals without a special-use permit.

County Commissioner Rodney Long has spoken against the restriction, and Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan has advocated a temporary lifting of the limits, Chamberlain said.

Long and Hanrahan did not return phone calls in time for publication.

Kent Vant, executive director of St. Francis House, said the special-use permit is renewed every five years by the city planning board.

When renewing the permit earlier this year, Vant asked about removing the limit or increasing the limit.

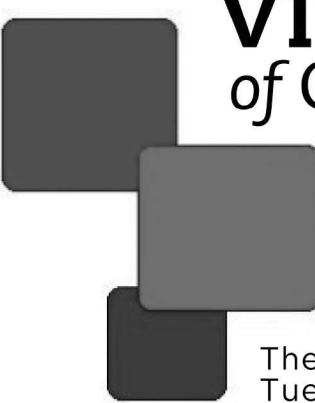
The planning board told him that only City Commission has the authority to change the permit's limit, he said.

The city planning board can only renew it.

Chamberlain is confident that his cause will succeed.

"It's not a matter of if it's lifted," he said.

"It's a matter of when, and we believe that with our collective voice it will be sooner rather than later."



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## UF ACADEMICS

# First female engineering dean selected

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By **THOMAS STEWART**

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The College of Engineering announced a new dean on July 6 — the first female dean in the college's history.

And it's just in time as the 2009-2010 academic year marks the college's 100-year anniversary.

Cammy Abernathy, who has been at UF since 1993, took over on July 17, replacing Pramod Khargonekar, who just finished his eighth year as dean.

Khargonekar announced his resignation in late 2007. However, due to budget uncertainties, the search process was cut short in March of 2008 and resumed in January.



Abernathy

"It's not really about me," Abernathy said of her selection as the first female dean in a UF news release. "It's a sign of where engineering has to go in the future."

"We have to change the way engineering is perceived, and we have to change the way it is introduced to potential students. This is especially important because engineering — and educating the next generation of engineers — is so critical to our country today."

Abernathy attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an undergraduate and earned her master's and doctorate degrees at Stanford University.

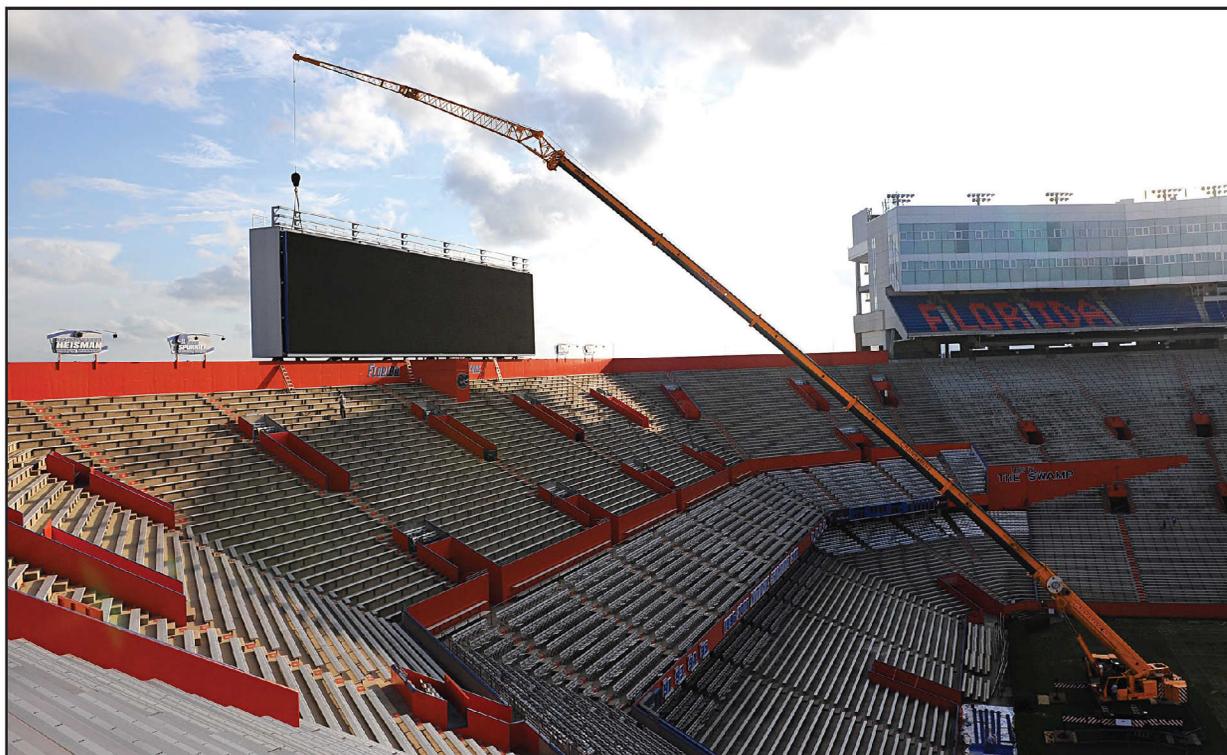
She has also worked for AT&T Bell Laboratories, according to a memo sent to administrators on July 6.

She is currently the associate dean for the Office of Academic Affairs and a professor of materials science in the engineering college.

Her husband, Steve Pearton, is a UF distinguished professor of materials science and engineering.

Abernathy could not be reached for salary information, but Khargonekar's salary is listed as about \$302,000. Abernathy currently earns about \$233,000, according to UF's Web site.

Khargonekar said he plans to continue teaching and researching in the electrical and computer engineering department after he resigns.



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A crane lifts the final section of the new high-resolution Daktronics LED video board into position in the South end zone board in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on July 3. The board bookends the smaller one put in place in the North end zone during the first half of the summer.

# Booting begins in Midtown bar area

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By **ABBIE PARKER**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Tow truck drivers in Midtown now have the option to boot or tow illegally parked cars.

Changes in the towing policy at the UF Plaza, 1702 W University Ave., have frustrated some merchants in the area, but others said that booting is better for drivers.

Parking Solutions, the company that patrols the lot, began booting in April.

Kevin Witesides, owner of Parking Solutions, said booting is less expensive than towing but still acts as deterrent. The booting fine is \$60 versus the \$76 towing

fine.

Booting also reduces the chances of damaging the vehicle, a problem that can happen while towing, Witesides said.

Drivers with towed cars can receive up to \$300 in fines. Beyond the initial charge, a towing bill can include a storage fee, lean fee and administration fees and taxes.

Booting incurs no extra fees, he said.

"Nine out of 10 people would rather be booted than towed," he said. "In the beginning no one wants either, but when they think about not having to get a ride to the towing company to get their car, and it saves them time and money, they always agree booting is the better option."

Mike Cook, manager of I Love N.Y. Pizza, feels that booting will do a better job of getting the message across, he said.

However, some employees in the area see downsides to the policy.

Geyzer Salgado, manager of Fritanga Latin Grill, opposes booting. Parking Solutions takes business away when booted cars are left in the lot, he said.

The company doesn't notify people when they are illegally parked. The car can sit there for two to four hours and possibly turn away customers, Salgado said.

Filip Molina, manager of How I Got An A, thinks people don't know where to park when visiting Midtown businesses.

"It's a bad way to treat customers who do want to come to our business," he said.

Ultimately, Witesides feels that he is doing college students a favor, he said.

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

# UF researcher studies growth rates of alligators

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**By ALEXANDRA LAYOS**  
Alligator Writer

Growing up in Tampa, Ph.D. candidate Ashley Boggs enjoyed Florida's wildlife and often played with lizards and turtles.

However, graduating to alligators didn't cross her mind until later, she said.

"I never thought about the bigger animals like alligators," Boggs said. "Other than canoeing down the Hillsborough River as a kid, I never really ran into them."

Boggs now studies alligator growth at the Guillette Lab at UF to assess the effect of toxins on the animals in the wild.

As an undergraduate zoology student, Boggs volunteered in the lab where she was paired with a graduate mentor, a position she now holds.

The eggs used in her study were collected from Lake Woodruff, a relatively clean site, Lake Apopka, which is considered a contaminated area, and their test site, near Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral.

"Everything that the embryo needs to develop is packed into the egg by the mother," Boggs said. "We wanted to see if the mother was putting anything into the egg that might be harmful."

Boggs is curious to see what effects the space center may have on the alligators.

"[Cape Canaveral] is still fairly wild, and there's a decent sized alligator population out there. We've been looking at chemicals like flame retardants, heavy metals and perchlorate, which makes up a large part of rocket fuel," Boggs said.

Boggs said some of these chemicals can reduce the production of thyroid hormone, which alters metabolism and development.

High levels of perchlorate have not been detected in the area. It has a very hot, intense burn, and most of it may burn up during launches, with little escaping into the environment when the shuttle takes off, Boggs said.

However, perchlorate may enter nearby waterways at other points on the space center.

"We're very interested in the areas where they're washing the shuttles down afterwards or maybe where they're loading or unloading the fuel and there might be some sort of spillage there," Boggs said.

Once the eggs were collected, Boggs' job was to make sure that all of the eggs, and the alligators hatching from them, experienced the exact same conditions.

The more than 250 alligators being studied live in greenhouses on the rooftops of Bartram and Carr halls. All reptiles are packed in about six tubs, which resemble the natural crowding behavior of young alligators in the wild.

Boggs records each alligator's length every two weeks, first measuring from snout to tail and again without the tail.

"This is more indicative of their actual length because tail size can vary," Boggs said.

Finally Boggs takes the weight and measures the tail girth; the size of the tail girth is generally an indication of health.

"There is a wide difference in the growth rates of these animals. Whether or not it's significant from lake to lake, we don't know yet. But just visually we know that some animals aren't doing as well as others," Boggs said.

The alligators are almost 1 year old, and the largest are around two feet. The smallest are less than half that size.

To prevent bias in the study, Boggs is intentionally unaware of the origins of any particular alligator. However, each alligator was fitted with an electronic chip so that data can be stored on a computer system.

When the study is complete, she will look at the computer and be able to match the groups



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An almost year-old alligator looks up from a pen on the roof Bartram Hall where UF biologists are studying whether alligators' differing growth rates are due to their home environments.

of alligators with their original home.

Alligators were chosen as the subject of this study because they are a "sentinel species."

"They can tell us things about the environment. They're kind of like our watchdogs," Boggs said.

Because alligators are aquatic, any toxins in the water will end up in them. Additionally, alligators eat a lot of fish, which increases their exposure to contaminants.

The irony of a UF Gator working with alligators has not been lost on Boggs.

"It's a joke that I have to deal with a lot," she said. Two of the most important things that Boggs has learned while studying alliga-

tors are confidence and respect.

"You can't hesitate and be scared when you're out there trying to catch an alligator," she said.

On the other hand, they command respect. "You just have to understand that this is a powerful animal and even though you get used to handling them, they're still wild," Boggs said.

But Boggs sees her work extending beyond alligators.

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## ON CAMPUS

**'Water Sculpture' scrapped after \$40K in vandalism**

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By **STEVE JOHNSON**  
Alligator Writer

There will no longer be a quiet oasis outside the University Galleries on the east side of UF's campus.

After a 34-year stint, "Water Sculpture" has been removed due to vandalism, and the sounds of water trickling down the massive metal sculpture will be replaced with a planter.

"We're all very sad it was vandalized to the extent that required us to remove it," said Denise Krigbaum, UF College of Fine Arts Communications Coordinator. "I do feel the sculpture was a symbol of the college and the university."

The sculpture was removed after vandals damaged the piping inside the fountain that allowed water to flow over the sculpture.

"It wasn't the university's fault for taking it down," she said. "It was the person who vandalized it."

Commissioned in 1975 and created by Jeffrey Naylor, a former UF sculpture professor, the stainless steel structure initially cost \$20,000.

It was paid for by grants from art endowments, UF student government and the University Budget Commission, Krigbaum said.

Thirty-four years later, more than three

times its expected lifespan, the Physical Plant Department was asked by the College of Fine Arts to remove the fountain.

"It was expensive to maintain because there were a lot of pranks done involv-

ing the sculpture," Krigbaum said. "It's understood that its lifetime is made to be limited."

Over the years, UF fine arts students have been known to contribute to the

sculpture by adding soap or Jello as a right of passage.

"I think that it has been well loved over the years," she said. "Some of that love took its toll."

Two main obstacles stood in the way of repairing the sculpture: cost and artistic integrity.

It would cost an estimated \$40,000 to repair the fountain, according to Krigbaum, a number which upset some students at UF.

"Dumping money into fixing the fountain is not worth it," said Ashley Neukamm, a senior fine arts major. "I'd rather have my faculty be there on call when I need them instead of pouring money into the maintenance for the fountain."

The 24-foot-wide, 8-foot-tall sculpture is now in storage and will be recycled by the Physical Plant Department.

"Even if we could repair it, there are ethics involved when an artist creates a piece," Krigbaum said.

"It has been damaged beyond repair and couldn't meet the artist's initial intent."

As students walk by the empty plaza outside of the University Gallery, the sights and sounds of 13th Street are forever changed.

"I feel like it's something the art department is known for," Neukamm said.

"It's like the equivalent of taking down the french fries or the potato in Turlington."



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The fountain "Water Sculpture" near the University Galleries was removed over the summer pranks and vandalism made the costs of repairs too high. One incident causing damage to the fountain was when participants in the Sept. 13, 2008 Underwear Run jumped into the fountain and beat on the metal with their hands (pictured).

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## NATIONAL

# Women outnumber men in Florida universities

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By **SARA WATSON**  
Alligator Writer

Perhaps men really are from Mars.

Male students at UF are becoming increasingly alien as female enrollment grows.

Data show that the female student population at UF has outnumbered the male population over the past 10 years and has continued to rise. This fall, women will comprise 60 percent of incoming freshmen.

The increasing number is not about innate ability, but rather women's organizational abilities and tendency to reach goals, said Mary Ann Clark, an associate professor in the College of Education who researches male underachievement in public education.

"I don't think colleges and universities seek to admit more female students, but in general, the applicant pool of women is stronger as a group," Clark said.

"They are showing higher GPAs, more advanced course work in high school and are involved in more extracurricular and leadership activities than men as a group."

The increasing female population is not restricted to UF.

Female enrollment tops 60 percent in five of Florida's 11 state universities. Nationally, women comprise 57 percent of college enrollment, and this trend is projected to increase through 2015, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics.

In addition, flagship universities like University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill "have been 60 percent female for quite a few years," Clark said.

In the past, people assumed men did not need help in school and would "land on their feet," Clark said. Recent data show that, in big cities, women in their 20s earn more than men in the same age group. Admissions offices across the country are encouraging more males to apply, she said.

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The gender gap at the college level can affect marriage and family patterns as well as economic patterns, Clark said.

"Numbers in enrollment matter," said Milagros Pena, director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

Pena said that gender diversity enriches the college experience and helps students prepare for a globalized world.

"I think this is significant and welcomed, and of course we want to encourage young men to seek higher education," Pena said. "But we are also still challenged by inequities in pay and access to opportunities, even as educated women."

Pena said it is also important to see if the increase in numbers translates significantly for women in less traditional professions like engineering.

While the majority of UF's colleges are dominated by women in terms of population, engineering is one of two colleges where women are outnumbered, Clark

said. The second is business administration.

Women are entering the engineering field and taking advantage of UF's status as the top-ranked engineering program in Florida, said Andrea Eckstrom, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

"I didn't initially choose engineering because there are fewer women involved in the field. It was just something I had always wanted to do," Eckstrom said.

However, Eckstrom said people questioned her ability to succeed in engineering during high school and her freshman year of college.

"Not being taken seriously can be a huge motivator. I felt like I had something to prove," she said.

Despite more women in technical electives, Eckstrom said she notices the gender disparity.

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New Furn\*42" Flat Screen  
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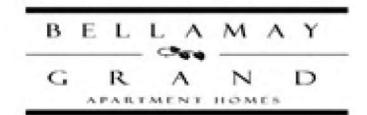
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## Doubters make Tebow motivated to outdo himself



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Quarterback Tim Tebow is on pace to leave UF as the SEC's career recordholder in yards gained, rushing touchdowns and total touchdowns. He already holds the league's all-time mark in passing efficiency despite his run-first reputation.

■ A SECOND HEISMAN OR THIRD BCS TITLE WOULD PUT THE SENIOR QB IN RARE AIR.

By **MIKE McCALL**  
Alligator Staff Writer  
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Tim Tebow can't go a day without seeing himself or his team mentioned on TV, but he's not tuning in for the talk of Florida winning a third title in four years or his bid for a second Heisman Trophy and college football immortality.

Spare him the glowing tributes to his character, leadership or athletic ability.

He's not interested in any of that. He'll only tune in to see the doubters.

"I usually don't watch anything — just NFL stuff — but sometimes I'll watch it as motivation if it's sort of a negative thing," Tebow said. "I'm not a big reader of myself or watching it, but some things I will because I know it motivates me and it will irritate me."

So go ahead and doubt Tebow. He'll work that much harder to prove you wrong.

He showed he could run through defenders as a freshman, throw over them as a sophomore and win the big games as a junior. There are only two things left for his senior season: displaying his NFL potential and leading the Gators to an undefeated season.

### One of the Greats?

The only problem with Tebow's motivational formula is that he isn't leaving much room for criticism.

In three years, Tebow has completed a school-record 65.8 percent of his passes for 6,390 yards and 67 touchdowns. He's the Southeastern Conference's all-time leader in passing efficiency (173.8) and has rushed for 2,037 yards and 43 touchdowns, also a UF record.

In all likelihood, he will break SEC career marks in yards gained, touchdowns and rushing touchdowns this season, and he's a likely candidate for a second Heisman and third Maxwell Award.

Those numbers, combined with a 22-5 record as a starter,

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## Publish the country's best sports section and get you involved? Yes we can!

It might be a year late, but we here at alligatorSports believe in change too.

So this fall, expect a lot of changes. Some will go well, some will not. Hopefully you love most of them and only hate a few of them. It will be a bit of an experiment, but we feel really good about some of the ideas we've come up with to improve one of the best college newspaper sports sections in the country.

After all, people claim the 2009 Florida football team could go down as one of the greatest in history.

We hold our coverage and reporting to similar standards.

Onto the changes!

**alligatorSports Fantasy Challenge:** A big part of our overhaul has to do with getting you, the reader, more involved. After all, you're the one that reads our stuff, whether it be in print or online, so let's make it a little more of a two-way conversation.

On that note, I'd like to introduce the Readers vs. Writers showdown in the realm of Fantasy College Football.



**Phil Kegler**

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The league will consist of ten teams — our five football beat writers (Bobby Callovi, Mike DiFerdinando, Kyle Maistri, Mike McCall and myself) and five readers (I'm looking at you.)

How will we pick? A contest, of course.

If you think you have what it takes to take us down (bring the trash talk, we certainly will) — tell us why in 100 words or less. Send it to sports@

alligator.org by Friday at 5 p.m. We will publish the five winners' entries, so you must keep it clean. Anything goes, but foul language gets you eliminated.

Things to keep in mind:

You have to be able to make the online live draft, scheduled for Sept. 2 at 7:45 p.m. The player pool will consist of the six BCS conferences only. We're playing on CBSSports.com, so you will have to sign up there if we pick you as a contestant. Feel free to check out the complete rules while

you're there.

And why would you like to do this? Besides simply being able to claim you're the best, we have a special treat in store if a reader wins the league championship.

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And if you're not one of the lucky five we pick, you'll still be able to enjoy the fun along the way. Coverage of the showdown will appear from time to time — whether it be online, in print or on our podcast.

**Wait, you have a podcast?:** Yes, indeed we do — alligatorSports The Podcast has been going strong for a little more than six months after we reincarnated it from a terrible former state. We record at least twice weekly in the fall and give you the scoop on everything UF athletics and touching on the rest of college sports and more. The debates are numerous and fiery to say the least, just the way we like it.

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### TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ Is there any doubt Usain Bolt is the most dominant athlete in the world? Tiger Woods and Roger Federer/Rafael Nadal don't stand a chance against Bolt, who has enough charisma to carry the globe. ... I couldn't be more disgusted watching fans do the wave at Saturday's Rays-Rangers game — while it was tied 4-4 in the eighth inning. ... What two voters picked Texas in the preseason AP poll?

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Who do you think is more likely to throw a touchdown pass for the Gators this year: Chas Henry or Joe Haden?

**Previous question:** What will be the closest margin of a UF football game this year? (see right for results)

Percent (Votes)

<b>W, 1-6 pts</b>	<b>50% (156)</b>
W, 7-13 pts	26% (80)
L, 1-6 pts	13% (39)
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**UF VOLLEYBALL**

# Orange and Blue Scrimmage signals first last for Cusack

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**  
Alligator Writer

Sunday not only acted as a reminder of the beginning of a new volleyball season, it also marked the beginning of the end of senior libero Elyse Cusack's career at Florida.

Cusack and the UF volleyball team played in the Orange and Blue Scrimmage on Sunday in the O'Connell Center as they do every year. This one, however, was special for Cusack because it was the last one she would play in.

But as she enters her senior year, the pressure to succeed still does not supersede the excitement she feels.

"This is my last go-around and I just love playing here, there is no better place to be," Cusack said. "It gets a little emotional, but I'm excited about the season."

The pressure to meet expectations still exists for her, even in Sunday's intrasquad scrimmage in which players switched from one team to another.

The Orange team won the first set 25-19 and the Blue team won the second set 28-26.

"There was a serve where Elyse didn't pass perfectly, and I think I heard a gasp from the fans," UF coach Mary Wise said. "She created those expectations for herself by how hard she plays each night."

After a summer of training, the players are eager to start the season, but Wise is grateful for the opportunity the scrimmage gives her.

"They are ready to play some-

body else, there is no question and I think if the team had their choice, the season would start tomorrow night," she said. "But I am glad we have five more days to practice."

As Florida begins its season on

Friday against UNLV, the Gators are hoping their improved play near the net will help them overcome some of their weaknesses from last year.

Outside hitters Callie Rivers,

Kristy Jaeckel and Colleen Ward showed signs of big improvement on Sunday as they combined for 19 kills.

"I think we can be very physical from left to right and we are going to be a big-time, quick and high-jumping team," Wise said.

Although the entire starting lineup did not play together in the scrimmage, four of the probable starters — Cusack, Jaeckel, Kelly Murphy and Lauren Bledsoe — teamed up to win the first set in convincing fashion.

"This is my last go around and I just love playing here, there is no better place to be. It gets a little emotional, but I'm excited about the season."

**Elyse Cusack**  
UF senior libero

But in the second set, players were switched around multiple times to observe how they would handle different positions.

Although the scrimmage will not count, Wise believes Sunday was a preview of things to come.

"The best thing about being able to do this is that it is like a dress rehearsal," she said. "There is nothing we can do in practice that has this kind of game like feel to it."



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UF libero Elyse Cusack bumps the ball during the Orange and Blue scrimmage in the O'Connell Center on Sunday. She enters her senior season as the Gators' career digs leader.

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# 2009 Columnist Predictions

Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Oct. 31 and Nov. 28 are all dates that will be circled on the Gators' schedule.

Those are the dates UF plays Tennessee, LSU, Georgia and FSU.

Though that quartet is the best competition the Gators will face, it is these games that are easiest to get hyped up for and UF will easily show its dominance over four teams that still have not returned to their former championship form.

But if those teams cannot stop the Gators, then who on the rest of their soft schedule will?

The answer is nobody will.

Charleston Southern, Troy and Florida International will give the Gators' backups plenty of game experience.

Kentucky, Vanderbilt and South Carolina will give the defending national champions a little more of a challenge

but none will be able to keep it close for the duration of a game. That leaves it up to two teams with plenty of question marks.

Arkansas' chances depend on transfer quarterback Ryan Mallett, who alongside preseason All-SEC tailback Michael Smith could make the Razorbacks' offense dangerous.

Then, there is Mississippi State. No one knows how Dan Mullen will fare in his first season as a head coach. No one knows how the Bulldogs will handle his spread offense. Even with all the uncertainties, Mullen knows better than any other opposing coach what he can expect to see from the Gators, making the Bulldogs a dangerous road game for the Gators.

But unlike last year's surprising loss to Ole Miss, there will be no need for Tim Tebow to give another heartfelt speech because the Gators know what is needed to pull out a victory in a close game.

The leadership Tebow shows in those close games on the way to a perfect season will allow him to steal the Heisman Trophy away from Colt McCoy and Sam Bradford despite them having better numbers.

Once the Gators get through regular season, they will not be stopped. By that point, it won't matter who they circled because this team will be too motivated and too good to be detoured for their inevitable end of repeating as BCS National Champions.



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**Mike Diferdinando**

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This is the most talented team both offensively and defensively UF has ever produced and anything less than a return to the National Championship game should be considered a failure.

Urban Meyer will stick to his "Our goal is to make it to Atlanta" mantra, but even he can't expect everyone to believe UF doesn't have aspirations higher than another SEC championship.

The real question isn't whether or not the Gators will make it to Pasadena, but how impressive will they be in the process.

UF has never gone undefeated and if there has ever been a team capable of running the table this is it.

The Gators only real tests come on the road against LSU and a home finale against Florida State on senior day.

Baton Rouge is a tough place to play, but Tim Tebow hasn't forgotten the loss he suffered to the Tigers in his last trip to Death Valley.

Rivalry games can only go one way for so long, which makes me think FSU might be the most dangerous game on the schedule.

The Seminoles appear to be poised for a return to prominence, but the tears of 90,000 grown men carry Tebow and the Gators to a thrilling come-from-behind victory in the Heisman Trophy winner's last game in the Swamp.

No Heisman this year though. Too many blowouts mean Tebow won't get the chance to pad his stats like he did in 2007. This year the award goes to Texas quarterback Colt McCoy.

A rematch with Alabama in the SEC title game lacks the drama of last year and UF rolls to the national title game and a showdown with fellow juggernaut USC.

When it's all said and done Tebow will be standing underneath a shower of confetti with a rose in his mouth and a crystal ball in his hand.

After a Heisman Trophy and three titles in four years, Tebow leaves UF as the greatest college player of all time and with the win UF replaces Southern Cal as the nation's premier program.

Another year, another opportunity for UF fans to hate me for my prediction.

Then again, I had the 2008 Gators losing the SEC East to Georgia, so that was a huge swing-and-a-miss.

I will, however, stick with two predictions I made a year ago: Tebow will win his second Heisman in 2009, and the biggest X-factor surrounding the season is Percy Harvin's absence.



**Phil Kegler**

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Andre Debose does not equal Percy Harvin. And I'm beginning to believe four guys can't equal Percy Harvin, either.

There are guys that can catch passes (to varying degrees), and some who are quick and elusive with the ball. I'm just not convinced the Gators will have enough threats to make opposing defensive coordinators cringe.

What UF will have plenty of is defense. I believe the Gators will have a legendary defense, one that is remembered for years to come.

The closest regular-season affair will be Arkansas, but Tim Tebow and Brandon Spikes will refuse to have another Ole Miss-like blemish and win by 10.

The talk of an undefeated season will continue through the SEC Championship Game when UF gets its revenge against Ole Miss. From Dec. 5 (the SEC title game) to Jan. 7 (the BCS title game), people will talk about the Gators as one of the most dominant teams in college football history. They will talk about an average win margin that is in the 30s.

Everyone will forget similar mistakes from four years ago. The 2005 USC team was all set to repeat as national champs and rolled through its regular-season schedule until it faced a team from Texas that didn't get the memo to roll over.

Colt McCoy and the Longhorns are about to pull some *deja vu*. The Texas quarterback will be enraged after finishing second in the Heisman race for the second straight year and will shred UF's defense like no one could all year.

Tim Tebow's college career will end in tears in Pasadena.

Longhorns 31, Gators 30.

Though I have not seen everyone else's predictions before writing this, I would be seriously shocked if anyone predicted that the Gators will not win their third national championship in the last four years, something that has never been done in the history of college football.

With Tim Tebow and Brandon Spikes returning for their senior years, UF not only has the talent to accomplish that feat, but the leadership as well.



**Kyle Maistri**

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The depth on this team is unfathomably great and I'm not so sure the Gators wouldn't have a shot at repeating even if Timmy Heisman went down with an injury.

Defensive coordinator Charlie Strong has talked about his unit's goal of holding every team under 16 points in any one game, but if you were to cut that number in half, that should be just about what UF foes will average this season.

I don't see any regular season game giving the Gators trouble, not even an October 10 matchup with LSU in vaunted Tigers Stadium.

The toughest game on the schedule looks like FSU at home if you ask me (which all of you did by reading this).

Anyway, UF will take an undefeated record into the Southeastern Conference Championship game where they will get Ole Miss in a revenge match.

Tebow and co. will be so jacked up to prove last season's loss to the Rebels was a fluke that they rout Ole Miss by 30 points.

Unfortunately, the nation gets a rematch of last years championship game as UF draws one-loss Oklahoma yet again.

The game looks significantly different than last year's as Tebow is determined not to have a disastrous first half the way he did in the Orange Bowl.

The Gators don't come up with the critical stops in short yardage this time around and it becomes something of a shootout between the two squads.

In the end, UF defeats Oklahoma 42-30, cementing the first undefeated season in school history.

Oh, and No. 15 takes home his second Heisman Trophy and goes out as the greatest player in college football history.

Why not?

During the offseason, I've been more intrigued with the number of shutouts the Gators will pitch than the number of losses they'll suffer.

UF's defense is totally stacked.

Good thing, too, because the offense will need some help. The loss of Percy Harvin and a so-so receiving corps will hurt the Gators' attack more than you think, but they're sure to get great field position and plenty of possessions because of the D.



**Mike McCall**

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UF will post Armageddon-like smackdowns on Charleston Southern, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and FIU. Tennessee, LSU, and Georgia will put up respectable fights but get put away in the second half, and the rest will be your run-of-the-mill three-to-four touchdown victories.

The schedule is pretty lame, but the postseason will be plenty of fun. The Gators will get revenge against Ole Miss in the SEC Championship,

where Tim Tebow will put on a show before collecting his second Heisman Trophy.

From there, it's on to Pasadena for a matchup with Texas and quarterback Colt McCoy, who will have finished second to Tebow in the Heisman voting.

Florida is the nation's best team, hands down, but the playing field will be leveled after the Longhorns have a month to prepare. It's easy to forget, but if not for some red-zone blunders by Oklahoma and Ahmad Black's incredible interception, the BCS Championship might have fallen into different hands. This time, the breaks go against the Gators.

McCoy wins it all and finally steps out of Tebow's shadow. If only for a moment, he'll be the too-good-to-be-true college quarterback standing atop the world.

How could I make such a ridiculous pick?

Karma.

UF fans have watched their basketball and football teams dominate on the national stage in recent years, and they're due for a fall. This isn't how the world works.

If I'm right, consider UF's karmic debt for all this winning paid off. If I'm wrong, start buying lottery tickets.

## BCS Conference Predictions

Bobby Callovi   Mike DiFerdinando   Kyle Maistri   Mike McCall   Phil Kegler

ACC



Big East



Big Ten



Big 12



Pac-10



SEC



# Top 25 Predictions

*Editor's Note: Preseason polls are a useless way of forecasting the impending season. So instead, we decided to predict what we think the Top 25 poll will look like when it's all said and done.*



**Bobby Callovi**

1. Florida
2. Texas
3. Oregon
4. Oklahoma State
5. Oklahoma
6. Penn State
7. Ohio State
8. Alabama
9. USC
10. Georgia Tech
11. California
12. Rutgers
13. Notre Dame
14. BYU
15. Boise State
16. Georgia
17. Oregon State
18. TCU
19. Miami
20. Ole Miss
21. Clemson
22. FSU
23. LSU
24. Wisconsin
25. Tennessee



**Mike DiFerdinando**

1. Florida
2. USC
3. Ohio State
4. Alabama
5. FSU
6. Texas
7. Cincinnati
8. Penn State
9. Virginia Tech
10. Oklahoma State
11. Oregon
12. Georgia Tech
13. Ole Miss
14. Oklahoma
15. Notre Dame
16. Utah
17. Nebraska
18. Illinois
19. TCU
20. LSU
21. Georgia
22. Central Michigan
23. California
24. Miami
25. BYU



**Phil Kegler**

1. Texas
2. Florida
3. USC
4. Ole Miss
5. Oklahoma
6. TCU
7. LSU
8. FSU
9. Boise State
10. Penn State
11. Alabama
12. Oklahoma State
13. West Virginia
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15. Notre Dame
16. BYU
17. Georgia
18. Pittsburgh
19. Virginia Tech
20. Nebraska
21. California
22. Cincinnati
23. Georgia Tech
24. Michigan
25. Miami



**Kyle Maistri**

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21. California
22. BYU
23. Iowa
24. Notre Dame
25. LSU



**Mike McCall**

1. Texas
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# Heartbreaking Ole Miss loss still haunts Florida even after national title

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his off-field persona and the potential for another big year, have led some to crown him as one of the best college football players ever.

"If he would do either one, or maybe both, I think he'll go down as one of the great leaders and great stories in college football history," ESPN analyst and former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "The Ernie Davises and Archie Griffins — although Archie didn't win a national championship — some of the people who really accomplished great things."

That hole in Griffin's resume is exactly where UF coach Urban Meyer believes his player stands apart from the rest.

"I always think the quarterback's job, the point guard's job, the Michael Jordan's job, is to win," Meyer said. "Tim has the label of a

winner. He won a state championship in high school, he's done tremendous in college so far, and he has another year left. Without question, he'll be in that conversation."

Tebow shies away from such talk.

His competitive nature gives him a desire to be the best, but he gets visibly restless and uncomfortable when the subject is brought up, doing his best to deflect it.

"I'd just rather not hear about that until I'm done with college and everything," he said. "I just want to go work and get isolated away from everything else. It's definitely humbling, and it's an honor when people talk about it or write something, but I don't want to hear it."

## Fueling His Fire

What Tebow does want to hear are reminders of the Ole Miss game last season and

the concerns that he won't make a good pro, though he says the latter has been generated more by reporters than by coaches.

It was clear how badly Tebow wanted an undefeated season during his emotional speech after the loss to the Rebels, and it's clear now that the game still bothers him.



## Football

"It does, especially when you hear, 'How did you feel about that 4th-and-short when you got stuffed?'" Tebow said, referring to a question from earlier in the interview. "It definitely does. A comment like that will even motivate me more because I get irritated about that."

Although the Gators ran roughshod over opponents following the upset and attributed some of their success to the wake-up call,

Tebow can't look back on it without being bothered.

"It's cool the change we made from there, but I think if you ask (Brandon) Spikes, the Pounceys or anyone, they'll still say it irritates them," Tebow said. "It's a good thing, but it's never a good thing. That loss is still frustrating to everybody although a lot of good came from it."

"That's one of the good things about our team though — just how upset and mad we get about something like that. ... We still use that today in practice."

The more Tebow thinks about that game, the more determined he is to prevent it from happening again.

And if he can lead the Gators to their first-ever undefeated season, there will be little doubt as to his place in the program's history.

**PHIL**, from page 41

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The Alligator's Web site as a whole is set to go under some renovations this semester. Look forward to a clearer layout as well as some new gimmicks up our sleeves including columnist biographies and exclusive online content.

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the best coverage of UF sports, though. Look for more complete coverage of SEC football, and our own Heisman Watch segment debuting midway through the college football season. We are also planning a weekly question-and-answer segment to feature some of UF's athletes from lesser-known sports.

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UF sophomore opposite hitter/setter Kelly Murphy (right) hopes to avoid a dropoff after becoming the Gators' first AVCA National Freshman of the Year in 2008.

## UF VOLLEYBALL

# Murphy looks to top '08

By **ADAM BERRY**  
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Kelly Murphy isn't worried about a sophomore slump.

UF's first-ever AVCA National Freshman of the Year will start her second season in Gainesville with plenty of expectations to live up to, but she is taking them all in stride.

"There's always pressure because everyone's going to be expecting me to match up to what happened last year," Murphy said. "I'm just excited to start playing again. I'm ready for the season to start."

In 2008, Murphy performed about as efficiently and impressively as anyone could have expected from the nation's top recruit. She broke the school record for career triple-doubles with six in her first 27 matches as a freshman.

Murphy finished the year leading the team in kills (357) and hitting percentage (.358) and second in assists (610) and digs (209) while recording 12 straight double-doubles during Southeastern Conference play.

"For a freshman to come in and be that dominant, it's kind of unheard of," senior libero Elyse Cusack said. "But she's an exceptional player, and she's a special player. I'm just glad she's on my team."

After a productive offseason in Gainesville, Murphy is back on the court and, according to her coach and teammates, better than ever.

The versatile opposite hitter/setter spent the spring improving her setting, and the team's offseason conditioning and weight lifting has made her faster and fitter than she was during her record-setting first year at UF.

Add a season of experience at the college level and stronger team chemistry, and Murphy has established a sense of confidence in her ability and her teammates that should allow her to develop as a leader. Murphy said she hopes to become a more vocal and emotional presence on the court, a role that should come more naturally without the occasional nervousness she felt as a freshman.

Although all signs point to Murphy having improved nearly every aspect of her game, her teammates said she just needs to be as good as she was last year for the team to be successful.

"Murph, she just has to be Murph, honestly," junior opposite hitter Lauren Bledsoe said. "There's not too much that she has to do. If she just does a nice little repeat of last year, I'll be fine with that."

But after a full spring and summer of training at UF, Murphy is prepared to do more in 2009 than just rehash her freshman campaign. Gators coach Mary Wise called her one of the most competitive players on the team, a trait that should keep her motivated to continue improving throughout her time in Gainesville.

"She wants to win and will do anything to win," Wise said. "If I asked her to be our libero, she would do it to win."

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# Transfers create, fill hole at setter

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During the offseason, the Gators lost their starting setter to another school, but they added a transfer of their own to make up for it.

Sophomore Cindy Bathelt left UF for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in June. A native of Colorado Springs, Bathelt chose to attend school and continue playing in her hometown despite her initial success with the Gators.

"I think it was just homesickness," sophomore outside hitter and fellow Colorado native Kristy Jaeckel said. "We were a little surprised by it, but we wish her the best of luck and hope she does the best she can wherever she ends up."

Replacing Bathelt will not be easy for UF coach Mary Wise. Bathelt led the Gators with 623 assists as one of five freshmen who saw meaningful playing time for UF in 2008.

Wise, who was a setter at Purdue and has lectured about the position at national coaches' conferences, added two more distributors to her roster this year. She recruited freshman Sundai Weston and pursued Brynja Rodgers, then a sophomore

at New Mexico State, to compensate for the loss of Bathelt.

Wise first tried to touch base with Rodgers through her hometown coaches in Iowa. They passed along the message to her coach at NMSU, who advised Rodgers to get in touch with Wise.

"She kind of sought after me, which I thought was kind of cool," Rodgers said. "Playing for the University of Florida is something all volleyball players dream about, and getting the chance to actually do it — I took that chance right away."

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**Brynja Rodgers**  
UF junior setter

The junior setter is still learning the intricacies of UF's 6-2 offense, but her adjustment has been made easier by her experience in a similar

system while at NMSU.

As a sophomore, Rodgers played in 23 of the Aggies' 35 matches, but she saw the floor in only 34 sets, recording 86 assists.

As the "new kid" for the Gators, Rodgers said she has felt some pressure, and the program's decorated history — including 18 straight Southeastern Conference championships — says all she needs to know about the extremely high expectations she will face in Gainesville.

NMSU finished 26-9 and shared the Western Athletic Conference regular-season title during Rodgers' sophomore year, but the Gators' lofty postseason goals — anything less than a Sweet 16 appearance would be considered a disappointment — have been emphasized more than she was used to.

Despite the expectations, her coaches and teammates have expressed their confidence in Rodgers' ability to make a successful transition to UF and help fill the void left by Bathelt.

"We expect the same as we would've expected out of Cindy," sophomore opposite hitter/setter Kelly Murphy said. "We've got to spread the ball around and get good sets to all our hitters."



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UF junior setter Brynja Rodgers, a transfer from New Mexico State, will look to compensate for the loss of Cindy Bathelt.

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# Johnson's knee fully recovered

## Team excited for healthy senior

By **ADAM BERRY**  
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At the UF volleyball team's media day on Aug. 13, Lauren Bledsoe could barely contain her excitement when asked about senior Kristina Johnson.

The question regarding Johnson's recovery from the nagging knee injury she dealt with last year had barely ended when Bledsoe began to praise "KJ," as her teammates call her.

"Oh, you guys have no idea. In practice, when she's hitting, it's amazing," Bledsoe said. "It's so effortless, literally. When she jumps up to hit, it's so easy for her, and she's so powerful. There's no tentativeness about her."

The praise for Johnson didn't stop with Bledsoe. Junior transfer Brynja Rodgers said the 6-foot-2 middle blocker was the player she was most excited about setting for, detailing how talented and physically impressive she has been during two-a-days.

Coach Mary Wise added her approval as well, telling reporters this

was the year Johnson, who struggled with an injury in her surgically repaired knee last season, would finally reach her full potential.

"A year ago today, she had just been cleared to play the day before, and she had no summer to train, no spring," Wise said. "That knee is completely healed. This year, our fans will see the Kristina Johnson we had hoped we would have before the injury."

Johnson's troubles with her knee and then-senior Kelsey Bowers' back injury plagued the middle blocker position for the Gators in 2008.

Although it led to inconsistent play and forced players into unfamiliar roles, it may have had the unintentional benefit of adding depth at the position.

Week to week, middle blocker was a question for the Gators last year.

With Bowers and Johnson occasionally sidelined, Cassandra Anderson played extra rotations as a freshman — she played in 25 matches and started 15 — and finished

the year with an average of just more than one block and one kill per game.

Now in her sophomore year, Anderson will split time with Johnson and redshirt freshman Betsy Smith in a unit that is looking to increase its output of blocks and kills in 2009.

Wise has repeatedly stressed the importance of outblocking opponents as a key to winning matches, and the Gators proved the effect a blocking advantage can have in their two matches against Colorado State last season.

In the regular season, the Gators were outblocked 12-2 in a 3-0 loss to the Rams. In the postseason, UF turned that around and had nine blocks to Colorado State's five in a 3-0 victory to advance to the Sweet 16.

To make it further than the Sweet 16 this year, the trio of middle blockers is just hoping to finally stay healthy for an entire season.

"Our middles are going to be a really good presence on our team this year, a lot stronger than they have been in the past," outside hitter Kristy Jaeckel said. "No matter who's on the court, we're going to get a good showing out of them."



### Volleyball



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Senior Kristina Johnson's health will be key for a middle blocking unit that was plagued with injuries a season ago.

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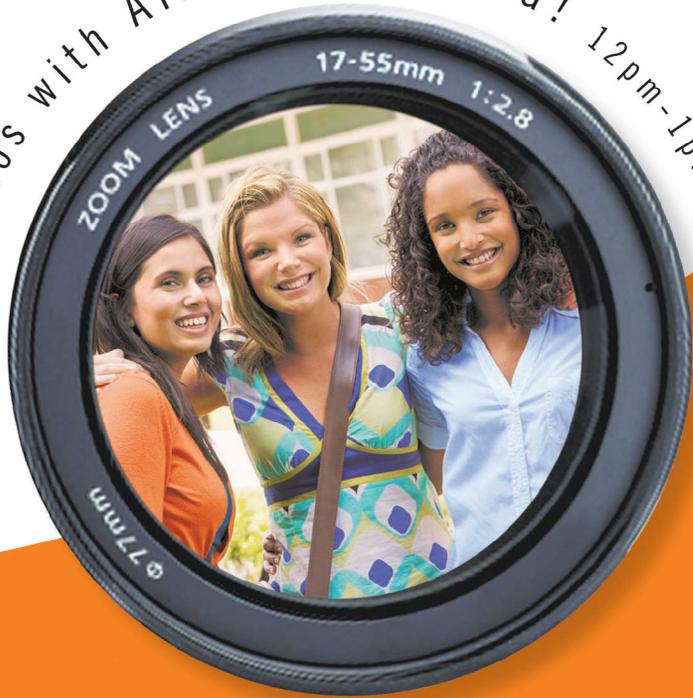
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# Replacing Murphy proving to be tougher than expected

■ COOPER AND THOMPSON LOOK TO BE TOP FILL-INS.

By **MIKE DIFERDINANDO**

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Much of the talk during fall camp has centered on filling the void left by do-it-all receiver Percy Harvin, but the production of fellow former Gator Louis Murphy may prove to be just as hard to replace.

"People always talk about replacing Percy. At the same time, people forget about how critical Murph was in us being successful last year," wide receivers coach Billy Gonzales said.

Murphy caught 38 balls for 655 yards and seven touchdowns during the Gators' national-title run in 2008.

His sure hands and 6-foot-2 frame made him a go-to option for quarterback Tim Tebow last year.

"You put him on another team and he's probably an All-American," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "That's how good a player he was. Right now, we're having



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

Wide receiver Deonte Thompson will be counted upon to play an integral role in UF's offense this fall. The sophomore, along with seniors Riley Cooper and David Nelson, are the top wideouts right now.

a hard time filling his void."

The two likely replacements for Murphy are senior Riley

Cooper and sophomore Deonte Thompson.

Cooper spent the summer

playing baseball and recently agreed to a professional contract with the Texas Rangers. He start-

ed 12 games last season but only has 30 career receptions.

It could take time for Cooper to work his way back into football shape.

"Cooper has been there, he's played in every game, he's a starter for us," Gonzales said. "I trust Cooper. I trust him with everything out there."

"I've got to get that kind of trust in the other guys."

Thompson played mostly on special teams last season, catching just 18 passes on the year.

But he has speed and has shown that he can stretch the defense and be a threat down the field.

"I hope Deonte is ready right now. He's performing," Gonzales said. "I want Deonte to play as hard as Murph, as hard as Dallas Baker, as hard as Bubba Caldwell. Murph was developed."

"He didn't happen overnight. He grew on special teams. Deonte last year basically was a special teams player and has worked his way."

Gonzales said Cooper and Thompson continue to split reps at the position during practice.

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# SEC CAPSULES

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## WEST

### ALABAMA

**Coach:** Nick Saban (14-8 at UA, five wins from 2007 vacated by NCAA)  
**2008 record:** 12-2 (8-0 SEC)

**Players to watch:** WR Julio Jones, DT Terrence Cody, CB/KR Javier Arenas, LB Rolando McClain, RB Mark Ingram.

**Overview:** The Crimson Tide will have to break in new quarterback Greg McElroy, and he'll lead an offense that returns just four starters from last season, though he'll still have one of the nation's best wideouts in Jones. The defense should be just as good as 2008, but it remains to be seen whether McElroy and Ingram can provide the firepower to navigate a tough schedule.

**Key Games:** Sept. 5 vs. Virginia Tech (Atlanta), Oct. 10 at Mississippi, Nov. 7 vs. LSU.

### ARKANSAS

**Coach:** Bobby Petrino (5-7 at UA)  
**2008 record:** 5-7 (2-6 SEC)

**Players to watch:** TE D.J. Williams, QB Ryan Mallett, RB Michael Smith, DT Malcolm Sheppard, LB Jerry Franklin.

**Overview:** There doesn't seem to be enough room in the SEC West race for the Razorbacks, but if former Michigan quarterback Mallett gets off to a quick start, they could turn some heads. Arkansas faces the league's toughest schedule though, and there's little reason to think the team can improve on last year's 1-4 road record as trips to Alabama, Florida, Ole Miss and LSU loom.

**Key Games:** Sept. 26 at Alabama, Oct. 17 at Florida, Oct. 24 at Mississippi.

### AUBURN

**Coach:** Gene Chizik (first year at AU)  
**2008 record:** 5-7 (2-6 SEC)

**Players to watch:** RB Ben Tate, QB Chris Todd, DE Antonio Coleman, OT Lee Ziemba, DE Antoine Carter.

**Overview:** Chizik inherits an experienced team, but the Tigers have lost their spot in the West's top three to Ole Miss. Todd and dual threat Kodi Burns are both average quarterbacks, and the offense is running its fourth system in three years. The defense has the talent to hold its own, but can Todd & Co. put up enough points?

**Key Games:** Sept. 19 vs. West Virginia, Oct. 31 vs. Mississippi, Nov. 27 vs. Alabama.

### LSU

**Coach:** Les Miles (42-11 at LSU)  
**2008 record:** 8-5 (3-5 SEC)

**Players to watch:** RB Charles Scott, WR Brandon LaFell, KR Trindon Holliday, DE Rahim Alem, QB Jordan Jefferson.

**Overview:** The Tigers will be improved from last season, but they must conquer a brutal schedule. Scott and Keiland Williams are solid ball carriers and the receiving corps is talented, but Jefferson is unproven and the offense will only go as far as he takes it. LSU's defense allowed 24.2 points per game last year, the team's worst in the last decade, but the seven returning starters will be looking to change that.

**Key Games:** Oct. 10 vs. Florida, Nov. 7 at Alabama, Nov. 21 at Mississippi

### MISSISSIPPI

**Coach:** Houston Nutt (9-4 at UM)  
**2008 record:** 9-4 (5-3 SEC)

**Players to watch:** QB Jevan Snead, WR/RB Dexter McCluster, S Kendrick Lewis, WR Shay Hodge, DE Greg Hardy.

**Overview:** The Rebels are the darling SEC West pick after upsetting Florida, LSU and Texas Tech last year. Expectations are higher in Oxford than they've been in a long time, and much of that pressure will fall on Snead, who has gotten some dark-horse Heisman talk. Ole Miss' schedule sets up nicely, and with plenty of returning starters, the key will be handling the hype. The Rebels will be hunted rather than hunting.

**Key Games:** Oct. 10 vs. Alabama, Oct. 24 vs. Arkansas, Nov. 21 vs. LSU.

### MISSISSIPPI STATE

**Coach:** Dan Mullen (first year at MSU)  
**2008 record:** 4-8 (2-6 SEC)

**Players to watch:** RB Anthony Dixon, LB Jamar Chaney, WR Brandon McRae, QB Tyson Lee, LB K.J. Wright.

**Overview:** Mullen has his work cut out for him. The Bulldogs are in the West's cellar, and it'll take some serious work to climb out. MSU will lean heavily on Dixon, and Lee and Chris Relf are locked in a battle for the starting QB spot. The Bulldogs return 10 total starters from a 2008 squad that allowed 24.7 points per game and scored just 15.2, and there's little room for optimism at this point.

**Key Games:** Oct. 3 vs. Georgia Tech, Oct. 24 vs. Florida, Nov. 28 vs. Mississippi.

## EAST

### GEORGIA

**Coach:** Mark Richt (82-22 at UGA)  
**2008 record:** 10-3 (6-2 SEC)

**Players to watch:** WR A.J. Green, QB Joe Cox, LB Rennie Curran, RB Caleb King, S Reshad Jones.

**Overview:** Cox will try and duplicate D.J. Shockley's feat of winning the SEC in his only year as a starter, but the Bulldogs will have to get past the Gators to do so. King will be dynamic in the backfield if he can overcome injuries and Green is an elite receiver, but the pressure will be on UGA's defense to improve on its 24.5 points per game allowed last year, the school's worst since 1999.

**Key Games:** Sept. 5 at Oklahoma St., Oct. 3 vs. LSU, Oct. 31 vs. Florida (Jacksonville).

### KENTUCKY

**Coach:** Rich Brooks (32-41 at UK)  
**2008 record:** 7-6 (2-6 SEC)

**Players to watch:** CB Trevard Lindley, WR Randall Cobb, LB Micah Johnson, QB Mike Hartline, RB Alfonso Smith.

**Overview:** Brooks has some solid playmakers in the above-mentioned names, but Hartline will need to be more consistent for the offense to click. Cobb showed last year that he can pass, run and catch at a high level, and he will be a constant threat. Johnson and Lindley are solid NFL prospects, but they're two of just four returning starters to a defense that struggled late last season. Kentucky is likely looking at a battle for the fifth spot in the East.

**Key Games:** Sept. 26 vs. Florida, Oct. 3 vs. Alabama, Nov. 21 at Georgia.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

**Coach:** Steve Spurrier (28-22 at USC)  
**2008 record:** 7-6 (4-4 SEC)

**Players to watch:** QB Stephen Garcia, LB Eric Norwood, RB Jarvis Giles, WR Alshon Jeffery, S Chris Culliver.

**Overview:** Garcia was a highly touted recruit, and after overcoming off-field problems, it's time for him to reach his potential. The offense will need contributions from some talented freshmen, and Norwood has to keep up his all-world performances to hold the defense together. With a tough schedule ahead, the Gamecocks will have an uphill battle to notch their first winning conference record since 2005.

**Key Games:** Sept. 24 vs. Mississippi, Oct. 17 at Alabama, Nov. 14 vs. Florida.

### TENNESSEE

**Coach:** Lane Kiffin (first year at UT)  
**2008 record:** 5-7 (3-5 SEC)

**Players to watch:** S Eric Berry, QB Jonathan Crompton, LB Rico McCoy, WR Gerald Jones, RB Montario Hardesty.

**Overview:** Kiffin did a lot of talking during the offseason, and now it's time to back it up. Crompton is looking to erase the disappointment of last season, and he has a talented crop of backs behind him to help out. The secondary is the strength of the defense, led by Berry, and they'll aim to keep holding opponents to the stout 16.8 points per game they allowed last year. Can Kiffin's talented freshmen handle three tough road games?

**Key Games:** Sept. 19 at Florida, Oct. 24 at Alabama, Nov. 14 at Mississippi.

### VANDERBILT

**Coach:** Bobby Johnson (27-56 at VU)  
**2008 record:** 7-6 (4-4 SEC)

**Players to watch:** QB Mackenzi Adams, QB Larry Smith, LB Patrick Benoist, LB Chris Marve, CB Myron Lewis.

**Overview:** The Commodores return plenty of starters, but it'll be a struggle to finish with a 4-4 conference record again this season. Vandy will be on the road every other week for a total of six away games. VU mostly survived off of turnovers last year, and without those same breaks in 2009, it'll be tough to make it two bowl games in a row.

**Key Games:** Sept. 12 at LSU, Oct. 3 vs. Mississippi, Nov. 7 at Florida.

## UF DEFENSE

## Gators hope to shed 'bend-but-don't-break' label

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Call UF's defense intimidating. Call it deep. Call it limitless in its potential.

Just don't call it bend-but-don't-break. Not this year.

"No defense likes to hear that we're a bend-but-don't-break defense," defensive tackle Teron Sanders said. "One thing you would love to hear somebody say is that defense is a brick wall. Nobody can run through them, nobody can complete a pass. That would be one of the good goals that we have is not allowing so many yards, not allowing so many yards through the air."

The Gators allowed 285 yards per game in 2008, and 180 of those came through opponent's passing games.

When Ole Miss handed UF its only loss in The Swamp last season, it was an 86-yard pass play from Jevan Snead to Shay Hodge that put the Rebels up 31-24 with just more than five minutes to play.

Linebacker Brandon Spikes said that loss still motivates the team to this day, and he expects the defense to be even better than the unit that allowed 12.9 points per game a season ago.

The way to do that is by getting off the field faster than ever.

"I feel like we have the talent to go three-and-out every series,"

Spikes said. "That bend-but-don't-break, sometimes that will get you in a hole, so we just try to go three-and-out."

If the defense is able to clamp down right from the beginning of every series, Tim Tebow and the offense might not have time to do

much more than grab a drink of water between offensive possessions.

"We allowed people to drive the ball last year," defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said. "What we need to do is just go out there and be ready to play right from the start."

That type of attitude is being formed in training camp, where complacency was targeted as the first opponent on UF's schedule.

Every day, the players are answering questions on whether or not this defense has the makings of one of the greatest of all time.

For those players who answered affirmatively, Strong has a message.

"If you're going to sell those tickets, you better be ready to cash them," he said.

Leadership is sure to play a big role in the mentality of the unit, and Strong can count on Spikes and fellow senior linebacker Ryan Stampler to provide plenty of that.

When Charleston Southern rolls into Gainesville on Sept. 5, the Gators will be ready to prove to every team on the slate that they're dead set on not suffering another letdown.

"If we come out thinking we're the big bad Florida Gators, people could beat us," Spikes said.



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Ends Justin Trattou (94), Carlos Dunlap (8) and Jermaine Cunningham (49) and linebacker Brandon Spikes (51) are all parts of a defense that comes into the season striving for more three-and-outs.

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# Gators win season opener

■ ELLIOTT LIFTS FLORIDA PAST MIAMI IN 1-0 ROAD WIN.

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**  
Alligator Writer

Senior Ashlee Elliott promised pizzazz this year and delivered after one game.

After a scoreless first half against in-state rival Miami, Elliott scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal on a header sent in from Tricia Townsend.

Before classes even started, the Gators soccer team went to work and nabbed a 1-0 win over the Hurricanes in Coral Gables on Friday night.

"A lot more excitement, a lot more pizzazz," Elliott said about this year's team. "I feel like there's going to be a lot more creativity."

UF coach Becky Burleigh said her team exhibited more nerves than rust.

"To have a chance to get a lot of freshmen get experience, to start on the road, to get the win was a good result for us," Burleigh said.

The Gators' first match of the season was a learning experience for a team with 25 underclassmen on the 33-woman roster.

"It was good to get a chance to actually play another team and just for the freshmen

to get to see what college soccer is all about," goalkeeper Katie Fraine said.

Fraine racked up five saves en route to her shutout and sealed the win as the Hurricanes applied pressure late with shots in the 89th and 90th minutes.

"It was just awesome to get to see our ideas and creativity work against a team that didn't know what was coming," Fraine said.

Fraine acknowledged the first game wasn't the prettiest but that some rust was to be expected with a younger team.

"We're not going to be mad at them, it's their first game," Elliott said. "I was there, and I'm not going to blame them if they miss a pass, miss a goal."

Youth hasn't quelled the preseason hype.

The Gators (1-0-0) headed into this season ranked 10th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) preseason poll and were also picked by league coaches as the preseason favorite to win the Southeastern Conference.

"For this team and the level of talent we have, being able to establish ourselves at home and on the road is both very important," Burleigh said.



Soccer

# Doe settles legal issues, not practicing with team

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Florida linebacker Dustin Doe settled his legal issues Thursday, but coach Urban Meyer said he hasn't completely rejoined the Gators yet.

Meyer said the senior will be suspended at least one game, although no final decision has been made.

Doe has not practiced with the team this fall after being suspended in late July following his arrest for driving with a suspended license. Doe is currently training individually while he tries to regain his playing shape.

Doe pled guilty Thursday to driving with a suspended license and driving without a valid license. The first charge came with a sentence of a year of unsupervised probation, a \$300 fine and 16

hours of work detail. The second charge resulted in six months of unsupervised probation, another \$300 fine and another eight hours of work detail.



Doe

Doe's suspended license had been caused by outstanding traffic tickets.

"He's a good guy, but don't drive," Meyer said Friday. "Don't drive. I don't understand it. I don't want to make light

of a guy's career, because he has a lot of promise. The great thing is it's not over. We're certainly not turning our back on a guy for that kind of a situation. However, you live in the United States of America and there are laws. Follow the laws."

Information from *The Associated Press* contributed to this report.

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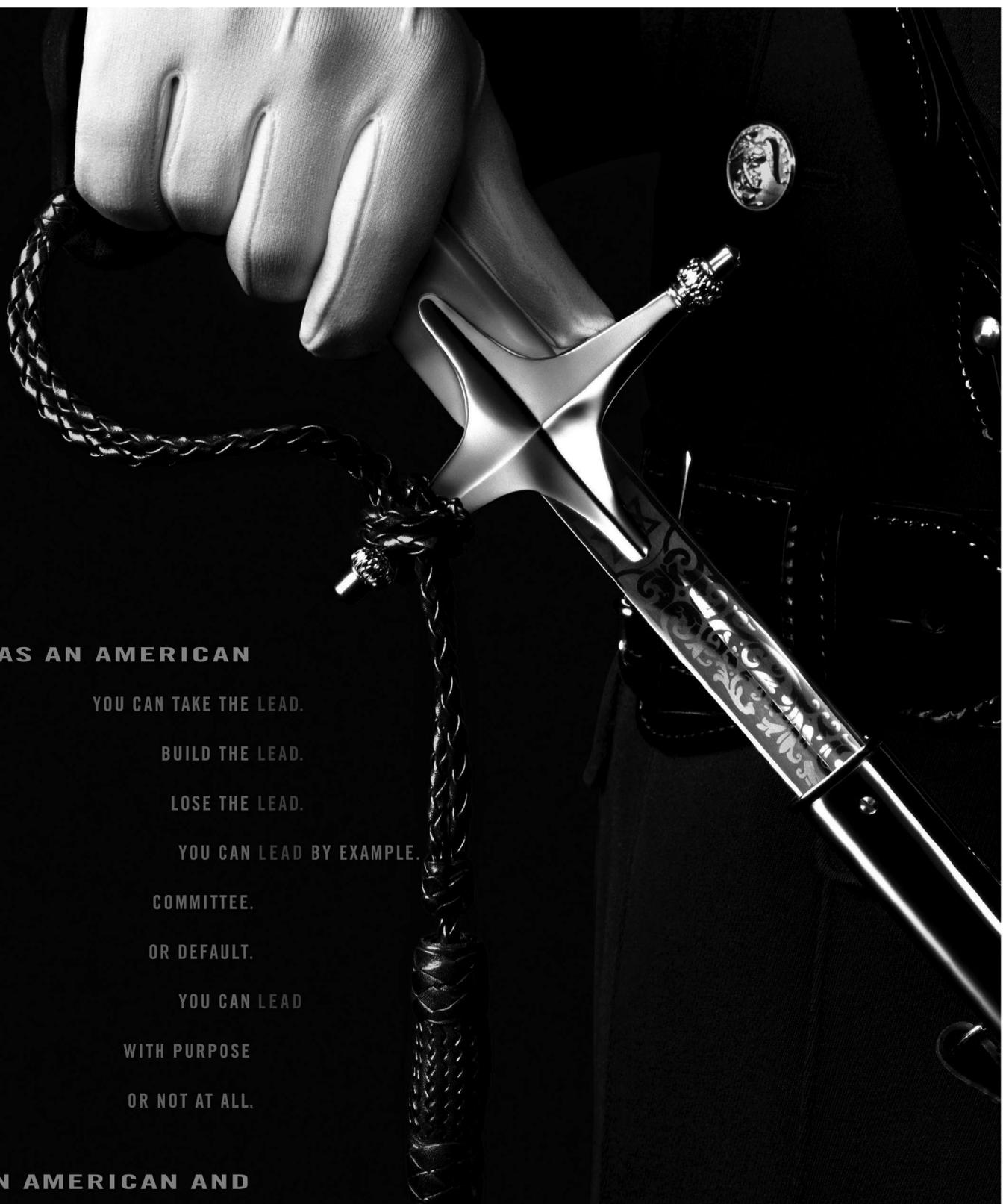
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## PAY FOR PLAY

## Athletes missing out on their own earning potential

*Editor's Note: This is the first of a four-part AlligatorSports series in which we examine whether college athletes deserve to be paid for their athletic efforts.*

By **LAURA KUBITZ, KYLE MAISTRI** and **MIKE McCALL**  
Alligator Writers

When Tim Tebow left Ponte Vedra Nease High School for the University of Florida, his coach kept his helmet.

Craig Howard didn't want it as a memento to remind him of the quarterback he helped mold into an eventual Heisman Trophy winner, and he wasn't looking to make a quick buck by selling it.

Howard stowed it away at Nease for the opposite reason: to keep someone else from selling it.

That's also why Howard — who now coaches at Lake City Columbia High — didn't sell jerseys bearing Tebow's No. 5, a venture that surely would have raised lots of money for the Panthers' program.

"I thought about it, but I thought it would be too much commercialism," Howard said. "We could have made money off of it, but guys like that come along only a few times."

"I was always very protective of Timmy's stuff."

Though Howard has certainly gained from coaching Tebow — he won a state title and coached a game on ESPN — he is one of the few people who hasn't taken advantage of a chance to make money off him.

Sometime between an athlete's final prep contest and his arrival on a college campus, that line is broken. From one amateur, student-athlete-driven sports association to another, it becomes commonplace for people to make large profits off of players.

And since arriving in Gainesville,

Tebow has become a cash cow.

The UF Bookstore, located on campus, sold around 2,000 of Tebow's No. 15 jerseys last year. That's a rate of 166 per month, ranging in price from \$75 to \$150.

A search on eBay.com for "Tim Tebow" nets 393 results, ranging from 99-cent football cards to an autographed jersey up for \$515.15.

At The Perfect Gift, a shop located in Haile Village, a painting titled "Lord of The Swamp" that featured Tebow running through the Oklahoma defense with Bible verses placed all over him was on the market for \$6,500. At the Haile Village Art Fair outside the store last spring, more paintings, sketches and even jewelry bearing Tebow's likeness or jersey number were for sale.

His image has sold magazines, newspapers, highlight videos and T-shirts. His play on the field has sold tickets and earned UF millions for playing in high-profile bowl games.

And as Howard points out, a 10-year-old Tebow family Christmas card went for \$50 online last fall.

"It's almost disgusting," Howard said. "So many people make money off of athletes and off of sports, and a lot of times the athletes don't get any financial reward from it."

Due to NCAA rules, Tebow is prevented from benefiting financially as a result of his status as an athlete. He even has to jump through hoops just to do charity work.

In the week leading up to UF's spring football game, Tebow participated in charity events that raised around \$300,000 for the children's hospital at Shands at UF and an orphanage in the Philippines.

Tebow was only allowed to help after months of dialogue with the NCAA to ensure that Tebow, his family and his father's ministry, the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association, would not benefit.

"I don't really care about getting paid, but sometimes I do wish I could do more charity work and help out with stuff like that," Tebow said.

It seems everyone is making money off Tim Tebow except for Tim Tebow, but some believe he has the ability to change the college system.

After the 2007 Heisman Trophy presentation, professor Rick Karcher, who heads the Center for Law and Sports at the Florida Coastal School of Law, sent Tebow a letter congratulating him on the win.

The letter also urged Tebow to sue the commercial entities profiting from his identity, which would not cause a loss of eligibility. If Tebow were to be awarded damages, Karcher wrote, it would be too late for the NCAA to punish him.

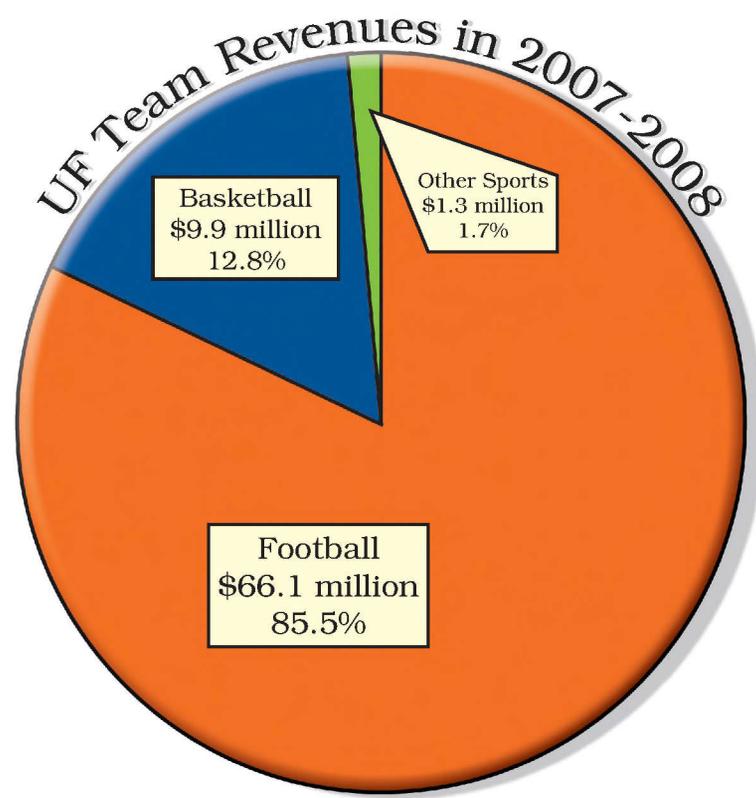
"But by the time you receive that judgment, you will have already exhausted your eligibility," Karcher wrote in the letter, which he later published on the Internet. "Your lawsuit could be the impetus for the NCAA to begin negotiating with its licensees for an annual royalty to be held in trust for the benefit of collegiate athletes in the future, without destroying their eligibility."

Karcher's idea was that Tebow could do for college sports what Curt Flood did for free agency in baseball. But the debate about paying student-athletes is long and twisted, with legal issues, gender equality, economics and the spirit of amateurism all playing a role.

#### The Football Machine

Because there is no fair system to pay college athletes, and doing so under current rules would remove their eligibility, Tebow and his teammates are not able to cash in on their work.

According to the U.S. Depart-



Source: U.S. Department of Education

ment of Education, the UF football program generated more than \$66 million in 2007-08, while the men's basketball program brought in \$9.9 million. After expenses, those teams made \$47.2 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, while all other UF sports recorded a net loss of \$13.5 million.

It's clear that the gridiron Gators are the framework holding the athletics program together.

"The ability of our football program to generate significant dollars is the key component to our financial stability," the UAA stated in its 2008-2009 budget summary.

The numbers will be much larger for the 2008 season.

The UAA projected to make \$8.6 million in Southeastern Conference revenue from bowl games, television contracts and championships, \$2.1 million from advertising and \$29.9 million in donations from boosters.

Also, since Tebow's jersey hit the shelves, licensing revenues have almost doubled to a projected \$4 million, a number that will likely be surpassed in the wake of the Gators' recent national title.

Those numbers, especially from the football team, have convinced many that the athletes doing the work on the field deserve a cut.

"Honestly, I think we should get a little something," cornerback Joe Haden said. "When you look at all the money coming in for the games and everything, [the university gets] all the money. It wouldn't hurt for us to just get a little something."

Of the Gators' 122 players, 85 are on athletic scholarships, ranging in value from \$12,300 for in-state students to \$29,150 for non-Floridians. The scholarships cover tuition, housing, a meal plan and books, and there are other benefits that come with being a student-athlete, such as trainers, tutors and special advisers to help with scheduling.

"There's a lot of other things they do for us," wide receiver David Nelson said. "If there's an emergency

and we have to go home, they'll pay for our flight. They do a great job of taking care of us, and they provide us with meal plans and housing, so there really isn't that much else that we need."

The bases are covered, Haden said, but in the shadow of coach Urban Meyer's \$4 million-per-year contract and the program's sky-high revenues and success, the players should get a little more.

"We have a meal plan at the dining hall, and not to be talking down about it, but it's the same food all the time, and sometimes you don't want to go there," Haden said. "You might want to take your girl out to eat or something."

Big-time players are sure to cash in on their careers eventually. Tebow will likely have endorsements and a pro contract waiting for him this spring, and he took out an insurance policy to guard against an injury derailing his plans.

But for those without a future in athletics, earning a degree is everything.

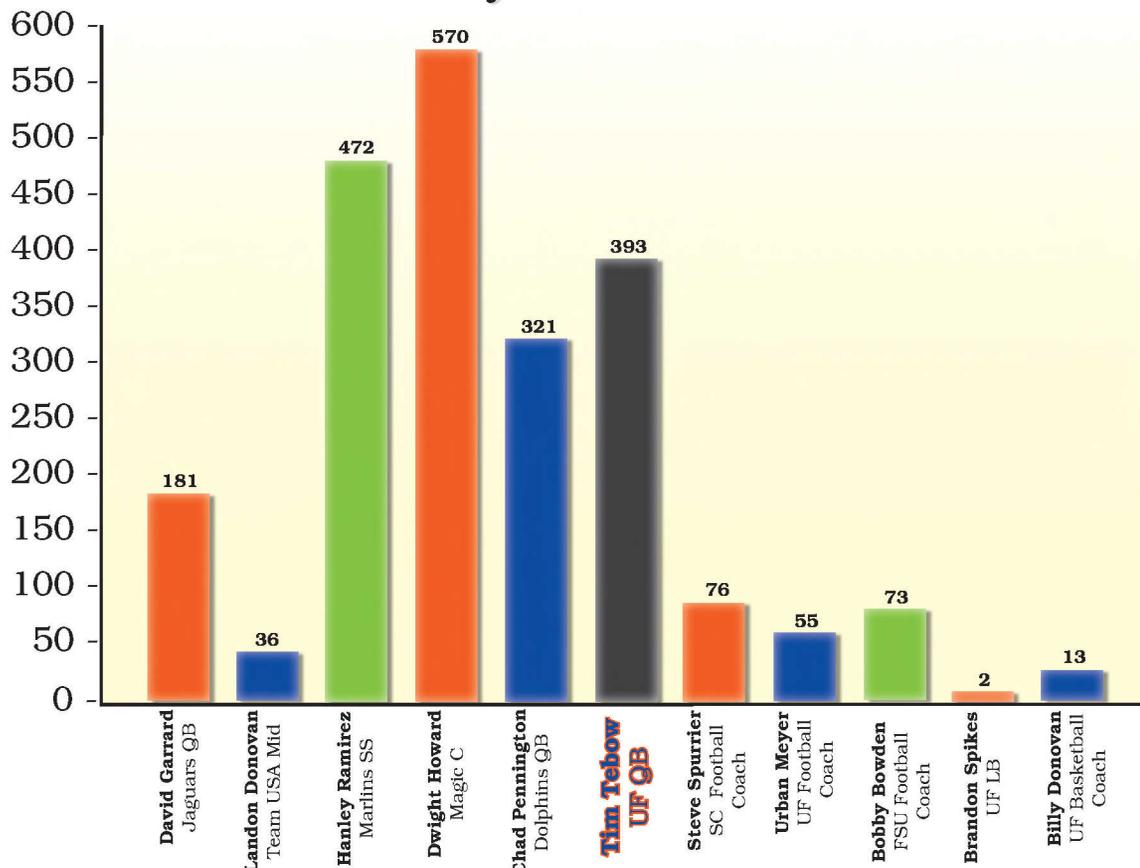
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, adults with a college degree earn four times more than those with less than a high school diploma. A high school dropout, on average, earned about \$20,873 in 2006 while a person with an advanced college degree earned about \$82,320.

Those benefits aren't lost on safety Major Wright, who plans to use his communications degree to pursue a broadcasting career after football. But he still believes he should be compensated with a stipend.

"The majority of our time as a student-athlete is either studying or on the field," Wright said. "I feel like we should be paid because we're here 24/7. We're here during the breaks when other people go home, and even though our team is like a family, we can't get to be with our immediate family much. Taking that away can push some people down sometimes."

Melissa Rodgers contributed to this report.

## eBay Search Results



Source: eBay.com

# Breakout season leaves Dunlap wanting more

■ THE JUNIOR HAD 9.5 SACKS IN 2008.

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Carlos Dunlap stepped into the national spotlight in January, but that may have been just the beginning.

The defensive end earned Defensive MVP honors during UF's 24-14 win over Oklahoma in the BCS National Championship Game and admits to being recognized more than ever.

The scary thought for UF opponents is the junior says he reached only half of his potential in 2008, a year in which he blocked three punts and led the team with 9.5 sacks.

He tallied those stats while splitting time with Justin Trattou, but the breakout season has Dunlap primed to be the starter opposite Jermaine Cunningham in 2009.

"Last year, it was just hard to get Dunlap to run from me to that door," said defensive coordinator Charlie Strong, referring to a door about six feet away. "I think that what helped him was being MVP last year of the national championship game. He's got so much publicity. He's taken that upon himself to be a better football player."

Then again, Dunlap's potential was never in question. The 6-foot-6, 290-pounder has always earned praise for his freakish athletic ability

and physique.

He returned kickoffs in high school. Strong has seen Dunlap catch a ball carrier from behind.

But it was a different story when

he arrived in Gainesville as the fifth-best recruit in the country, according to Rivals.com.

Struggling with the pressure, coaches saw him as lazy. Just last

week, coach Urban Meyer characterized Dunlap as a "dog" his freshman year.

"When I came in, a lot was expected of me," Dunlap said. "When

I messed up, coaches got on me, and I took it the wrong way.

"Everybody that comes to Florida is a star at their high school. When they get here, they expect to make plays like they did in high school."

The last year has seen quite a transformation from Dunlap. His '08 success has him training harder than ever during two-a-days, and coaches and teammates can't help but praise his newfound work ethic.

Defensive line coach Dan McCarney said he has seen a change in maturity from meetings to the practice field. Fellow lineman Earl Okine looks up to Dunlap and says he doesn't want to let his upperclassman teammate down.

"His practice habits (this fall) have been better than they've ever been," McCarney said. "I never had one issue with him on game day."

"He just needed to put more emphasis on (practice) and give more effort and be more relentless and just practice better and prepare better, and he's doing that right now."

In addition to the Gators' quest to repeat as national champs, Dunlap still has some things to prove.

He has targeted Alex Brown's single-season record of 13 sacks set in 1999, and McCarney agrees he's capable of breaking that mark. Scout.com currently has Dunlap slotted as the eighth-best defensive end if he were to leave UF and enter the 2010 NFL Draft.

But for now, he'll just keep worrying about practice.

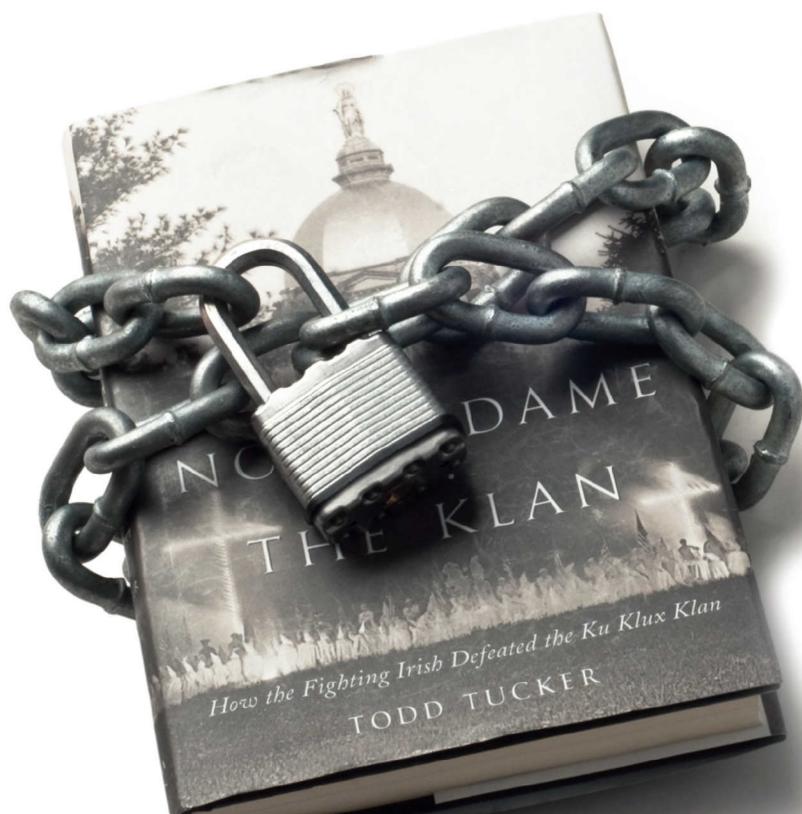


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UF defensive end Carlos Dunlap initially struggled to develop his work ethic but is receiving lots of praise this fall. The junior has targeted the Alex Brown's single-season school record of 13 sacks, set in 1999.

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# THE FANIFESTO

## Does your fandom need questioning?

By KYLE MAISTRI | Kyle Points

"Smokey, this is not 'Nam. This is bowling. There are rules."

That is one of my favorite movie quotes, delivered by John Goodman as Walter Sobchak in *The Big Lebowski*.

Sports fandom is also unlike 'Nam. There are rules to this as well.

What are the rules of sports loyalty?

I'm glad you asked.

Too many times our friends are quick to pull a maneuver that draws our ire, jumping recklessly from bandwagon to bandwagon without dignity or nobility in mind.

After meditating on the matter at hand and discussing the subject with a well-respected colleague and friend of mine (Mike DiFerdinando), I believe I have come up with some basic rules and regulations that should be observed when assessing the validity of one's sports fandom.

*The following is to be considered the ultimate authority on sports allegiances and a reference point for when it is or is not acceptable to bust your buddy's balls for questionable practices.*

**ARTICLE I:** There are only two noble reasons to claim a sports team (college or professional) as your own:

- Regional proximity
- Family ties

If you are from a city, or are choosing a nearby team to root for, you're well within the perimeters of logical fandom. If you were raised on a team, or root for a team because that's what your dad did when you were a little kid, we understand.

**ARTICLE II:** All sports allegiances must be formed before the teenage years. And once formed, only under a precious few circumstances is it OK to jump to another team.

**Pro Teams:** If you chose to root for the Buffalo Bills when you were a wee lad because you liked the team's jerseys, this is a Level 1 Offense. I see this as the probation of fandom. The fact that you picked a team at an early age and stuck with it to this day allows you to avoid be-

ing called out completely, but it puts you on extremely thin ice. If I catch this same Bills fan ever rooting for another team or claiming to be "not as invested in the Bills" or "starting to like another team more," he can consider his fandom denied. Under no circumstances is it OK to change allegiances to another pro franchise. This is to be deemed bandwagoning or front running, and the guilty party should be mocked mercilessly.

**The Bailout Exception:** A suddenly enlightened fan may jump ship from a once-likeable team that has made the switch to a dynastic team that drives everyone insane and represents everything evil in sports. Your new team, however, must be downright terrible. I'm not talking first-round-playoff-loss bad, I'm talking brunt-of-jokes bad. When done right, this move may be applauded by other card-carrying Fanifesto members.

**College:** The collegiate ranks are infinitely more complex than the pros. College teams, far more than pro teams, really represent a fan base. By taking the time to root for a college team, you are making the statement, "See those guys out there, they represent me." I don't see it the same way with pro franchises. I hold far stronger to the rules outlined in Article I that college teams can only be chosen by regional or family ties, though attending a school allows you a legal exception. If you chose a random college team when you were small while not obeying Article I, that team better suck ass, and they better suck ass every year. They better have a ceiling of "just happy to be in a big game." They better come without expectations.

College programs, for the most part, are different than pro teams. There's no up-and-down cycle of who's good and who isn't. Powerhouses are powerhouses and that's just how it goes. If you chose to root for FSU, grew up in New York City, moved to South Florida, attend UF and have never been to an FSU game, that's a Level 2 Offense and you should be appropriately tormented. Furthermore, your charac-

ter should be called into question. Switches in college sports are also very tricky, and I have a bipartisan policy that sees things both ways. If you grew up in South Florida and rooted for Miami because the 'Canes were the closest regional team, then got accepted to UF and became a Gators fan, that is perfectly fine. You are always allowed to switch to the school you attend, even under rivalry circumstances. At the same time, if you grew up in South Florida, rooted for the 'Canes, Dad took you to games your whole life and you got accepted to UF, you may retain your fandom of the prior school. It's in your blood, we understand.

**ARTICLE III:** Additional college rules:

a) You root for an entire college program, not individual sports at the school. If you are a Gators fan, you are a Gators fan across the board. You CANNOT root for UF basketball and another school's football team. This is a Level 2 Offense. If you not only split your allegiance between football and basketball, but those two schools happen to be rivals, this is a Level 3 Offense. Let's just say if someone wanted to terminate your existence, we'd understand — and turn a blind eye.

b) You may have a secondary college team under the following circumstances:

It's not your fault if you go to a school with a smaller sports program, and it's not your fault if you go to a powerhouse school that never gets to experience the magic of coming out of nowhere and "shocking the world." It is for this reason I will allow college fans to have two teams if they meet the following conditions:

- One of the schools is in a BCS conference, and the other is not.
- Your No. 1 school is clearly defined.

If you attend the small schools of the world, your big school must be chosen based on the noble reasons already outlined. I don't want to hear about liberal arts students in the Northeast cheering for USC. If you attend the powerhouses of the world, your small school can be chosen under any conditions you like, but you must do the following:

- Follow the team. Know the team. Act as if you were a student there, and make sure your knowledge is on the same level.
- Don't treat them as the flavor of the week. For someone like myself, who loves mid-major basketball, it is very tempting to fall for each new Cinderella on a year-to-year basis. It is important not to be swept up in switching from George Mason to St. Mary's to Davidson. Be faithful.

**The "Major" Clause:** In basketball, the BCS conference rule is just a general outline. Do some research in finding a complete list of what are considered MAJOR programs, as you can only have one of these. For example: Memphis, Xavier and Gonzaga (along with a few others

## MY TEAMS

### MLB:



**Primary Team:** New York Mets

**Secondary Team:** Florida Marlins

*My father was nice enough to curse me with the Mets, and I grew up 45 minutes north of where the Marlins play.*

### NBA:

**Primary Team:** Miami Heat

*The Heat have been perhaps my most enjoyable regional team, blessing me with the only professional sports title won by one of my American primary teams during my lifetime.*



### NFL:



**Primary Team:** Miami Dolphins

*The Dolphins have been a heart-breaking regional selection.*

### NHL:

**Primary Team:** Florida Panthers

*Be sure to do as I do and pick up your local NHL squad come playoff time.*



### COLLEGE:



**Primary Team:** Miami Hurricanes to Florida Gators to None

*I was a Miami fan growing up but became a Gators fan when I enrolled at UF. Now that I'm a sports journalist (kind of), I've worked hard to pretty much strip myself of college fanhood.*

### SMALL SCHOOL:

**Secondary Team:** Dayton Flyers

*For college basketball, I officially claim Dayton as my small school team of choice.*



### EUROPEAN SOCCER:



**Primary Team:** Arsenal

**Secondary Team:** Lyon

*I've adopted Arsenal from the EPL (although I'll admit to being a half-assed fan lately) and Lyon (a French league team) as my second team.*

## BANNED-WAGONING

*Editor's Note: There are a few teams you may not root for or "just like" unless they are your team. These teams represent everything we hate about sports.*

**MLB:** Yankees, Red Sox, Rays

**NFL:** Patriots, Cowboys

**NBA:** Lakers, Celtics

**NCAA FOOTBALL:** USC, Ohio State, Notre Dame, UF

**NCAA BASKETBALL:** Duke, UCLA, UNC

**EUROPEAN SOCCER:** Chelsea, Man U, Real Madrid



I'm likely forgetting) are not to be looked at as small schools simply because they are not in BCS conferences. You may not be a fan of a BCS school and one of those three schools.

**The God Clause:** I dislike this rule, but I've been told by a gaggle (more than a few, less than a myriad) of peers that it is legitimate and to be observed. If you are Catholic, you may claim Notre Dame as a second team. I don't like it, but I'll respect it. By the same standards, I think BYU should be seen as fair game for any Mormon fans.

**ARTICLE IV:** Wearing a team's gear is not to be seen as a declaration of fanhood.

Wearing a team's clothes does

not make you a qualified fan of that team. And just because you are a fan of one team, that does not necessarily exclude you from wearing other teams' gear. Jerseys or player-specific sportswear are especially appropriate in this case. You may absolutely like players on other teams and wear their jerseys as a result. Some teams just have sweet colors that match an outfit. This is another legal move.

**The LeBron Clause:** If caught wearing another team's shirt/hat, and asked about it (Oh, you're a Yankees fan?), you must immediately set them straight, say you only like the shirt/hat and declare your actual team of preference. IMPOR-

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**FANIFESTO**, from page 58

**TANT:** You may NEVER, EVER, EVER wear the gear of a rival, even under the player-specific provision.

**The College Loyalty Exception:** A player from your college team was drafted by a rival of your favorite pro team. This is a terrible conundrum for any fan, we understand.

**ARTICLE V:** Rooting for a team is different than being a fan of a team.

There are plenty of teams I like. I root for them openly and wish them well. This is a perfectly legal move as long as you never blur the line of being a fan of that team.

**The Game Theory Clause:** You may not root for a team that you "just like" if it will have a negative consequence on your own team. By the same token, you may root for rivals or otherwise despised teams if the outcome will benefit your team.

**The Everyone Loses Clause:** If you are a true sports fan, you may find yourself in situations where you are watching a game, yet not rooting for anyone. When the Yankees play the Red Sox in the playoffs, rooting for a stadium-wide swine flu outbreak may be seen as cruel, but perfectly acceptable under the Fanifesto.

**ARTICLE VI:** Smack talk is usually OK, but it is a practice to be handled with care.

Everyone loves poking fun at a friend's latest sports disaster. It brings a smile to our face that your team just flamed out in the worst way imaginable. Smack talking a fallen friend is to be treated much like smack talking an eccentric public figure who has passed away. If you make a joke too soon, you will be viewed as classless. And if you take offense on behalf of your team too easily, you should be viewed as a whiny, perspective-less sports fan.

**The Equal Footing Clause:** If you are smack talking a friend's team beyond a quick good-natured remark, your team must be at least on equal standing with your friend's team, and preferably in better standing. For an FSU fan, the only thing worse than being made fun of by a UF fan (whose team is enjoying unprecedented success) is being made fun of by a Miami fan. The Seminoles may be getting whooped on by the Gators year after year, but the 'Canes aren't exactly in better shape.

**The Gentlemen's Clause:** Know which teams your friends are most emotionally invested in and act accordingly. Explore the boundaries, but try not to cross them. A "congratulations" to friends when their team does well is a classy move and earns you bonus points in my book.

**ARTICLE VII:** How to handle the soccer phenomenon:

Somehow, while you were asleep, soccer has made a serious movement in this country. Most of us Americans didn't grow up with the sport and have found it later in life. The best soccer in the world is played overseas, and picking European teams to follow is extremely difficult (ask ESPN's Bill Simmons).

The English Premier League is exactly that, the premier soccer league in the world. I frequently compare European soccer to college football due to the intense fan worship, and the different leagues compare favorably to college conferences. The EPL is the Southeastern Conference of European soccer. Everyone who wants to follow soccer across the pond needs to pick an EPL team; unfortunately, there are really only four legitimate choices.

Arsenal, Liverpool, Chelsea and Manchester United are by far the cream of the crop and the only teams that have a shot at winning the league year-in and year-out. Unfortunately for you, prospective soccer fan, Chelsea and Man U have to be thrown

out right away as choices because they are the Red Sox and Yankees (or USC and UF) of soccer and cannot be adopted by Americans looking to attach some importance to their newfound sport. Arsenal and Liverpool are fine choices, and I recommend one of those two teams. If you think you can handle following a frustrating, slightly lower-level team that doesn't have as good of a chance to win, then Fulham, Tottenham Hotspur, Aston Villa and Everton are all solid choices. In addition to your EPL team, you may choose one other team from all the other leagues combined to root for when it comes time for Champions League play. However, be sure to designate which of the two teams is your No. 1 so your allegiances are clear if the two are ever to meet.

**The Inferior League Clause:** The MLS is a joke of a league no matter what Mike McCall tells you. I don't really want to get into choosing an MLS team. Pick whoever you want except for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

**ARTICLE VIII:** Addressing the international conflict:

I had the opportunity to add to my ever-expanding list of cool sporting events I've been to this spring when a few of my friends and I went to see a World Baseball Classic game in the aforementioned Land Shark Stadium. Puerto Rico was playing the United States, and I can vouch for the 5:1 ratio of Puerto Rican fans to American fans. I'm sure many of them can legitimately root for Puerto Rico under the rules I'm about to outline, but I assure you many of them cannot.

a) Your international fanhood lies simply with your citizenship. You don't have to be born in the United States to be a citizen, but you damn sure have to have been naturalized. Similarly, you don't have to be born in Puerto Rico to be a fan, but you damn sure have to have been naturalized. (I understand that Puerto Ricans have American citizen-

ship, but stay with me.) Any country that you have citizenship in, you can claim. If you have dual citizenship, you may claim two countries. If you don't, you can't. If you are an American by citizenship, you should be a fan of the United States.

b) This does not follow the rules outlined in Article I for picking a professional or collegiate team. Family ties do not count for this one. Half of my family is French, and my father was born in France and flaunts his fanhood for the other Red, White and Blue any chance he gets, but that doesn't mean that I'm allowed to. I root for France as a second team, but I can't claim fanhood of that team.

**LEVELS OF OFFENSE**

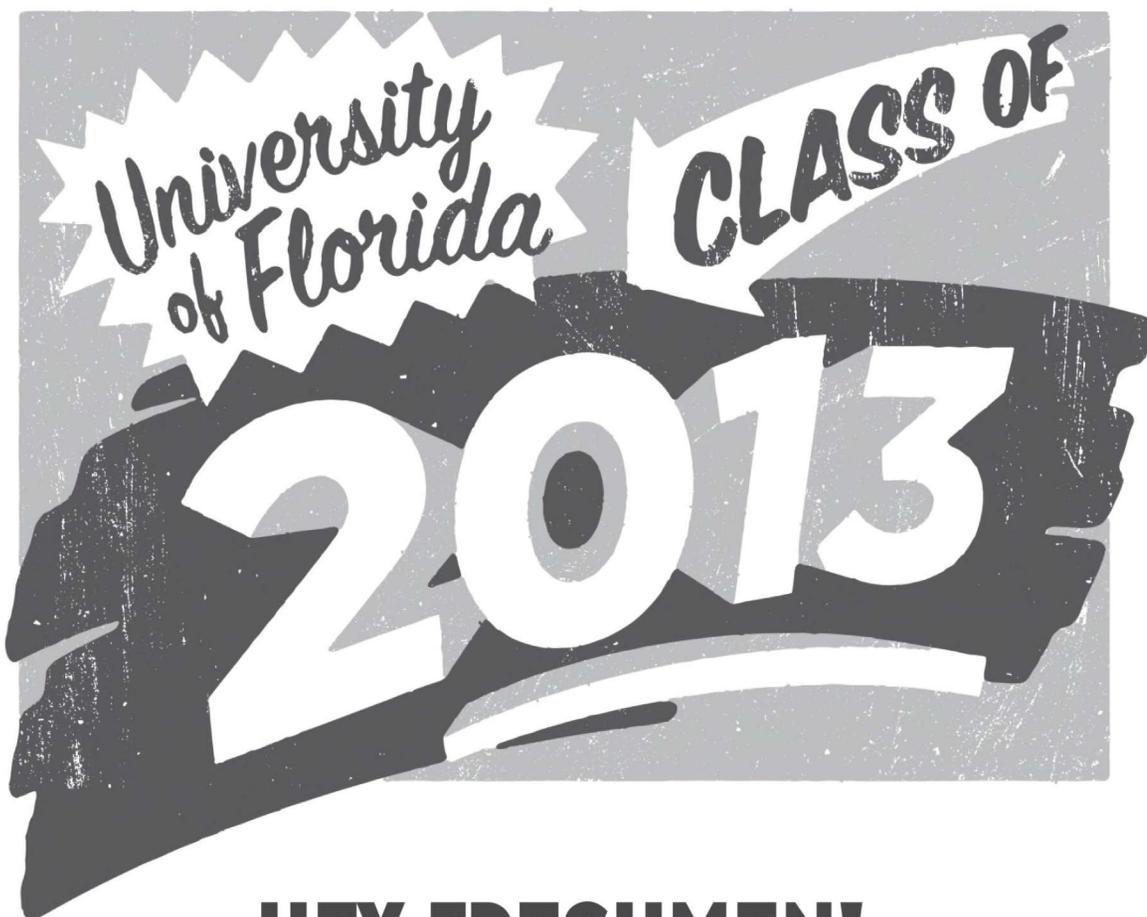
**Level 1** - A warning. You are skating on thin ice and need to take a long look in the mirror.



**Level 2** - You have shamed your family. You need to repent and set things right.



**Level 3** - You have done something reprehensible and bodily harm may be justifiably done against you.

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# Top 10 UF Athletes of 2008-09



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Quarterback Tim Tebow led UF to its second title in three years after giving a now-famous speech following the loss to Ole Miss.

## Tebow's speech, play sparks team's title run

**BY PHIL KEGLER**  
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In 107 words, Tim Tebow went from hyped hero to living legend.

*"To the fans and everybody in Gator Nation, I'm sorry. I'm extremely sorry. We were hoping for an undefeated season. That was my goal, something Florida has never done here.*

*"I promise you one thing — a lot of good will come out of this. You will never see any player in the entire country play as hard as I will play the rest of the season. You will never see someone push the rest of his team as hard as I will push everybody the rest of the season. You will never see a team play harder than we will the rest of the season.*

*"God bless."*

Tebow has made plenty of big plays — most notably his fourth-and-1 conversion at Tennessee in 2006 and his entire record-setting Heisman-winning campaign of 2007 — but now he had failed in the unlikely of moments.

The Gators had been upset. At home. Against an unranked Mississippi team.

Having failed on a final fourth-and-1, the spot where Tebow had been seen as automatic.

But when he looked at his worst,

he was actually at his best. His words became a rallying cry for teammates and fans.

These words would have rung hollow had the Gators not responded the way they did.

UF won its remaining 10 games by double digits, including eight by 28 points or more.

And this is why Tebow was unanimously picked as our top UF athlete for last year.

In his junior season, he ran a prolific offense that averaged 43.6 points per game while once again leading the Gators in passing and rushing yards and totaling 42 touchdowns.

Tebow fell short in his quest for a second straight Heisman Trophy, finishing third, but earned more first-place votes than winner Sam Bradford and runner-up Colt McCoy.

He was at his best during the team's two biggest games.

The Jacksonville native earned BCS Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors after throwing for 231 yards and two touchdowns and adding 109 yards on the ground.

This came a month after Tebow earned Southeastern Conference Championship MVP honors go-

ing 14 of 22 with 216 passing yards and 57 rushing yards, including a 5-yard touchdown pass to Riley Cooper on a slant that sealed the game with 2:50 remaining.

"I've had some great players, and I've got some great players on this team," UF coach Urban Meyer said after the game. "But I've never had one like this. Tim's got something special inside him. I'm not talking about throwing.

"I'm not talking about running. I'm talking about making everyone around him better. That fourth quarter was vintage Tim Tebow."

He made an otherwise boring national championship celebration inside The Swamp immediately newsworthy with his drawn-out, climactic announcement:

*"...Oh and by the way, one more thing — let's do it again. I'm coming back!"*

After living up to this year's promise, it's hard to doubt his next one.

For his near-miraculous leadership in leading the Gators to their second national championship in three years while solidifying his place as one of the best college football players of all time, Tim Tebow is the alligatorSports No. 1 UF Athlete of 2008-09.

## Nelson leaves mark on UF

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Stacey Nelson did not receive the national recognition Tim Tebow did, but she may have been better at her sport than any other athlete in Gainesville.

Her relaxed, humble attitude off the field was matched only by her intensity and dominance once she stepped into the circle. With 41 wins on the year, Nelson led the Gators to a 63-5 record, a No. 1 ranking for most of the season and a Women's College World Series finals appearance against Washington where the Gators fell just short.

Coach Tim Walton said she, along with senior Kim Waleszonia, will be honored even after their four outstanding years on the field.

"As long as I coach here, you won't ever see a No. 5 (Waleszonia), you won't ever see a No. 42 (Nelson) on anybody else's back," Walton said. "We don't really retire numbers, but they won't be worn as long as I'm the coach here at the Univer-

sity of Florida."

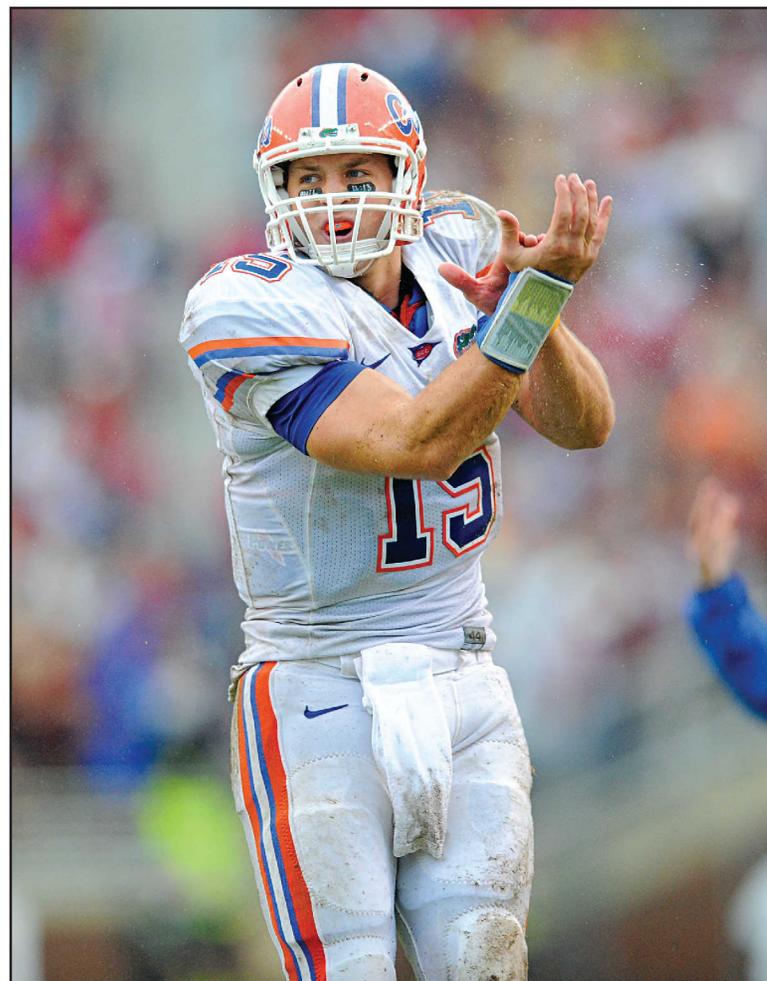
She became the first Gator to strike out 1,000 batters, threw two no-hitters and holds nearly every UF pitching record.

Even the list of accolades Nelson earned during and after her final season is remarkable. In addition to the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, she was a top-three finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year, earned first-team All-America honors from two different organizations and, was selected as one of five pitchers on the USA Softball Women's National Team.

For dominating the competition throughout the season and during her entire career, Stacey Nelson is the alligatorSports No. 2 UF Athlete of 2008-09.

**BY THE NUMBERS:** Nelson is the second athlete to receive a vote from all six panelists. She received four second-place votes, one third-place vote and one fourth-place vote.

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**10**  
Elyse Cusack  
Volleyball



**9**  
Ahmad Black  
Football



**8**  
Sha Brooks  
Women's Basketball



**7**  
Francesca Enea  
Softball



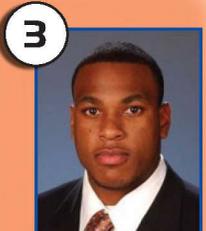
**6**  
Brandon Spikes  
Football



**5**  
Preston Tucker  
Baseball



**4**  
Nick Calathes  
Men's Basketball



**3**  
Percy Harvin  
Football

# Howard bulks up, moves inside

## Sophomore gained 25 lbs

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UF relied heavily on a rotation of players at defensive tackle to create penetration up the middle a year ago, but with Torrey Davis and John Brown off the team and Matt Patchan switching to the offensive line, the Gators needed someone to step up this fall to fill out the rotation.

Although Jaye Howard is still listed as a defensive end, he has been making noise inside, pushing starters Terron Sanders and Lawrence Marsh for playing time.

"What we always said about that position is we need to establish depth at the position, because if you look at it, Marsh and Sanders pretty much played they whole year last year," UF defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said.

The transition from defensive end to the inside has been a long process for Howard.

Last year, he saw limited time at defensive tackle, recording only eight tackles with just 1.5 sacks.

His lack of playing time was a result of his poor run defense, which only allowed him to see the field in passing situations, something he worked on in the offseason with the help of Marsh.

"During the summer time, I hit the sled hard on my own and with Marsh (to improve my run defense), and he would push me in our workouts," Howard said.

"You have to bring your 'A' game every day, because practice is basically a game and it determines your role on the team."

**Jaye Howard**  
UF defensive tackle

Getting better at stopping the inside run wasn't just about working hard on the field. It required hard work at meal times.

Howard gained more than 25 pounds since last season — bringing him up to 296 — to be better suited to handle the strain of going up against 300-pound guards and centers.

While the weight gain was

in order to get him on the field and stop him from getting embarrassed by the Pounceys in practice, Howard had to make sure not to lose the quickness he had when he was 270 pounds, which hasn't been a problem for him.

"At first last year, when I started playing (defensive tackle) in the fall, I was 270 and I was getting blown up every time," he said. "Now, I am up to 295 and I am moving quicker."

"I am agile and I can move better than all the guards, so it's easy right now."

After waiting two years to get to the point where he has earned significant playing time, Howard is ready to make the most of his opportunity. Defensive line coach Dan McCarney showed last year his desire to have a deep rotation.

But Howard knows with the talent behind him, slacking off could drop him in the depth chart and out of the playing time he has waited for.

"You have to bring your 'A' game every day, because practice is basically a game and it determines your role on the team," he said. "(One bad day) can really put you behind."



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UF defensive tackle Jaye Howard (6) hopes to have more of an impact after playing only sparingly last year. He had 1.5 sacks in nine games.

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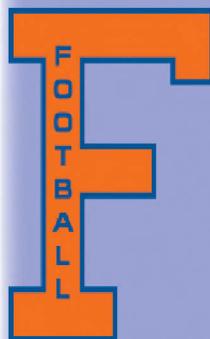
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# Top 10 Burning Questions of 2009-10

**10:** How will the UF women's basketball team respond to the past two years of success?



**9:** Will the football team's off-the-field issues continue to be a problem?

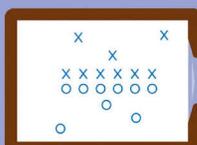
**8:** Will women's lacrosse become popular in Gainesville?



**7:** How will the softball team respond to losing a talented group of seniors?



**6:** Will the Gators' 2009 defense rank among the best ever?



**5:** How will UF replace Percy Harvin?



**4:** Will the Gators make it to the College World Series?



**3:** Can the men's basketball team get back to the NCAA Tournament?



## Can Tebow win 2nd Heisman?

By **ADAM BERRY**  
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During his three seasons at UF, Tim Tebow has won, in chronological order, a national championship, a Heisman Trophy and another national championship.

Last year, Tebow finished third in the Heisman voting behind winner Sam Bradford and runner-up Colt McCoy despite receiving the most first- and third-place votes. In 2009, those three quarterbacks will once again battle it out.

So the question is: Will Tebow become the second player ever to win more than one Heisman Trophy?

Considering the fact Tebow and Bradford have already won one each, voters may be swayed to put McCoy atop their ballots rather than let one of the two previous winners join Archie Griffin as the only players with two Heisman Trophies.

If the argument is boiled down to statistical success, Tebow may not have the strongest case. First, it's likely the Gators will open up such a big lead on many opponents that the first-string offense won't even play the fourth quarter. Second, UF will look to spread the ball around and involve many of its other weapons on offense. Finally, the ridiculous numbers Tebow put up in 2007 may have hurt him last year and could do the same this year, as matching up to his

unbelievable Heisman campaign is nearly impossible.

Granted, Tebow will likely lead the Gators in rushing, as he has done the past two years. Although his passing numbers may not be as impressive as they were with Percy Harvin and Louis Murphy at receiver, they will still compare favorably to McCoy's.

If voters favor the best player on the best team, then he could very well lead the pack. The Gators are, at this point, the front-runners to win the national title, and if they make it, Tebow will be the one to lead them there.

Two more important issues will weigh on Tebow's mind this season.

In his last season at UF with his NFL future looming in the distance, he will likely be looking to become a more complete, all-around quarterback. And as selfless and team-oriented as he has proven himself to be, he will primarily focus on leading his team to an undefeated season and another national championship, cementing his already-impressive legacy.

With that in mind, perhaps the two more interesting questions regarding Tebow will not be answered during the course of the season. Can he become a more NFL-ready quarterback? And will he be remembered as the greatest player in college football history?

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UF quarterback Tim Tebow will have one more chance to win a second Heisman Trophy this fall.

## Will UF football team repeat?

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From the time confetti was falling on Dolphin Stadium, people started talking about the 2009 UF football team.

The Gators had just won their second national championship in three years, with a pretty young team to boot.

By the time Tim Tebow announced he was coming back (and was joined by Brandon Spikes), college football experts began discussing it.

The question is one that has already been asked a thousand times: Can the UF football team repeat as national champions?

There is certainly little doubt surrounding the consensus preseason pick for national champion.

The four major preseason magazines already released — Phil Steele, Lindy's, Athlon and Sporting News — all peg the Gators as No. 1. They have been installed as 2-1 favorites by sportsbooks, according to VegasInsider.com.

At SEC Media Days, UF was the first unanimous selection to win its division since the league split into East and West in 1992. The Gators also earned 63 of 64 media votes to be predicted as overall SEC champion.

As has been mentioned before, UF returns its entire two-deep on defense. Tebow is set to go down as one of the best college quarterbacks ever, and Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey showed they can be home-run threats on any carry.

The offensive line loses two starters (Jason Watkins and Phil Trautwein) but has sophomore Matt Patchan switching back to the O-line, and Sam Robey

showed he could start at center with a breakout spring.

It should be noted this is a perilous journey. There has not been an undisputed repeat champion since Nebraska did it in 1994-95.

Teams can become complacent and expect to roll over opponents. Certainly UF's experience and leadership from Tebow and Spikes will help fight that.

The Gators tumbled after winning the crystal ball in 2006 and finished 9-4 in 2007 with a disappointing 41-35 loss to Michigan in the Capital One Bowl. But that 2007 team was much different from the year prior — this time, the 2009 team looks an awful like 2008, only with another year more experience.

Besides complacency, the biggest factor will be the departure of Percy Harvin to the NFL Draft and the inexperienced receiving corps.

But even that can't stop the excitement from fans and analysts alike.

In fact, some people have Tebow holding a crystal ball in Pasadena as such a sure thing that they started wondering if UF will lose any games at all.

The Vince Young-led 2005 Texas team was the last undefeated national champion.

Lost in the midst of last year's now-famous The Promise, Tebow let it slip that an undefeated season was the goal — last year.

"We were hoping for an undefeated season. That was my goal, something Florida has never done here."

Was he just a year off? Only time will tell.

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The Gators enter the 2009 season as the favorite to win a second straight national championship.

**JUMPBALL**

# Who is more likely to throw a TD pass this season: Haden or Henry?

*Editor's Note: To tell us who made the more convincing argument, log on to alligatorSports.org and cast your vote.*

**U**F coach Urban Meyer has called Joe Haden one of the top five athletes he has ever coached.

Tight end Aaron Hernandez told reporters at UF's media day that Haden, Carl Moore and himself took down Erving Walker, Ray Shipman and Vernon Macklin in three-on-three basketball.

I also heard from an onlooker that Haden looked like the best player on the court.

The junior cornerback can do it all, which is why Meyer has decided that putting Haden in as the Wildcat quarterback is a good idea.

When he used Percy Harvin in that role in the past, defenses knew he was going to run the ball because the Minnesota Vikings' first-round draft pick wasn't much of a thrower.

Haden was a quarterback in high school, and a damn good one.

That doesn't mean Haden is going to sit in the pocket and throw the ball from sideline to sideline. I'm sure Meyer will use him primarily to run the ball as well, but don't be surprised to see Haden roll out to his right side and drop in a short



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pass or two.

Chas Henry, on the other hand, is a punter. A fine punter, but a punter nonetheless.

He will probably see no playing time within the offense, and Mike

knows that.

His argument comes completely on the belief, or delusion, that Henry will throw a touchdown on a fake punt try.

Think about how many things have to go right for that to happen.

If Henry is on the field to punt, that means that the Gators are no closer to their opponent's end zone than about 35 yards.

So, Meyer will have to first call for a fake, Henry will have to complete a pass and then the play must work so well that it is able to gain at least 35 yards.

Henry was also a pretty solid quarterback in high school, but circumstances make Haden the obvious choice as more likely to toss a TD pass this season.

**D**on't let Urban Meyer and Kyle Maistri fool you into thinking Joe Haden will be spending any real time on offense this season.

Haden might have been an accomplished high school quarterback, but is Meyer really going to let a defensive back take meaningful snaps while his Heisman Trophy-winner sits on the bench?

Do you really want to take the ball out of the hands of arguably the greatest college football player of all time? I don't think so.

All Meyer is doing is throwing out a smoke screen. He's just giving opponents one more thing to think about.

If Haden does somehow manage to make it under center, don't expect him to be airing it out. Meyer isn't going to gamble an undefeated season on the arm of a cornerback. At best, Haden gets to come in and run a few option plays.

But even that's unlikely. The Gators have far too much to lose by letting Haden run around for two or three gimmicky plays every game.

What happens if he gets hurt carrying the ball and UF has to go without its



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All-Southeastern Conference corner the rest of the season?

Forget Haden. The off-the-radar guy who could be throwing a touchdown pass this season is punter Chas Henry.

Henry threw for more than 1,700 yards and 17 touchdowns his senior year at Dallas (Ga.) East Paulding High.

Henry has an exceptional arm for a punter, which makes him a real threat for a fake punt.

He has already thrown a pass in his UF career, a 15-yard fake punt conversion to tight end Aaron Hernandez against Michigan two seasons ago, and Meyer has been known to roll the dice with a fake in the right situation. He's 6 for 6 on fake punts as the head coach at UF.

Don't be shocked to see Henry pick up a big first down or even a touchdown when the Gators really need it this year.



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