



LOCAL
UAA targets UF's carbon emissions

By **BROOKE KELLY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Though 90,000 cheering fans will fill the Swamp on Saturday, one thing will be missing: carbon emissions.

Neutral Gator, a nonprofit initiative created in 2008, will team up with the University Athletic Association to reduce UF's carbon footprint and help reach the UAA's climate neutrality goal by 2025.



Prizzia

This will be the first-ever carbon neutral NCAA season working to offset the carbon footprint created by athletic programs.

"I think it shows that the UAA is taking a great sense of responsibility by trying to eliminate their entire carbon footprint,"

said Anna Prizzia, director of UF's Office of Sustainability. "And by partnering with Neutral Gator to locally offset it instead of just purchasing the offsets is just great."

Neutral Gator only worked on offsetting home games

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Rayiaz Khan / Alligator Staff

Multicultural Movin'

Sorority members from Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Inc. dance Wednesday on Turlington Plaza.

Interviews begin for Senate seats

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

Student Government's political parties will interview potential Senate candidates at the Reitz Union today, Friday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ariana Alfonso, the supervisor of elections for SG, said the Unite, Progress and Orange and Blue parties registered for the election, which will be held Sept. 29 and 30.

SG's party presidents agreed that all candidates should bring at least one thing to their interviews: ideas.

Fifty Senate seats are avail-

able, including 14 for on-campus housing areas and 36 for off-campus housing districts.

Students interested in running for Senate also need to bring their Gator 1 Cards to the Reitz Union, Room 284, and they must fill out a qualifying form before talking to any of the parties.

"They should come prepared to both ask and answer questions," she said.

Joey Regalado, the Unite Party president, said candidates don't have to come with revolutionary ideas. Instead, he wants

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"We are accepting people from any age group, any background, any organizational affiliation. All are welcome to come out for the Unite Party."

Joey Regalado
Unite president

UF aims to stop hazing

■ **GROUP WILL TEACH STUDENTS TO IDENTIFY, AVOID HAZING.**

By **THOMAS STEWART**
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Three recent scandals involving student organizations have brought hazing into the limelight at UF, but officials are hoping a new educational campaign will put a stop to the practice.

Jack Causseaux, associate director for Sorority and Fraternity Affairs, said UF is planning to create a coalition to find ways to educate students, faculty and staff about how to identify and avoid hazing.

The coalition will likely include members from the University Police Department, the University Athletic Association and Student Government, as well as rep-

resentatives from UF's student groups and recreational sports programs, Causseaux said.

"Hazing is not a fraternity and sorority problem only," he said, adding it happens in major sports programs, club sports and even student groups.

Chris Loschiavo, director of UF's Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution,

said he doesn't think many students realize how dangerous hazing can be and how to prevent it from happening to them.

Loschiavo said although the campaign has been in the works for years, three recent cases of hazing, which all happened within the span of a year, lent the initiative some urgency.

"It's now more important than ever,"

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■ **Brandon James (right)** is one of three seniors expected to step up for UF's receiving corps. James has been used almost solely as a return man during his first three years. See Story, Page 18.



Pfizer to pay record \$2.3 billion penalty for drug promotions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors hit Pfizer Inc. with a record-breaking \$2.3 billion in fines Wednesday and called the world's largest drugmaker a repeating corporate cheat for illegal drug promotions that plied doctors with free golf, massages, and resort junkets.

Announcing the penalty as a warning to all drug manufacturers, Justice Department officials said the overall settlement is the largest ever paid by a drug company for alleged

violations of federal drug rules, and the \$1.2 billion criminal fine is the largest ever in any U.S. criminal case. The total includes \$1 billion in civil penalties and a \$100 million criminal forfeiture.

Authorities called Pfizer a repeat offender, noting it is the company's fourth such settlement in the last decade. As part of its illegal marketing, Pfizer invited doctors to meetings at resort locations, paying expenses and providing perks, prosecutors said.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JAMSA General Body meeting

Today, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Institute of Black Culture
A night filled with culture, a current-events segment and more. Learn about the events JAMSA has planned for the fall. Share your comments and questions.

"Get Carded" meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 357
Come learn about organ donation awareness and volunteer opportunities.

UF American Solar Energy Society meeting

Today, 7 to 8 p.m.
Rinker Hall Room 235
Interested in clean, green and sustainable energy? Learn more about the American Solar Energy Society's UF chapter at ufases.org. Upcoming events include National Solar Tour, One Less Car, our solar powered vehicle project and our annual national conference in Phoenix during Summer 2010.

Sierra Club meeting

Today, 7:30 p.m.
UF Entomology Building, Room 3118
The Sierra Club will hold its monthly meeting. The topic is "University of Florida Gone Green," presented by Chris Machen and Bahar Armaghani.

Multicultural Greek Council Showcase: Evolution

Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Sponsored by WOW! and Gator Nights, each organization from MGC will be showcasing their values, traditions and history through live performances and skits. After the show, you can meet every fraternity and sorority in MGC and attain more information on recruitment.

African Student Union Meeting

Friday, 6:30 p.m.
CSE E-222
Join ASU at the for the first monthly general body meeting of the year. Free food will be served. For more information, go to www.ASUatUF.com.

FORECAST

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS
85/70	88/71	86/71	86/71	86/71

Shabbat at Hillel

Friday, 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
2020 W. University Ave.
Hillel will celebrate Shabbat with its three regular service options and an alternative learner's service for those wanting to learn about Shabbat, followed by free kosher dinner. The event continues Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity Meeting

Sept. 8, 7 p.m.
CSE E-222
Informational meeting for students interested in pre-law. Come meet current members and find out how to apply. For more information, visit www.ufpad.com.

Darius at UF

Sept. 10, 7 p.m.
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
Sponsored by the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions. A movie screening and talk with Darius Weems. The event is free and open to the public. For more about this event please visit www.php.ufl.edu/announcements/darius/

28th Annual Dog Days Run

Sept. 12, 8 to 10 a.m.
The UF Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association will host a 5K and one mile run for owners and their dogs to benefit the Alliance for Rabies Control. There will be food, a raffle, goodie bags, awards for both runs and a free T-shirt for all those registered by Sept. 5. Registration is on active.com or the day of the race.

JAMSA and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity present Jerkfest

Sept. 12, 5 p.m.

Woodlands Apartment Pool
Caribbean-style fun in the sun. Pool party with a live DJ and food catered by the Reggae Shack Cafe. Visit JAMSA's Facebook group for more information.

Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to bkelly@alligator.org with "What's Happening" in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-sentence synopsis of the event.

NATIONAL

Stranger accused of slapping crying child

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — Police say a 61-year-old man annoyed with a crying 2-year-old girl at a Wal-mart slapped the child several times after warning the toddler's mother to keep her quiet.

A police report says after the stranger hit the girl at least four times, he said, "See, I told you I would shut her up."

Roger Stephens of Stone Mountain is charged with felony cruelty to children. It was unclear if he had an attorney and a telephone call to his home Wednesday was unanswered.

Authorities say the girl and her mother were shopping Monday when the toddler began crying. The police report says Stephens approached the mother and said, "If you don't shut that baby up, I will shut her up for you."

Authorities say the girl screamed after being slapped.

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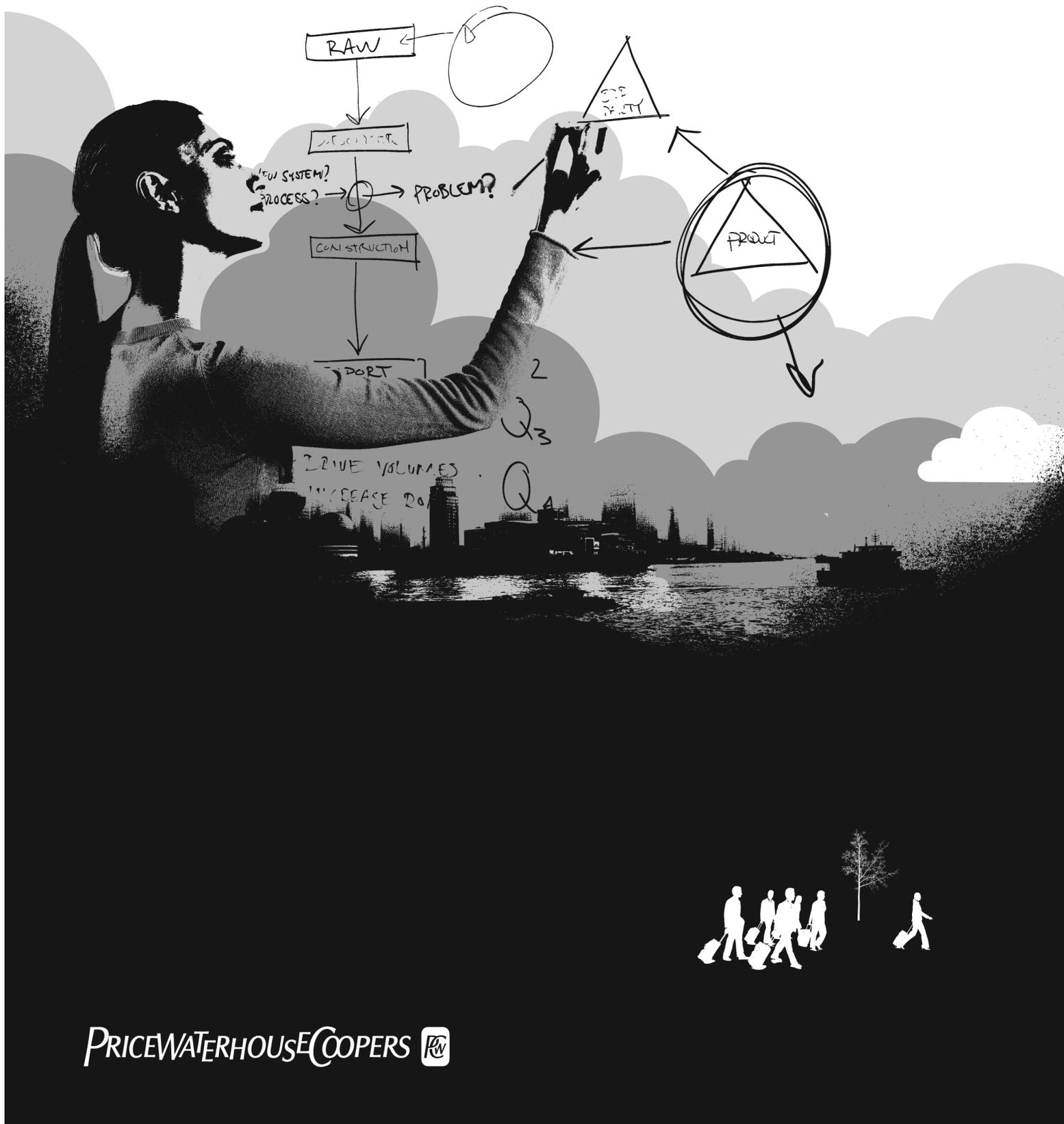
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LOCAL Repairs to begin on park's walkways

By **JARED MISNER**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Bivens Arm is getting a make-over.

The 57-acre nature park closed Sept. 1 in order to undergo an anticipated three-month construction project aimed at improving the park's boardwalks, bridges and pavilion decking.

"Bivens Arm has been on our project list for some time now," said Stefanie Nagid, natural resource management interim program coordinator for the City of Gainesville.

Although the construction is commissioned to be completed no later than Dec. 1, Nagid said the date may fluctuate with uncontrollable circumstances, including



Nagid

a hurricane or an onslaught of rain.

Bivens Arm Nature Park hosts nearly 60 acres of marshes, soaring pine and oak forests, a one-mile nature trail, a 1,200-foot boardwalk and a wide array of wildlife.

"Bivens Arm is actually one of our oldest acquired parks," Nagid said.

According to Nagid, the pressure-treated wood used to construct the bridges and boardwalk has a lifespan of only 15 to 20 years.

In Florida, where the weather conditions are notoriously moist, the wood decays more rapidly, she said.

She added that for Bivens Arm, the lifespan is shorter still due to the shady, moist conditions provided by the pine and oak canopy.

"[The bridges and boardwalk] were very old and had become unsafe," Nagid said. "The pavilion itself was also unsafe, but for different reasons."

The renovations, which will be completed by McNeal and White Contractors Inc., will cost \$98,340.

The renovations will result in a slightly shortened boardwalk and a minor adjustment in the nature trail where the boardwalk is being remodeled, Nagid said.

Admission to Bivens Arm is free.

The nature park will reopen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily when the construction ends.

LOCAL Organization rallies for national health care reform

By **C.J. PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

At the political circus that unfolded on the lawn of the North Florida Regional Medical Center Wednesday, Hope Kelly played the role of a clown who lost her smile a long time ago.

Amid the sign-waving and horn-honking, Kelly quietly sat in her chair, stoically holding a cardboard sign for cars on Newberry Road to see.

Kelly was one of about 70 people — composed of the young and the old, the strong and weak, the sick and the healthy — who stood side by side to support health care reform and represent political organization MoveOn.

According to MoveOn spokesman Fred Pratt, who helped organize the demonstration, Wednesday's effort was one of more than 300 that took place across the country. Thousands gathered to say loud and clear: "We can't afford to wait."

For many, including Pratt, political activism is nothing new.

"I've been called everything in the book: communist, socialist, fascist," Pratt said, happily waving to traffic.

Since President Barack Obama presented his platform to Americans, the country has been bitterly divided over the question of whether the federal

government should expand health care or let it lie.

For Kelly, there is no choice.

Her 52-year-old son, Christopher, a former volunteer firefighter in Key Largo, lies in a hospital bed in Miami. His body, she said, once strong and full of life, is ravaged by leukemia, a vicious disease that lays waste to blood, bone marrow and whatever else is in its path. Christopher and his family cannot pay for the \$460,000 bone marrow transplant, an operation, Kelly believes, that might not arrive in time to save her son's life.

"I feel like I'm letting him down," said Kelly, who suffers from multiple sclerosis. "I can see him getting sicker and sicker right before my eyes."

The solution, according to Kelly and the others who surrounded her, is to offer a public option for health insurance, which would insure those who can't afford it.

They argue that programs such as Medicare and Medicaid are not as horrific as opponents say.

"I just want to make sure everyone in this country has what I've got," said Bob Hofer, who has private health insurance. "My Christian values say you don't stand by and see people get trounced; that's not right."

For the full story, visit Alligator.org.



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Flora Maccoll protests for universal health care on West Newberry Road near the North Florida Regional Medical Center on Wednesday afternoon.

Officials to dedicate home of local civil rights activist

■ HE LIVED THERE FOR 72 YEARS.

By **ERICA JOHNSON**
Alligator Contributing Writer

At first glance, 1013 NW Seventh Ave. looks like a house that's no more important than its neighbors.

But for three quarters of a century, the house was home to the man who made it possible for black students to receive diplomas from Gainesville high schools.

On Sept. 10, the City of Gainesville will designate the house of A. Quinn Jones Sr. as a historical site and place a commemorative plaque outside the home.

Before 1925, local black students were only allowed to complete 11 years of school rather than the 13 necessary to graduate.

Jones' son, Oliver, said his father became the old Lincoln High School's principal in 1923, where he began his work toward expanding the high school to include grades 11 and 12.

Jones accomplished this when the Lincoln High graduating class of 1925 received diplo-

mas for the first time.

Oliver said when the school became the second accredited African-American high school in Florida in 1926, his father was overjoyed.

"He would say he was so proud that this didn't happen in Jacksonville, or Miami or anything like that," Oliver Jones said. "It was here in Gainesville."

Jones, who lived in the house at 1013 NW Seventh Ave. from 1925 until 1997, was the man who brought change to the school system, said Erin Friedberg, visual arts coordina-

tor for the City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

"He was an instrumental educational leader in the African-American community," Friedberg said.

Greg Bradley, Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency finance manager, said several people are scheduled to speak at the dedication ceremony, including Jones' son.

"From this ceremony, I would hope that the community would get an opportunity to hear the story of A. Quinn told," he said.

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Group plans to offset entire 2009-2010 UF athletic program

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last year. However, the group plans to offset the entire 2009-2010 Gators athletic program.

At Saturday's season opener, Neutral Gator will have a "Highlights of Gators Past" themed tailgate tent in front of the O'Connell Center where travelers can offset their emissions by learning more about the organization. Each game's tailgate tent will have a new theme where fans can learn more about Neutral Gator's endeavors and how to get involved.

"I think it shows that the UAA is taking a great sense of responsibility by trying to eliminate their entire carbon footprint."

Anna Prizzia
director of UF's Office of Sustainability

Angelica Ramdhari, project coordinator at Neutral Gator, said the tailgates will be where students come into play the most.

The group has reached out locally as well. On Saturday, it held a "renter's initiative" to help low-income homes become more sustainable; there have also been bake sales and creek restoration by planting 200 apple and cypress trees.

Neutral Gator hopes that through these projects and informational tailgates, the UAA 2025 carbon neutrality goal will be met.

"Once we get the formula down, accomplishing the goal shouldn't be too much," Ramdhari said.

Parties' full slates to be posted Wednesday

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them to think of small proposals that will increase SG's presence and recognition on campus.

Regalado said he is looking for a good group of candidates willing to put themselves second and the desires of the student body first.

"We are accepting people from any age group, any background, any organizational affiliation," he said. "All are welcome to come out for the Unite Party."

Regalado said Unite will have a full slate of 50 senators.

Dave Schneider, the Progress

Party president, said it would be great to have a full slate, but he wants people committed to increased openness and participation in SG.

"The priority is not to get a full slate of half-qualified candidates," he said. "The goal is to get a slate of student candidates

that are going to represent people across the board."

Schneider said he wants to find student leaders willing to represent real student interests. Candidates don't need to have previous political experience, he said.

Kyle Huey, the Orange and Blue Party president, said he looks for candidates who are familiar with what's going on in SG and have opinions on SG issues like the free newspapers on campus.

"We're looking for students who want to make real, substantive changes in SG, and everything else is second to that," he said.

Huey said he plans to have a full slate.

Parties must submit their candidate selections by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Alfonso said. Each party's official slate will be posted Wednesday, the day of the mandatory candidate meeting.

Coalition may be formed during fall semester

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he said.

"We'd rather deal with it proactively than have to discipline organizations all the time for it," he said.

Causseaux said he hopes the coalition can be formed sometime this semester, but said things should be well under way by the end of the school year at the latest.

According to UF records, the last student organization found guilty of hazing was Sigma Lambda Gamma, an 18-member Latina-based sorority, which was shut down for five years by its national organization in April.

The group imposed restrictions on recruits that included no Facebook, make-up or fast food.

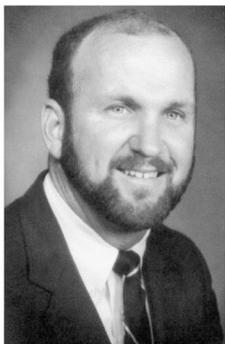
Other recent hazing cases include the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, which was suspended for one year in November after recruits were found shirtless and kneeling on the basement floor, and the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, which was suspended for four years in June 2008 for activities that included wall sits and consuming large amounts of alcohol.

HAZING TIMELINE

- 2003**
Sigma Lambda Gamma is suspended for three years
- 2006**
Sigma Lambda Gamma is allowed back on campus
- 2008**
Tau Epsilon Phi is under investigation for hazing
- June 2008**
Pi Kappa Phi is suspended for four years
- April 2009**
Sigma Lambda Gamma is shut down for five years

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Editorial

Flu Follies

Lawmakers overzealous
in fighting H1N1

It seems the government thinks back-to-school season will somehow resemble "28 Days Later."

The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology claims that a swine flu epidemic has the potential to cause up to 90,000 deaths and leave 1.8 million Americans hospitalized, a statistic that has caused a bit of a panic.

Even though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a counter-statement claiming that the death tolls will not likely be that high, and the number of deaths thus far does not suggest a future zombie apocalypse, measures are still being taken to prevent a possible disaster.

UF, for one, had a bright idea when they realized that imposing a stringent attendance criteria could encourage infected students to come to class. This semester, UF students do not have to show up to exams if they are sick. This is a good idea despite the fact that many will take advantage of it (duh).

Among other preventative measures that seem like a good idea: New York City is offering free vaccines to its 1 million-plus students, and "Sesame Street" is doing a special about handwashing (and so is "Plaza Sesamo" in Mexico, which is the cutest thing we've ever heard).

The state of Massachusetts, however, is taking the idea of encouraging people to stay home and stay hygienic a little too far. Currently making its way through the state legislature is the Pandemic Response Bill. If passed, the bill will allow the governor to declare a health emergency and allow law enforcement officials to forcibly enter the homes of citizens and quarantine or vaccinate them.

Whether this bill is a response to Barack Obama's team's report is unclear. However, if it is, the Obama team needs to issue another report that takes the Centers for Disease Control's findings into consideration. The people at the CDC know what they're talking about, and if its slightly less abysmal view of the coming school year will allay Americans' fears, it should be made common knowledge.

After Hurricane Katrina, it makes sense that lawmakers and politicians want to prevent any sort of comparable disaster; no one wants to take the blame for unnecessary suffering or death. However, H1N1 is not the bubonic plague, and it shouldn't be treated as such. Blowing things out of proportion with exaggerated predictions or with possible bills involving storm troopers is as irresponsible as taking no preventative measures at all.

As Cillian Murphy's character in "28 Days Later" said, "See, this is a really shit idea. You know why? Because it's really obviously a shit idea." Sure, you can scare people into washing their hands. But you don't need to scare them with the threat of involuntary detainment and needle injection.

We know people who have had Swine Flu (former editorial board member, sort-of rhymes with "Bland Sicko"). Sure it was uncomfortable, and sure, he needed to stay indoors. But, to him, that was common sense.

Obama needs to allay the fears of Americans who are counting the days until the rapture by assuring them that the death tolls will not be as high as his team initially reported. He also needs to redirect state lawmakers who feel as if they need to pass bills that infringe on the basic rights of Americans in response to an imaginary threat.

Wash your hands, stay home when you're sick, see a doctor if you don't feel well. That's all you need to do to prevent Left4Dead from becoming your day-to-day. Warning people to stay safe is one thing. Frightening them half to death is counterintuitive.

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Column

Fantasy sports provide real life skills

Labor Day will officially kick off the American fantasy football season in 2009, and no matter where you are this weekend you will be within earshot of a conversation about somebody's fantasy draft.

Estimates are shaky, but the numbers floating around the Internet suggest that 35 million Americans will play fantasy football this year — around a tenth of the population of our country.

Before economists can calculate how much work time and productivity is lost to fantasy sports this year, I will take up the mantle of defending fantasy football. What do economists know, anyway? Haven't they already been globally outed as a sect of misguided soothsayers who possess far too much of the public spotlight?

First of all, the fact that 35 million people may play fantasy football this year is greatly relieving to me personally. I used to have to hide my addiction to fantasy sports as if I were concealing track marks from a heroin addiction. One could not speak about fantasy sports in mixed company, unless you had a particular fondness for disgusted glances and the brisk feeling of total lameness. I used to get more concerned looks than the people who talked about their cousin, the child molester.

Now, we are legion. Everybody plays fantasy football, and now some writers are beginning to think of this national digital pastime in a new light. An article by Chris Gorski at LiveScience.com talked to college professors in engineering and management programs across the country who feel that getting good at fantasy sports translates to a host of other necessary skills in modern society.

Stating that fantasy sports "hold the secret to teaching people to make insightful predictions" and teach how to "manipulate complex and abstract systems," Gorski and



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the professors state that fantasy sports can make us all better citizens and maybe not get so ripped off in the real estate and stock market environments.

Another Web writer, blogger Jon Stonger, points out on HereticalIdeas.com that the variable ratio reinforcement we all get from fantasy football makes it basically like gambling — but without the messy side effects of crushing debt or societal decay. Stonger also lauds the competitive nature of the fantasy environment and the camaraderie inherent in such a personal competition. Any fool misguided enough to have stepped in front of my undefeated 2006 juggernaut "The Stonecutters" surely knows the rancid taste of soul-crushing defeat to this very day.

Some may castigate fantasy sports for the illusion of control it grants to all of the wannabe sports executives out there in fantasy land, or for the tidy profit these conglomerated media companies are making off advertising to the teeming horde of fantasy players sitting in front of computer screens all across our great nation.

To them, I have no response other than vague threats and mumbled curses.

You see, I have graduated beyond merely playing fantasy football into playing fantasy fantasy football. Each autumn I pick a dozen of the more skilled fantasy players and wait for them to win their individual leagues. I'm trying to turn this thing into a pyramid scheme, since the other 320 million Americans are so damn fond of those things.

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

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you play fantasy football?

Monday's question: Do you think you're judgmental?

86% YES

14% NO

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Guest column

Logic important tool when online

When the Internet first entered the public imagination, it was seen as a beacon of freedom from the Cold War decades that had preceded it.

Information could travel around the world unhindered by regimes, goods could be easily bought and sold across borders and audiences could instantly encounter new ideas. Every ill of the world could be solved, it seemed, with a well-designed Web site and some publicity.

These initial hopes were well-founded in the 1990s and the early years of the new millennium. The Internet provided new avenues to understand the world and democratized information dissemination. The first days of the Internet connected distant places together on an equal footing — the so-called flattening of the world.

Yet, in the last couple of months, the dark-side forces that commentators have predicted would come — information fragmentation, political polarization, rampant conspiracy theories — seem to have rapidly advanced. Today, the sheer granularity of sites allows those of all political persuasions to hear information from only one side

— lowering the sophistication of our national political discourse.

Danny Crichton

U-Wire

Chris Anderson explains in

“The Long Tail” that retailers would do better on the Internet if they focused on selling a little of a lot of goods as opposed to selling a few blockbuster items. Unfortunately, that theory is now being applied to information. Blogs and their associated portals are providing information with an enormously distorted lens, yet few seem willing to undo the damage.

In un-free societies, there is an enormous need for a source of information that does not originate from the state. The Internet can supply information about the outside world and generate movements for governmental accountability. China and Iran restrict access to such technology for the purpose of reducing the amount of news that is not under their control. America has passed an inflection point on the benefits of freedom of information.

Information is available for all persuasions. Think Barack Obama is the best president ever? There are thousands of Web sites available to learn more. Think Obama is the Antichrist? There are thousands of sites for you, too.

The power and beauty of the Internet was the exchange of competing theories. Ignorance could have no place in a world where every word can be verified by thousands. If someone, such as Sean Hannity or Rachel Maddow, made up a story, the Internet could provide the proof.

Few sites now cater to a wide gamut of political views and instead focus on the provocative and hyper-partisan. Readers of newspapers would be confronted with a range of opinion articles, but today, it's possible to never see an article that challenges one's beliefs.

The solution to such an endemic problem does not come from placing restrictions on the Internet or abridging the First Amendment. Instead of looking at the suppliers, we need to focus on those demanding these sites.

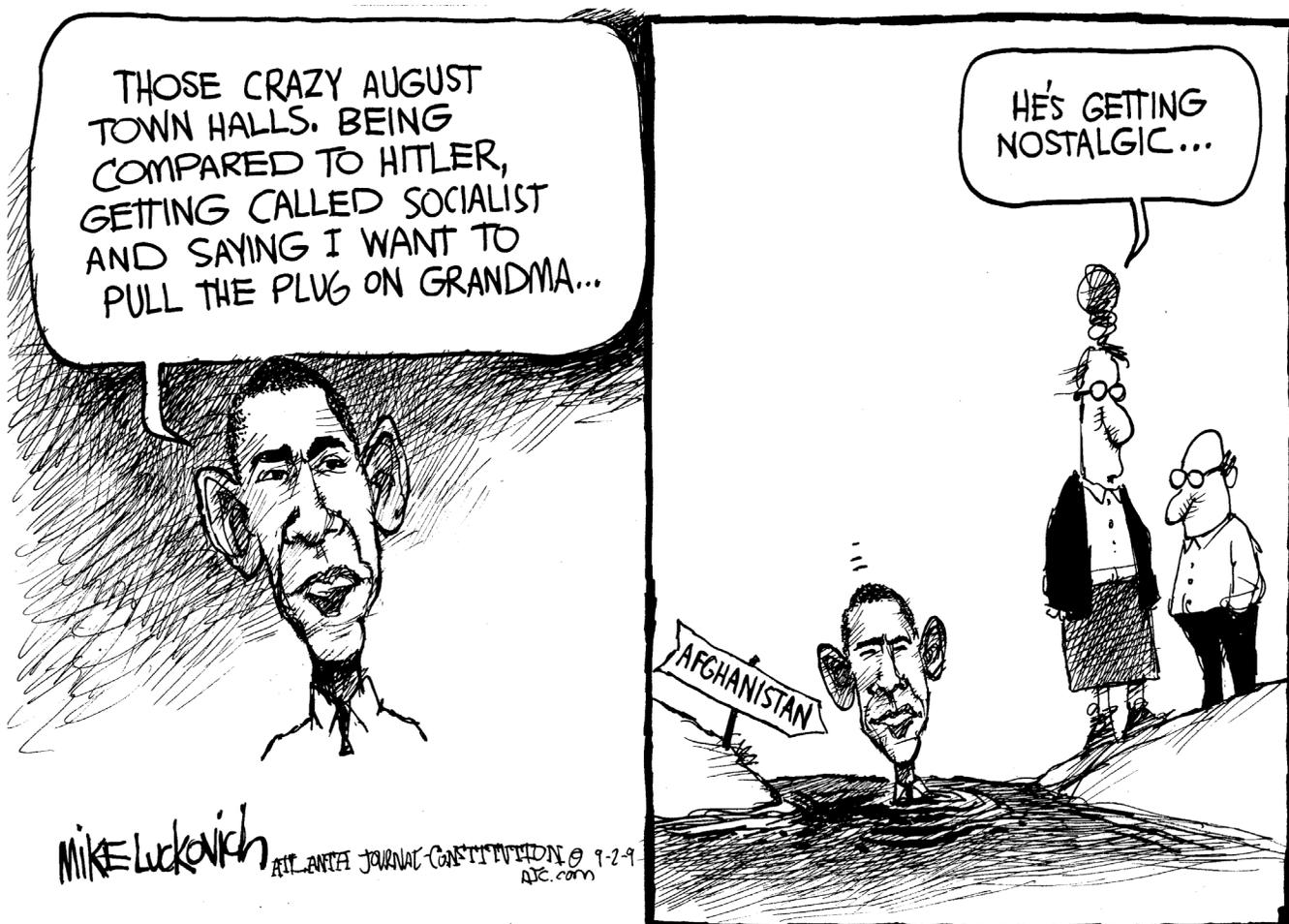
The answer comes from a look at how students are taught. We need to rebuild our curriculum to impart on students better source-analysis tools and scholastic judgment. When I receive an e-mail chain letter claiming Coca-Cola is green, or that Obama is attempting to eliminate the elderly, I have the skills to ascertain some level of truth.

Try searching the quote “The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of great moral crises maintain their neutrality” on the Internet. Despite thousands of sites saying otherwise, this quote does not appear anywhere in the “Divine Comedy” by Dante. Rather, it is a paraphrase used in a John F. Kennedy speech. The point of the unit was the difficulty of finding accuracy of information on the Internet.

We live in a world where there are no longer gatekeepers to the truth. The few journalists left can barely find time to check sources. Editors no longer organize information from the accurate to the unwieldy. It is up to us to not be beholden to the information we read and instead question it. The truth is a lot more mercurial now.

Our society does not have to be torn asunder by the polarization of the information on the Internet. But we cannot expect bloggers to do the heavy lifting. If we want to return to a factual-driven society, we need to look no further than our own reading habits.

This column appears courtesy of U-WIRE. Danny Crichton is a writer for *The Stanford Daily* at Stanford University.



Letters to the Editor

Voting records should be made public

A huge battle was won at Tuesday night's Senate meeting in the war of Student Government transparency. The Progress Party's leading example of having voting records made public was echoed by President Jordan Johnson and the Unite Party.

Unlike senators in Progress, some Unite senators may not waive their rights to make their voting records public. To be frank, if you are a senator who feels that your voting records shouldn't be public knowledge, then you should be ashamed of yourself. Your vote doesn't belong to you. It belongs to the students you represent. Don't hide behind the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or make excuses because now is the time to make SG open to students. If you truly have the students' interests in mind, sign the waiver.

Kevin Seymour
3EG



Progress Party given undue credit

Tuesday's letters to the editor by Nina Martinez and Mark Jaskowski are both misleading and unjustly give credit to the Progress Party. It wasn't Progress that initiated discussions to save *The New York Times* on campus. Instead it was the Orange and Blue Party that repeatedly questioned the Budget Committee for the past month and brought the issue to the student body.

If it wasn't for the Orange and Blue Party and Party Leader Sen. Jonathan Ossip, *The New York Times* would not have been saved. Sen. Ossip reached out to students in the *Alligator* and created the “Save *The New York Times* at UF” Facebook group, which now has about 2,000 members. He correctly identified how to cut waste from the budget in order to pay for the *Times* and planned a rally to let SG know what students think.

The continuous hard work and dedication shown by the Orange and Blue Party and Sen. Jonathan Ossip paid off by having *The New York Times* reinstated. Instead of giving credit where credit is due, the Progress Party tried to claim that it was they who fought for the *Times* when instead they remained silent within the Senate. This is just another example of the Progress Party attempting to deny what they have been ever since the spring election: a bunch of empty seats that side with the Unite party more than the students.

Donte Hargrove
4LS

Ossip used issue as political ploy

I'd like to express my concern with some of the facts represented in yesterday's *Alligator* regarding recent happenings in Student Government.

I find it quite disheartening that the Orange and Blue Party has jumped at the opportunity to blame the Unite Party instead of congratulating the student body on a job well done. The removal and subsequent reinstatement of *The New York Times* has been the finest display of democracy I have seen as a student here at UF.

An extremely difficult decision was made during the budget process with the mindset of fiscal responsibility that was thought to be in the best interest of students. The students voiced their concern, which allowed Treasurer Maryam Laguna to adjust the budget accordingly, once again in the best interests of students. My problem with this would be the theatrics of Sen. Jonathan Ossip bashing the Unite Party in the press.

The proper avenue for change would have been visiting Laguna in her regularly scheduled office hours and talking to her personally — not bringing the issue to press as a political ploy.

This was not about the Orange and Blue, Unite or Progress parties — this was about doing what is right for the student body.

I hope we will not have to continue to be subjected to these negative campaign tactics from Sen. Ossip and his party leading up to the fall elections. I am confident that the Unite Party will stick to its positive message and continue to lead SG and the entire student body into a positive, new direction.

Kevin Cronin
Senator, PPHP College



Pedestrians should yield to cyclists

To the oblivious masses of pedestrians:

That ringing bell you hear? The inches-from-collision whirl of a bicycle passing you experienced? The impatient shouts of “Excuse me!” in the background? They all mean one thing: GET OUT OF THE WAY. Get out of the bicycle lane, stop standing five-wide across the sidewalk and please, please stop the veering aberration in your walking trajectory.

I don't want to hit you — I have to get to class — but goodness, sometimes you are just asking for it.

Katrina Lane
2LS

Spotlight: Morningbell



Photo courtesy to the Alligator by Morningbell

Morningbell (From left: Travis Atria, vocals and guitar; Stacie Atria, keyboard; Chris Hillman, drums; Eric Atria, bass) will play a CD release show Friday at Common Grounds. Tickets are \$6, and doors open at 9 p.m.

music

Morningbell album “more physical and immediate”

By MARY MANCHESS
avenue writer

The first track says it all: “Let’s Not Lose Our Heads” is a perfect description of how Morningbell and its fans have been feeling over the past two years.

The band has gone through a long journey to come out with its fourth album, “Sincerely, Severely.” And fans have been on edge with anticipation.

The band is playing a CD release show Friday at Common Grounds with the Shitty Beatles and Michael Claytor and His Friends.

Tickets can be purchased on Common Grounds’ Web site for \$6, and doors will open at 9 p.m. To award fans for their patience, the album will be available for \$5 at the show.

However, those who follow them on MySpace, Facebook or Twitter can get the CD for free if they follow the instructions.

The album was originally supposed to be released in March in time for the band’s summer tour.

According to lead vocalist Travis Atria, the band was striving to get it done by then but just couldn’t make it in time.

“After the last album, I think we weren’t really kind of sure what we wanted to do, and it just took a long time to just write this one,” Atria said.

“I probably wrote 60 songs for this album, and most of them we just threw away because they weren’t any good, or we didn’t think they were any good.”

While most bands usually release an album and then go on tour, Morningbell has never been able to do this.

Atria said they have a short tour planned for November, but it won’t be anything like the tour from this past summer, which was through 21 states.

Despite not doing the normal CD-tour combination, Atria said he is just happy with how the album turned out. With influences from the late ‘60s to the early ‘70s and musicians like Curtis Mayfield and Ike and Tina Turner, he said that their new sound is a little

bit more upbeat than the previous albums.

“We fought quite a bit about all these songs, but maybe that is why it turned out so well because the ideas really had to survive the process of arguing over them in order to make the final cut,” Atria said.

“I think our other albums were kind of cerebral; there wasn’t a lot of emotion in them. This one I wanted to be a little more physical and immediate.”

And from what he saw on tour, he said fans were well receptive to the new songs.

“I think this is our strongest effort, and the reaction we got from the crowd when we were on tour was the most passionate fan reaction we have had,” Atria said.

While most bands break up more than they create new records, completing a fourth album is an accomplishment within itself.

Atria has enjoyed the success but said it doesn’t really make sense how they are where they stand today.

His brother Eric Atria, however, who is also a guitarist in the band, claimed the answer

to their fame was blood.

“The secret to being in a longtime successful band is to be related to everybody,” he said.

“[Travis] is my brother and [Stacie] is my wife. We are on our sixth drummer, but if we were four random strangers we would have broken up years ago.”

And if that happened, the Gainesville music scene would just not be the same.

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I hope you have been saving up your lunch money because The Beatles: Rock Band comes out this Wednesday. Get ready to rock out just like John, Paul, and Ringo... sorry George fans, his guitar is sold separately while it gently weeps.



Art shows global events

By ALISHA KINMAN
venue contributing writer

It is a philosophical debate as to whether art portrays life or life portrays art. From pop-art prints to abstract sculptures of rusty bottle caps, the purpose of art has been to provoke emotion through different perspectives.

The Harn Museum recently opened a contemporary art exhibit titled "Art, Media and Material Witness." Through architecture, paintings and photography, the exhibit illustrates the struggles foreign countries have faced during decades of political, economic and social turmoil.

"The contemporary pieces create new ways of thinking and provoke new thoughts about the artwork," said Kerry Oliver-Smith, the curator of contemporary art at the Harn.

The exhibit includes 25 artists from Latin America, the United States and Africa. Although a majority of the artists have come from different places around the world, the message of social injustice and the effects of globalization are very similar. Each artist acts as "witness" to events that they have personally encountered, such as the fall of the Soviet Union and the rise in poverty in Latin America.



One of the larger pieces of artwork that immediately stops onlookers is a set of pictures mounted on neon yellow poster board hanging on thin strings to resemble a house. This piece by Sergio Vega, entitled "Shanty Nucleus after Derrida," portrays the poor, rural conditions in Mato Grosso, Brazil, through photographs of lopsided wooden shacks resulting from globalization and colonialism.

"The phrase 'a picture is worth a thousand words' is so much more expressive of the difference in the ways reporters portray an incident compared to an artist," said Alexandria Horner, a student at Santa Fe College. "The emotional response generated from a picture is hard to predict, but an artist can be certain that an image stands out more to the majority of people."

Another captivating piece of artwork is a picture of two Africans posing as a sculpture. While both resemble a stone sculpture with stiff body positions, they are dressed in name-brand clothing, such as Puma. Kehinde Wiley's work, "Dogon Couple," represents the transformation in developing countries toward gradually accepting popular, Westernized styles as opposed to traditional apparel.

The artists combine different techniques in order to let the audience decide how to react to the portrayal of an event.

"If [people] have a negative reaction to a piece, they may feel upset or angry to think that time and money have been spent on something they deem inferior or even offensive. This seems to happen more often with contemporary works," said Dixie Neilson, an assistant director of museum studies at UF. "People also feel upset when they don't understand a work of art; they may feel out of place and uncomfortable surrounded with pieces that seem to be speaking a different language or at least a language they are not 'getting.' A traditional painting in a gold frame rarely causes the same reaction."

The artists' different viewpoints expose the audience to global events. Through each piece of artwork, the artists remind everyone how the world is consistently changing for better or worse. The exhibition will run until Aug. 1.

Menagerie mixes art, music

By ATTIYYA ANTHONY
venue contributing writer

Only at Mamaw Menagerie can \$5 make your heart content.

As the clouds began to cover the sun and its rays began to lose their heat, those with dreadlocks, nose piercings, dirty sneakers, Natural Lights and calf tattoos began their journey to The Kickstand to attend 'Mamaw Menagerie'— the coolest little arts and crafts mini-festival around.

Within minutes, my dollar bills were transformed into a homemade bottle-cap pin; a skull and bones necklace; a piece of some amazing carrot, coconut and cranberry loaf; a ginger brownie; a neon painting of an elderly person's walker; and a one-minute massage.

On Saturday, almost 20 local vendors and more than 350 students, artists, craftsmen and musicians came out to barter jewelry, paintings, baked goods, scarves and ties, records turned into flower pots, decorated beer pong tables, henna tattoos and more at a hippie-inspired art fest.

The Eighth Avenue Bike and Coffee Shop provided

iced coffee, toneVENDOR advertised online records, Flying Heart Jewelry showcased its homemade pieces and George's Meet and Produce displayed its wood-work.

"It's a festival for everyone. The elderly can come look for trinkets, and parents can spend time with their children...but right now we get a lot of college students drunk from earlier activities, stumbling in who want to see a show and listen to music," said local artist and event organizer Thomas Callihan.

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Mamaw Menagerie also offered a great selection of local music. This year's artists included Ancient River, the Ex-Boogeymen, Travis Atria of Morningbell,

Baby Rat, DJ Thomas and DJ Ernie.

One notable performance was the harmonious folk rock synthesized sounds of Michael Parrallax, who despite the 90 degree heat, chanted his songs in a fur bodysuit before a crowd of lip-synching mosh-pitters.

The next and final Mamaw Menagerie will be held before Thanksgiving break. Callihan will then be leaving for Brooklyn, NY, to pursue his artistic career.

According to Callihan, anyone is open to continue the Mamaw Menagerie tradition once he's gone.



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Robbie Carroll, 22, and Blake Suarez screen print a design onto a T-shirt at the Mamaw Menagerie Saturday afternoon at the Kickstand. Carroll, a graduate of UF's graphic design program, and Suarez, a student in the program, printed designs onto fabric for a nominal price.

helping hands

Toms shoes hopes to change world with film, artists

By ATTIYYA ANTHONY
venue contributing writer

Changing the world starts one sole at a time. No — that's not a typo. It's a revolutionary philosophy that former "The Amazing Race" reality star Blake Mycoskie lives by. When he started Toms Shoes three years ago, he promised that with every shoe purchased another would be donated to a developing nation.

Thanks to Mycoskie and other fashion-forward individuals, more than 200,000 canvas slides have been donated to children and adults in Argentina, South Africa and other developing nations.

Gainesville's boutique, The Exchange, has also joined the cause. This month they are the winner of the Toms Shoes Retail Store of the Month for the custom designs of local artist Ro-

berto Evans.

Evans will be showcasing his designs and creating some new ones at the free viewing of "For Tomorrow: the Toms Shoes Story" hosted by Society Promotions at The Exchange on Friday at 8 p.m.

"I like working with Toms shoes. Besides the fact that each shoe goes towards helping someone, the whole shoe is a canvas, so you can wrap around the artwork," Evans said.

The 35-minute independent film documents the severe poverty of a village in Argentina, where children struggle to walk more than five miles to get water, go to school and receive medical care.

"We want to spread social consciousness in the hopes that it becomes contagious," said Jacob Larson, the director of Society Promotions. "That's what we're about — bringing light to issues like this."

The trials of the village members inspired Mycoskie to create the Toms shoe based on the traditional Argentine work-slide called the 'alpargata.' And with only \$44, shoe lovers can remain on the best-dressed list and help change the world in the process.

"We want to spread social consciousness in the hopes that it becomes contagious."

JACOB LARSON
director of society promotions

"It's nice to see a new trend of humanitarianism and social justice flowing into the fashion industry," said Jason Sanders, co-director of Society Promotions. "The world needs this."

The documentary is heartwarming — a must-see for the world changers buzzing in our community. The film reiterates the need for social competence and the importance of remembering those not as fortunate as us. For many villagers in the film, Mycoskie's donation was the first pair of shoes that they had ever received.

Evans will be also be creating custom designs during the viewing starting at \$30. The shoes take an hour to dry, so he said he would start any designs, but he has no intent to rush his work. Evans owns a couple pairs of Toms, but ironically none of his are designed. He rocks them plain. "It's easier for me to design other people's shoes and let the creativity flow that way, instead of spending that time on myself thinking about what I want," he said. His designs will also be featured at Gainesville Fashion Week.

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recipes

Recipe for the perfect Game-Day burger

By MAXIM PETERSEN
avenue contributing writer

Add salt and pepper for taste

Directions:

With Game Day approaching this weekend, your drive for football fanaticism, thirst for beer and especially your hunger for the perfect tailgating burger will shoot like a rocket into the sky. Other than the action-packed game with the Gators dominating, the tailgating experience will be the best part. Here is a homemade recipe to create a perfect, mouthwatering burger on Game Day.

1. In a medium sauté pan, sweat the sliced red onion, chopped cabbage, and the whole garlic cloves (with skin on) over medium-high heat with salt, pepper and olive oil. Cook until tender, then deglaze with balsamic vinegar and reduce completely. Remove the garlic cloves (to smash into the mayonnaise and mustard later).

2. Season ground sirloin patties with salt and pepper and rub with olive oil. Place them in sauté pan, or on a grill, over medium-high heat. Cook until almost medium or medium rare, top each patty with sharp cheddar cheese and allow cheese to melt. Take burgers off heat.

3. While burgers are cooking, combine mayonnaise and mustard with garlic cloves that were cooked earlier. Peel and smash garlic with a fork. Set aside.

4. Toast the buns.

5. Now let's assemble the burger to build these delicious flavors and textures. Spread the roasted garlic and Dijon mayonnaise on both sides of the bun. Add the cooked burger, thick-sliced tomato, fresh arugula and top with the sweet and savory balsamic caramelized onions and red cabbage.

6. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

Makes 2
1/2 red onion (sliced into rings)
1/2 cup of chopped cabbage of your choice
3-4 cloves whole garlic (skin on)
4 tablespoon mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
3 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
2 thick slices of red tomato
1/2 cup of arugula
1/2 pound of ground sirloin (more depending on how big you want the burgers)
2 slices of sharp cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon olive or canola oil



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The Ultimate Game-Day Burger with roasted garlic and Dijon mayonnaise, balsamic caramelized red onion and cabbage, sharp cheddar cheese and arugula.

For more info on the guide to dining out, contact Brittany Fayne, alligator advertising, 376.4482

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UF return specialist Brandon James is being counted on to share snaps at Percy Harvin's old position. James only recorded 25 touches on offense last season.

Unproven veteran receivers vital for UF

■ DEBOSE'S INJURY ADDS TO LACK OF DEPTH.

By **KYLE MAISTRI**
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Florida started fall practice hoping to have one of the wide receivers emerge as the likely candidate to replace Percy Harvin.

With this week's news that freshman Andre Debose's hamstring injury is worse than previously thought, replacing Harvin just got a little bit tougher for the Gators.

"We got some guys that need to step up," senior wide receiver David Nelson said. "Our main concern on the team is depth at wide receiver."

Of all the receivers, Debose was the most likely to gash opposing defenses from the slot and backfield.

If he is unable to play for a large portion of the season, senior Brandon James and sophomore

Jeff Demps could see the bulk of the touches in the former "Percy position."

James, who has caught just 19 passes in his three-year career, will have an expanded role in the passing game despite being used primarily as a kickoff and punt return specialist until this season.

The first team All-Southeastern Conference return man said that he has been waiting his whole career for a chance to make a difference on offense, but he doesn't want to give up any return opportunities this year.

"This being my senior year and (Harvin) leaving, it's my turn to really step in and fill the offensive void," James said. "We've had a lot of depth, a lot of play-makers. I had to wait my turn."

The outside receiver positions are more set as Nelson, senior Riley Cooper and sophomore Deonte Thompson have proven to be reliable pass catching options throughout training camp.

Cooper, in particular, has

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CSU builds program with big checks

Nobody wonders why Florida would schedule to play a team like Charleston Southern.

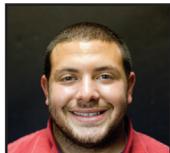
That part is easy: to give the Gators a warm-up game to start the year and to keep their non-conference schedule as risk-free as possible.

After all, one loss can cost them a chance to go to the national championship, and why risk a hard non-conference game when they already play some of the nation's toughest teams in their conference matchups?

But why would a FCS school like Charleston Southern come to Gainesville to play the best team in country, when it is well aware it will most likely get stomped on?

In recent history, few FCS schools have beaten one of the top FBS teams, most notably Appalachian State defeating Michigan 34-32 in the Big House in 2007, so why put your team through the pain of getting routed 70-3?

The main reason these small schools put themselves through the embarrassing losses is the not-so-embarrassing paychecks that



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Charleston Southern is getting paid \$450,000 for playing Florida this year.

The Bucs also played Miami (\$400,000) last year and will play South Florida (\$450,000) later this season, bringing in

a total of \$1.3 million to the program for three games of getting manhandled.

Charleston Southern coach Jay Mills said he is also hoping to play FSU soon.

Another trip to the bank will be needed for that one to deposit another large check from the Seminoles.

The athletic department has some big plans for spending the money it is receiving for letting these big schools practice on the Bucs.

"The university benefits from (the payouts)

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CHARLESTON SOUTHERN Bucs grateful for chance

By **PHIL KEGLER**
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The biggest buzz about Saturday's Charleston Southern game may have been a point spread that never was.

USA Today's Danny Sheridan released what he expected the betting spread should be between the Gators and the Buccaneers.

Problem is initial reports got Sheridan's line wrong. The sports betting analyst has Florida as only 63-point favorites against Football Championship Subdivision member Charleston Southern, as opposed to the 73-point spread some media outlets reported.

Still the large margin and the fact that the Bucs are about to play the defending champions has drawn a lot of attention to a small school in Charleston, S.C., which has only 3,200 students.

Charleston Southern coach Jay

Mills said he hasn't used the point spread as motivation, because, well, there's already plenty of it there.

"I don't think you can add any incentives," Mills said. "Defending national champions, No. 1-ranked team in the country, former Heisman



Mills

Trophy winner and probably one of the preseason favorites for the Heisman Trophy this year -- I don't think there's anything you can do to add incentive or attention to this ball game."

It will be quite the uphill battle for the Buccaneers inside The Swamp. The result the last time the Gators faced a FCS opponent was a 70-19 Florida victory against The Citadel on Nov. 22.

And Charleston Southern fin-

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TEeing OFF WITH MIKE DiFERDINANDO

■ It turns out Pacman Jones won't be playing for Winnipeg in the CFL this season after all. Luckily the Blue Bombers obtained the services of former Detroit Lions WR Charles Rodgers — can you say Grey Cup? ... Jason David Frank, aka Tommy the Green Power Ranger, is entering MMA. Can't say I'm surprised. The move from Power Ranger to pro fighter seems like a pretty natural transition.

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UF's blocking absent so far

■ THE GATORS ARE YET TO OUTBLOCK AN OPPONENT.

By **ADAM BERRY**
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The word was all over the white board in Florida's practice facility Wednesday — the area coach Mary Wise thinks her team needs to improve the most before the next match: blocking.

Despite an impressive 3-0 start to the season, the No. 5 Gators have not outblocked any of their three opponents, trailing 21.5-18 overall.

Throughout the week, Wise has stressed the importance of blocking, and she planned to devote plenty of time in Wednesday's practice to working on that aspect of the game.

"We're not blocking balls," Wise said Monday. "The easiest way to look at it is just to look at the numbers."

UF is averaging just 1.6 blocks per set, compared to the two per set its opponents are recording. Last season, the Gators tallied 2.25 blocks per set, ranking 72nd in the NCAA.

But for a team that has the potential to make a run deep into the postseason this year, Wise said those numbers simply have to be higher.

The Gators' middle blockers are more than talented enough,

she said, but they just need to get back into "that blocking rhythm."

"There are two really key stats in women's volleyball that determine success — one is hitting efficiency and the other is blocking balls," Wise said. "Over the years, I don't think there have ever been great teams that didn't block."

Sophomore middle blocker Cassandra Anderson, who leads the team in blocks with eight, said the reason for the lack of production has been mostly mental for the Gators.

"There are two really key stats in women's volleyball that determine success — one is hitting efficiency and the other is blocking balls."

Mary Wise
UF volleyball coach

With a little more practice, she said, UF should make strides toward blocking better by this weekend.

With four matches over the next two weekends — including showdowns with No. 11 Stanford, who knocked UF out of the postseason last year, and No. 3 Washington — it will be critical for the Gators to improve their defense at the net.

"To have it down in the next two weeks would be great," Anderson said. "That would be a re-

ally big part of us winning."

So far this season, Wise said Florida has yet to consistently make the blocks it should be making, let alone those the elite teams make.

With improved blocking, offensive mistakes would not be quite as costly, and if an opponent keeps UF from scoring, the Gators' defense could provide another method of putting points on the board.

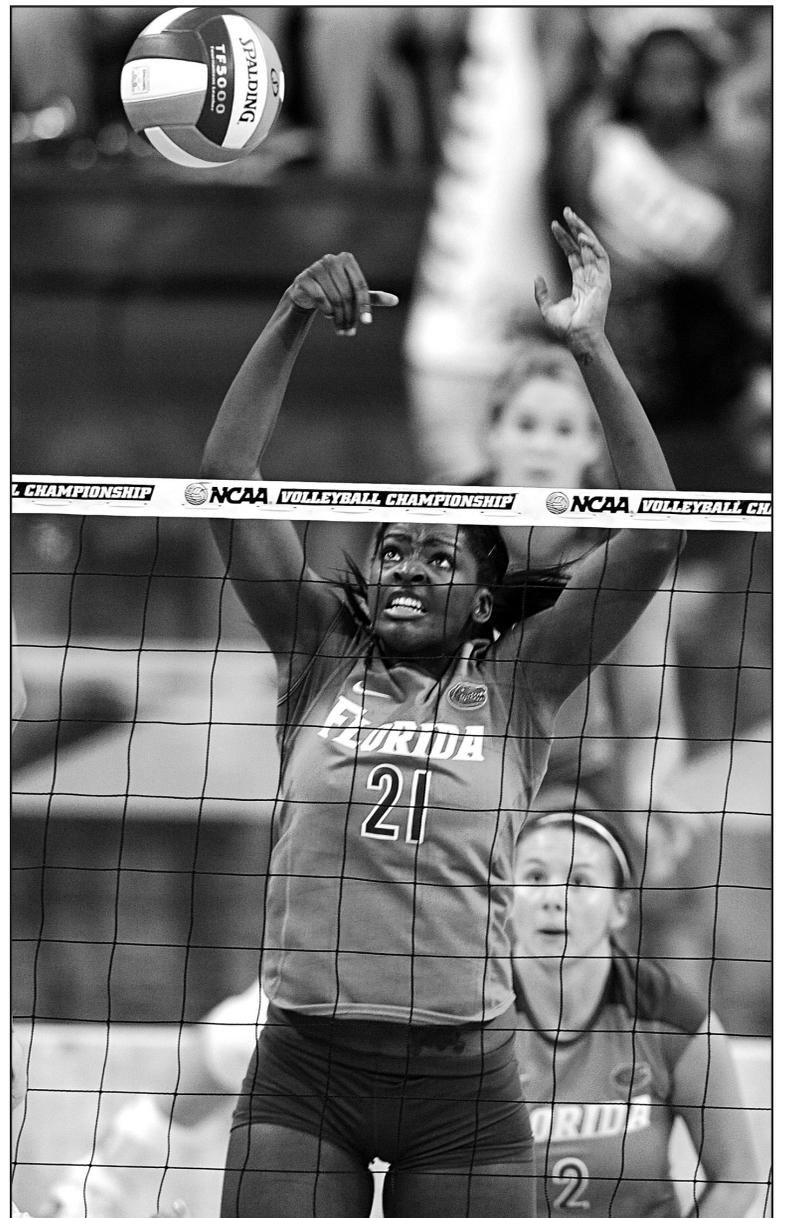
Aside from the obvious benefits of racking up points and slowing an opponent's hitting attack, Wise added that effective blocking early can also change the way opponents play the rest of the match.

If a hitter gets rejected early on, she could become frustrated enough to make a change she doesn't need to or isn't entirely comfortable with.

Senior Kristina Johnson, who has started all three matches at middle blocker, said slowing down teams like Stanford and Washington requires getting touches on the ball in any way possible.

Solidifying their primary line of defense up front would be a huge benefit for the Gators when facing such highly ranked opponents this early in the year.

"It's really important," Johnson said. "If we can block well, then everything else just sort of falls into place."



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

Middle blocker Cassandra Anderson leads the Gators with eight blocks through three matches this season.

Hammond, Lawrence's development needed provide depth for passing game

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caught the eye of coach Urban Meyer, who said the senior has looked better than ever in his senior campaign.

"Of all the previous camps and previous years he has been a Florida Gator, he's not even close to where he's at right now," Meyer said. "His attitude is tremendous."

The coaching staff is confident with the top three wideouts, but Debose's injury has also made depth a cause for concern.

Frankie Hammond Jr. and T.J. Lawrence, both redshirt freshmen, are next on the depth chart though neither of them have ever played in a college game.

Nelson said the veterans challenged the two young receivers to step up in practice

this week, but he was unhappy with the results.



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won't. It has to be consistent every down. I'm going to sit down with them and try to

get in their heads a little bit and tell them it wasn't acceptable.

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Debose still looking into options with injured hamstring

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The fate of freshman wide receiver Andre Debose will not be decided this week.

Meyer met with Debose and his parents Tuesday night but said Florida's training staff is still looking into possible options.

Debose was expected to see playing time this season but has been slowed by tendon damage in his hamstring.

Meyer said the final decision as to whether Debose will have surgery should come early next week.

"We're not pressed against a timetable right now," Meyer said. "I just walk into the doctor's office, and they say we wanna check a couple things out and we'll let you know."

LONGING FROM AFAR: Meyer wouldn't mind if Jarred Fayson was still in Gainesville.

The former Florida wide receiver played sparingly during

the Gators' 2006 title run and had only 12 catches for 148 yards and three touchdowns during his sophomore season in 2007.

After the season, Fayson transferred to Illinois for more playing time and has two years of eligibility left after sitting out the 2008 season per NCAA rules.

Meyer called Fayson one of the best players in the country Wednesday.

"I wish he would've stayed," Meyer said. "He'd be getting ready to be the go-to player at Florida."

"That's how much talent he has."

LINEBACKER NEWS: A.J. Jones will start Saturday at strong-side linebacker.

Brendan Beal (sore neck) did not practice Wednesday but is expected to play.

Freshman Jelani Jenkins (ankle) did some individual work but is doubtful for Saturday's game.



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UF freshman wide receiver Andre Debose was expected to contribute right away, but he may miss a significant amount of time this season if his hamstring injury requires surgery.

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For all the big games No. 14 Boise State has faced in its rise to prominence, head coach Chris Petersen always preached that no one game carried increased importance.

Good luck keeping that mantra going with his players when his own school and everyone else in Boise is billing Thursday night's showdown with No. 16 Oregon as the biggest home game in school history.

"I think it's great for the city and great for the fans, and hopefully our team is prepared and does a great job," said Petersen, entering his fourth season as the Broncos head coach. "But when teams start buying into hype, positive and negative, it doesn't do you any good."

Still, it's hard for anyone not to acknowledge that this matchup carries a different feel. Tailgating is expected to start early Thursday morning, right up to the 8:15 p.m. MDT kickoff. Tickets are available on the Internet at upward of four figures.

The school's basketball arena, across the parking lot from Bronco Stadium, will be opened for ticketless fans looking for a gathering place to watch the game.

Students lined up overnight to get one of the precious tickets in the student section, which vanished about an hour after going on sale.

And all that says nothing about what will happen on the field, where animosity will still linger after last year's 37-32 Broncos victory at Autzen Stadium, where the Ducks remain convinced Boise State took cheap shots

that affected the outcome.

First came Ellis Powers' helmet-first leveling of Oregon QB Jeremiah Masoli in the first quarter -- well after the pass left Masoli's hand -- that eventually forced the Ducks QB from the game with a concussion. BSU safety Jeron Johnson was later ejected for a late hit on Oregon tight end Ed Dickson, yet another shot the Ducks felt was needless.

The game could also have serious implications months later. Take away the Ducks, and Boise State's schedule becomes at most pedestrian, with its usual slate of average Western Athletic Conference foes and its two toughest WAC games -- Louisiana Tech and Nevada -- at home. Its non-league schedule is also lackluster, with games at Bowling Green and Tulsa looking like the only possible slip-ups.

Translation: Already with the highest preseason ranking in school history, a Boise State victory could open a path to any of the BCS bowls come January.

"I don't know if it will change a season, but (a win) can open up some eyes," Boise State safety Kyle Wilson said.

Oregon, meanwhile, would like nothing more than to start Chip Kelly's tenure as the Ducks' head coach with an important victory.

It's a new era in Eugene now that Mike Bellotti has moved into the athletic director's chair. He'll be in Boise on Thursday, but only as a highly interested spectator, curious to see just how Kelly's spread offense looks on the blue backdrop.

It's the first time someone other than Bellotti will lead the Ducks on the field since 1995.

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with a new athletic facility in the near future," Mills said. "It's going to give every sport their own locker room, it's going to give us an academic resource center for our athletes and it's going to help out the student body of Charleston Southern, so we are very thankful for the opportunity."

These games don't just help out financially.

They also benefit the team's recruiting. Charleston Southern has gotten more media attention this week than it will the rest of the season.

It's unlikely that ESPN's First Take would have invited Mills on its show had his team not been playing Florida.

This doesn't mean the Bucs will steal away blue-chip recruits from the Gators, but those high school players who aren't FBS-caliber but still quality players will now have heard the name Charleston Southern and may give it more thought when Mills starts calling.

CSU opened 2008 season with Miami CHARLESTON, from page 18

ished only 7-5 last season. The Buccaneers were picked to finish fifth in the seven-team Big South Conference in 2009.

"We're going there with the purpose you should have each and every week which is to win the football game," Mills said. "That's the number one objective every time you take the field."

"But at the same time, this is still supposed to be about young men and the educational opportunities they have."

"This is an opportunity for them to have an experience that most likely they never would've gotten."

While FCS member Appalachian State shocked Michigan two years ago, this matchup appears to be even more of a sure thing. Charleston Southern opened the 2008 season at Miami and lost 52-7.

Still, Florida coach Urban Meyer said it is a good opportunity to see how young players perform in front of a big crowd in a game that counts in the standings as well as refining ex-

Also, the state of Florida has the most high school talent in the country and not all of it gets picked up by the big schools. With so many trips to the Sunshine State for these warm-up games, Charleston Southern coaches have plenty of opportunities to make short drives the night before the game to watch some high school games and evaluate possible prospects.

While these games can help bring in players, facing the Gators can provide the Bucs with on-the-field assistance.

Charleston Southern runs an offense similar to Urban Meyer's spread. Watching tapes and reading books can only get you so far when it comes to developing an offense.

What better way to learn how a spread offense should look than playing one of the premier examples of it?

This game can serve as a learning tool for Mills to improve how his team runs the spread in the future.

For Florida, this game is just a warm up for the rest of the season, but for Charleston Southern this game is what's building its program.

ecution on both sides of the ball.

Charleston Southern runs mostly a spread-option option, and the Gators' defense is preparing to see something similar to the offense it plays against every day in practice.

"We're not taking them lightly by any means," receiver David Nelson said. "We're going into this week as we would any other week."

As far as the Bucs are concerned, the Gators have already helped them out. Mills said UF's decision to put Charleston Southern on its schedule encouraged other major programs to schedule the Bucs. Charleston Southern will receive \$450,000 for playing Florida on Saturday.

"Thanks to the University of Florida for giving us this opportunity. We'll be forever indebted," Mills said. "We're excited about the additional exposure that the football team has received. We know that the 90,000 in attendance for this game is going to be unlike anything we've ever seen before."



Meyer