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ADMINISTRATION

UF adjusts class policies to curb swine flu

By ASHLEY HORN

Alligator Contributing Writer

In an effort to prevent a swine flu outbreak, UF will require an e-Learning site for every course to encourage students who may have the virus to stay home.

All instructors will be able to access the e-Learning site Monday, according to a memo sent by Andrew McCollough, UF's associate

provost for Internet technology.

By Tuesday, nine auditoriums will be equipped with Mediasite, a tool that will assist in lecture recording.

According to UF spokesman Steve Orlando, the additional e-Learning use will not add any costs to the university.

While the e-Learning requirement will allow students with the virus to keep up with class, UF is

also taking measures to prevent the flu from invading the Student Body.

According to Orlando, the Division of Housing has spent about \$3,500 on hand sanitizer for the campus. There are also three dorm

rooms where the roommates of infected students can live while the sick student recovers, he said.

GatorWell, a division of the Student Health Care Center, operates tents in high traffic areas such as the Reitz Union and Weimer Hall to hand out free hand sanitizer and flu prevention fliers.

Orlando said it all comes down to individual responsibility.

"We ask that you do three

things," he said. "One is to cover your mouth while you sneeze and cough, two is to have good hygiene and use hand sanitizer, and lastly, if you're sick, stay home."

Orlando also said professors are encouraged to be lenient with attendance policies when it comes to sick students.

Absence is one factor that economics professor Mark Rush,

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Dirty Job
Police divers search for the occupant of a truck that hit another vehicle along U.S. 441 and then careened off the road into the swamp in Paynes Prairie late Wednesday afternoon. The search was called off at nightfall and is scheduled to resume in the morning. See story below.

Dean may face tough decision

■ SHE IS ONE OF SIX FINALISTS.

Kathleen Long, dean of UF's College of Nursing, has been tapped as one of six finalists for the presidency of Georgia Southern University, located in Statesboro, Ga.

Long will meet with university officials this week for three days and take part in campus and community forums, including one today, according to a GSU press release.

Coincidentally, UF announced Wednesday that Long will oversee the area of Faculty Development in Academic Affairs beginning Tuesday.

The position includes responsibility for programs like the Teacher/Scholar of the Year award and New Faculty Orientation, according to a memo sent to UF officials.

Long has been dean of the nursing college since 1995.

E-mails sent Wednesday asking who might replace Long were not returned.

— THOMAS STEWART

Professor charged with assault, placed on leave

By JESSICA CHAPMAN

Alligator Writer

A UF professor was arrested and charged with sexual assault, stalking, unarmed burglary and burglary with assault or battery Sunday night after allegedly attacking his ex-girlfriend.

Herbert J. Houck, a 53-year-old UF biologist

and scientist and professor in the department of pathology, was released from the Alachua County Jail Monday, said Alachua County Sheriff spokesman Art Forgey.

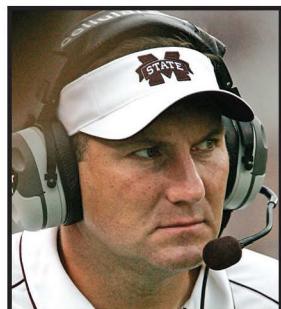
Sunday afternoon, the woman he allegedly assaulted was getting out of the shower when she saw Houck in her bathroom, Forgey said. She called the sheriff's office after the assault, he said.

The woman, who is also Houck's neighbor, gave Houck her house key so he could feed her cat while she was on vacation. She believed he had returned the key when she got back, not realizing he had made a copy, Forgey said.

The woman posted a sign on her door asking him to "go away," after Houck made several phone calls to her, Forgey added.

Houck also secretly made visits to her house, which included him lying in her bed and leaving his shoe behind. He said he would trade the house key for his shoe, Forgey said.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said Houck, who was hired in December 1992, has been placed on administrative leave per UF protocol.



■ Mississippi State's Dan Mullen (right) is gearing up for the Bulldogs' SEC opener against Auburn. The Tigers won 3-2 last year in Starkville, Miss., but both teams have new coaches. See Story, Page 17.

Police to resume search for driver involved in Tuesday crash

Police will resume the search today for a driver who was ejected into Paynes Prairie Wednesday afternoon after a crash.

A Chevrolet truck traveling south on U.S. 441 collided with a Ford Explorer at about 4 p.m. near Paynes Prairie State Park, said Florida Highway Patrol Cpl. Rodney Howard.

Howard said the truck struck the Explorer from behind before swerving, breaking through a guardrail and landing in the swamp below.

Workers from ANS Tree Service helped pull

the truck, which was submerged, out of the water. Rescue divers searched for the Chevrolet's driver until nightfall with no success.

The other driver, who has not been identified, was taken to a nearby hospital and is in stable condition, Howard said.

Witness Peter Carolin, who notified authorities about the accident, believes that whoever was in the truck never made it out. "The mud definitely sucked him down," he said.

— CJ PRUNER

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New GI bill rewards veterans

■ THE BILL OFFERS MORE BENEFITS THAN THE LAST.

By CAROLYN TILLO

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Lauren Cook worked for her education. She couldn't afford college, so she planned to return to school after joining the Army.

Now a veteran and a mother, Cook, 30, attends Santa Fe College and plans to transfer to UF to pursue a teaching career.

Cook, who works in the SFC Office of Veterans Affairs, benefits from the new Post-9/11 GI Bill, a modification of the older and less generous Montgomery GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 bill, effective Aug. 1, pays university tuition, fees and living expenses for disabled veterans and those who served at least 90 days beginning on or after Sept. 11, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Web site.

This new bill could encourage more veterans to attend public four-

year colleges like UF rather than public two-year colleges, according to a new study published by Alexandria Walton Radford, a research associate with MPR Associates Inc.

Radford said the Montgomery GI Bill only gives veterans about \$1,300 per month to cover living expenses, books, tuition and fees. This insufficient amount may have encouraged veterans to attend community colleges or go to school part-time rather than attending four-year universities, she said.

National News But UF spokesman Steve Orlando said UF has yet to see an increase in the number of veterans applying as a result of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

He said about 450 veterans attend UF, and the university welcomes them because they offer positive examples for students.

Justin Levine, 26, president of UF's Collegiate Veterans Society, served 4 1/2 years in the Army and is working on an undergraduate finance degree and a master's degree in international business at UF.

He said the money offered by

the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides incentives for veterans to leave the military and attend school.

However, Levine said UF's strict admissions requirements limit the number of veterans who apply and attend. He said a high number of veterans in Alachua County spend two years at Santa Fe before attending UF because they leave the military with zero credit hours.

"In the case of UF, I think it's more dependent on the grades and the academic discipline of the student," he said.

Levine does not expect the number of veterans applying to UF to increase for another two years because veterans may choose to spend that time at Santa Fe.

Brian Sellers, who is completing a work-study in the SFC Office of Veterans Affairs, said 108 veterans are using the new GI Bill at SFC.

For Cook, the bill has other advantages. The money it offers helps fund things like tutoring services.

"It's just little factors, little factors like that they reimburse you for that just makes or breaks someone's success as a veteran," she said.

Event promotes local boutiques

Gators can shop 'til they drop without dropping serious dough tonight at Fashion's Night Out.

Part of Gainesville Fashion Week, the event will allow bargain-hunters and fashionistas alike to get to know the city's fashion scene. Starting at 6 p.m., guests can buy tickets at Wolfgang Boutique, 1127 W University Ave., for \$3. The ticket will list the 20 participating businesses. The stores will extend their hours and offer refreshments and discounts.

Wolfgang Boutique owner Matthew Turner organized the event based on the Fashion's Night Out global celebration, which takes place in major cities from New York City to Tokyo.

Turner hopes the event will encourage participants to shop locally and invigorate the local economy.

Those who visit every hotspot on the ticket — even without making a purchase — will receive a gift bag at the end of the night with gifts from the participating businesses.

Persona Vintage owner Nava Ottenberg expects the event to result in exposure to local businesses.

"People don't really know about these hidden treasures," she said.

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Documentary features struggles of disabled teen

By ROBERT HILSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

Dale Ginder is 7 years old. He is from Gainesville. He loves his Gators.

And he is sick.

So his parents will be at the Phillips Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, not for their son's favorite team, but to watch a movie that may save his life.

Lelia Ginder, Dale's mother, and the College of Public Health and Health Professions present "Darius Goes West," the acclaimed story of a teenager with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a not-so-rare genetic disorder that strips the male body of dystrophin, a structural protein needed to function.

The heart and lungs — both muscles, both deprived — race each other to see which will give out first.

Local News According to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, another 20,000 boys like Dale and Darius are diagnosed with the disease each year.

This means, each year, roughly double this number of parents find that they stand a good chance of outliving their sons.

The disease progresses with speed and menace. By 7, scar tissue replaces muscle. By 9, walking requires assistance. By 14, breathing requires assistance.

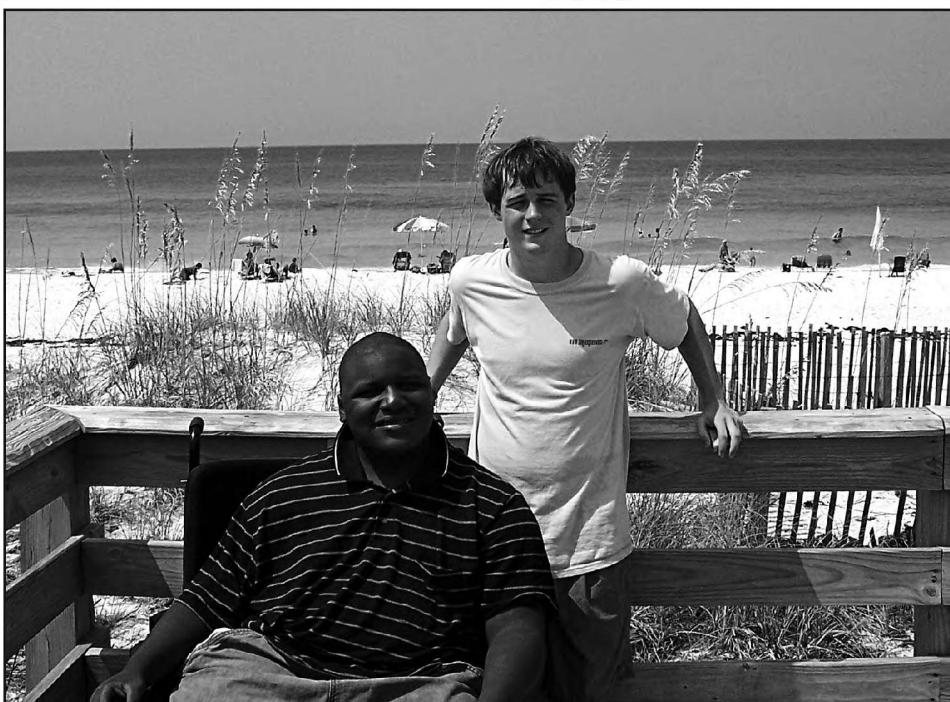
Most die in their 20s. Some die older. Some die younger.

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The documentary, winner of more than 25 film festival awards, focuses on Darius Weems' first trip away from home, a cross-country attempt to get his wheelchair on MTV's "Pimp My Ride."

At the end of the film, Weems will take the stage with his travel partners and adopted family, the film's cast and crew.

Weems turns 20 on Sept. 27. He has outlived his brother, who died of DMD, by



Courtesy to the Alligator

Darius Weems, left, and Logan Smalley pose on a beach in Panama City, Fla.

more than a year.

Accordingly, each campus screening doubles as a celebration.

UF cheerleaders, Albert and Alberta and Gators broadcaster Mick Hubert will attend.

The event raises awareness and promotes "One Year. One Million DVDs," a campaign that generates \$17 for DMD research for every DVD sold.

The film has sold about 26,000 copies, according to Logan Smalley, director and editor of "Darius Goes West." Through extensive campus touring, the crew has raised \$1.6 million and logged over 100,000 miles since September 2008.

Smalley said research is exploding, and numerous human clinical trials show great promise.

"We're extremely hopeful and optimistic that a treatment or a cure for DMD is on the horizon," he wrote in an e-mail.

The screening, part of "Darius at UF," is free and open to the public, and the Ginders urge everyone to come.

Lelia Ginder said when she took her son to the pediatrician, the nurse in the office knew right away of his condition.

"I said, 'You must be mistaken.' Of course, we were shocked and not believing it for a while," she said.

There is no cure, only piles of underfund-

ed research.

Inside the Starbucks on Archer Road, Dale Ginder's picture hangs on a bulletin board above canisters of milk, no amount of which can make him stronger.

His healthy face and radiant blue eyes don't tell that DMD can enlarge the heart, only that Dale's is very big.

"He is still in the exact same body he was in before he was diagnosed," Ginder said. "His experience of life has not changed. But it changed for us."

But there are optimists, like Josh Winheld, who was diagnosed with DMD at 4.

"When I get up everyday, it seems like a good day," he said.

Winheld lives a long way from Gainesville, yet he is like Dale. He is 31 years old. He is from Philadelphia. He loves his Phillies.

Winheld says he's hopeful for the child. Realizing that "nothing will happen the next day" brings freedom.

"You have life ahead of you," he said. "You just have to go out and live it, because if you keep worrying about what's happening down the road, you'll forget what's happening right now."

He is what Dale can grow up to be — alive, but more than that.

Winheld is an author, a speaker, an inspiration for the kind of event that will take place at the Phillips Center.

He also blogs about his day-to-day experiences, chronicling both the ups and downs of life with applesauce limbs.

March 4: Birthday time. Winheld hangs with the Philadelphia 76ers.

Aug. 1: Hospital run. An internal defibrillator sends 18 separate bolts of lightning surging through his chest.

"I thought there was a distinct possibility that I would be blogging no more," he wrote.

These are the kinds of trials that Dale will face.

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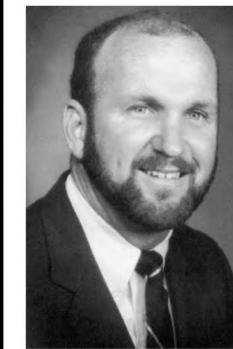
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Board chairman takes seat

By THOMAS STEWART

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There won't be any tailgating. There won't be anyone scalping tickets. There won't even be alcohol, much less drunk fans playing beer pong along University Avenue with ESPN blaring from a TV in the background.

When the Board of Trustees gathers today, there won't be any of that.

Instead of 90,000 screaming fans watching 22 sweaty athletes, there might be a total of 50 people watching 13 conservatively dressed board members discussing some of the biggest issues facing the university.

Budget cuts. Tuition hikes. It's what they do. And as UF's highest governing body, when the board talks, people listen.

Now, after a three-month hiatus, the board will be led by a new chairman — W.A. "Mac" McGriff III, a private investor from Jack-

sonville who has been on the board since 2001.

McGriff, 65, said he never imagined when he was taking classes at UF in the 1960s that he would one day end up as head of UF's most powerful body.

"I was thinking about getting out of the business school and getting a job," he said. "I had a wife and a kid."

McGriff, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1969, was born and raised in Gainesville.

"I've been a Gator all my life," he said.

He has three children and eight grandchildren, all living in Jacksonville. He splits most of his time between Jacksonville and a 1,500-acre farm he co-owns in Quitman, Ga., a town of about 5,000 on the southern edge of the state.

"We've got dogs and horses and



McGriff

land that we've groomed up for quail hunting," he said.

McGriff, who's been president of the Alliance Mortgage Co. and the Florida Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida, also serves on the Shands HealthCare and University Athletic Association boards of directors.

He's been a registered Republican since age 18 and donated \$2,300 to John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign.

Not surprisingly, he said UF's budget issues will be the most difficult thing the trustees will deal with this year. UF still hasn't cut about \$16 million of the \$42.2 million budget cut announced in May.

"Any of us that have ever been in business have been through this same crap," he said. "And it's not fun. It's not fun."

At today's meeting, there are few action items, but the board's committees will discuss issues like H1N1 swine flu and the merger of UF's Counseling Center and the Student Mental Health Services.

\$3.5K spent on sanitizer

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whose class is recorded and posted online, has taken into consideration.

"Every year, there is a flu virus, and so far none have impacted my class," Rush said. "My concern about H1N1 is that it might turn out to be significantly more contagious than the typical flu, in which case there is a significant possibility of it affecting UF classes."

Rush believes UF will do its best to combat the virus.

"I am hoping and praying that the H1N1 won't turn out to be more fatal than the typical flu," he said.

Populations most susceptible to the virus include but are not limited to universities, schools and health care personnel. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 20 to 40 percent of these populations may contract the H1N1 virus.

Dr. Phillip Barkley, director of student health at UF, has simple guidelines for all students feeling flulike symptoms.

"Stay at least six feet away from other people, and don't go to the dining hall," Barkley said. "Have someone bring you some food."

Barkley also recommended taking Tylenol and staying home for 24 hours after fever goes away.

For information on swine flu, visit UF's Swine Flu Task Force Web site at www.ehs.ufl.edu/h1n1.html

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Editorial

Still Split

President's speech fails to unite parties

If President Obama's Wednesday night speech does not manage to turn Republican members of Congress on to major health care reform, it will be a huge political failure and a huge disappointment.

The speech, which marked Obama's second time appearing before a full Congress since his inauguration, called for a compromise between Democrats who support a public-option health care plan and Republicans who support creating either a nonprofit health care cooperative or no reform at all. The speech was also his time to address a sharply divided American public.

However, what he could say to Congress was limited.

In his attempt to unite the Democratic and Republican parties and refrain from launching any more attacks that would deepen the fissure between the two, Obama could only emphasize his desire for a public option and invite Republicans to contribute their ideas. He could not call out Republican fear-mongering without couching it in politically correct rhetoric.

Point by point, Obama addressed the misconceptions of many Americans that were perpetuated by pundits and Republicans like Sarah Palin. He laughed at the idea of "death panels" and reiterated that his plan would not insure illegal immigrants or fund abortions. He asked Republicans blatantly to stop misrepresenting the bill as a government takeover of health care.

However, we think the American public should be aware of something that Obama could never bring up to his opponents in Congress. Even though Obama noted how some members of Congress used Americans' confusion over health care as way to create fear and gain political clout, he couldn't fully illustrate their hypocrisy.

Article 31 of the Iraqi Constitution, drafted by the Bush administration, calls for guaranteed health care for Iraqi citizens.

Now, the same plan that was drafted by the GOP and shoved onto another country under the guise of "freedom" is being denounced as socialism in the United States.

The cost of implementing freedom, or at least carrying out Operation Enduring Freedom, has reached almost \$900 billion, according to the Congressional Research Service. The cost of Obama's proposed health-care reform has been estimated at about that amount over the next decade.

In essence, the United States has spent the taxpayer money it would require to overhaul the health care system to create a government, complete with a health care system, in another country.

Obama will have a hard time convincing Republican members of Congress to change their minds about health care when their positions are already so steeped in fallacious thinking. In his speech, Obama told congressmen: "If you misrepresent what's in the plan, we will call you out."

We wish that Obama reminded Republicans that they voted to implement universal health care in Iraq. We wish he could remind them that they did it in the name of democracy, not socialism. And we wish that he could rebut the Republican response, which just went on to call Obama's plan a government takeover of the health-care system and seemed to completely ignore the preceding one-hour speech.

But then again, we aren't cool-headed enough to be president.

Obama's speech addressed the concerns of the people, appropriately called out Republican fear-mongers and directly tied the vote to a moral obligation to constituents.

We just hope it was enough.

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Column

Health care debate ignores zombies

In a few years, Sarah Palin will be a hot forty-something with her own little media empire. The thing we may remember most about Sarah Smile, though, could be the way she hijacked the multifaceted debate about end-of-life care and turned the whole thing into a screaming match about government "death panels."

Conjecture and hearsay are excellent ammo for radio rebels and Internet trolls, but now is the time for a critical examination of the real policies that will shape the way each one of us lives — and dies. Now is the time for some frank, honest talk about zombies.

Palin looks to the uninitiated observer like a simpleton spouting off the talking points of the insurance and pharmaceutical lobbies, but her vague comments about the regulation of health care are not simply misinformation. Even though insurance companies operate as de-facto death panels and make hundreds of decisions every day that regulate care for the privately insured, those of us united with Sarah Palin yearn for something better. The only Americans truly fit to serve on a death panel are those who have already died, as they clearly possess first-hand knowledge about failed health care and the end of life. Sarah Palin is obviously setting the table for zombies to become gatekeepers of health care.

A savvy politician, Palin has never once mentioned anything even remotely connected to zombies. However, she has never publicly denied that she has a stake in the potentially lucrative zombie lobby. Nor has Palin ever stated her opposition to zombies receiving subsidized health care.

Zombies, because they are technically dead, may be the ideal candidates for inclusion into the health-care system. Their high threshold for pain and inability to communicate effectively seem to preclude a large major-



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ity of medical malpractice lawsuits, thereby rendering the debate over tort reform a moot point.

Zombified Americans eat less than their living counterparts do, and expensive machines regulating breathing and the function of various organs would be frivolous in a zombie hospital. Zombies would mainly visit a hospital to a) get brains or b) have their limbs re-attached. Certainly, Sarah Palin knew these built-in advantages of zombies in health care when she first bandied about the idea of a government death panel.

Zombie studies is a growing research field at many top universities, and a group of four professors in Canada who calculated the damage of a potential zombie outbreak actually got their study published in a peer-reviewed journal. While a rampaging virus infected these hypothetical zombies, recent stem-cell technology actually uses dead stem cells to create living organs. We are going to have zombies, be it by science or by accident — and we must plan for this extra burden on our health care system.

All matter of serious talk will now commence about health care in America, and it will be terribly boring. Many people will use statistics in an egregious manner, and they will be at least partially correct.

However, all of this productive governance will likely spoil the growing debate about zombies, death panels and health care. Sarah Palin, zombie nation turns its creepy undead gaze to you. Keep fighting the good fight.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Food prices exploit students

Zach Mayo's column in Tuesday's Alligator, "UF should keep cheap food options," should set off a firestorm of protests and lead to the canning of whoever is responsible for these exploitative food prices. There is no reason for the prices they gouge from students at UF, except greed.

Pollo Tropical is the example closest to my heart. I have eaten at the Pollo Tropical at The Florida State University. The prices there are cheap. I can get a half-chicken value meal with a drink for about \$6. UF charges me \$10.81.

Further, FSU completely rebuilt their dining hall to accommodate Pollo Tropical and Hardee's — yet that cost is not passed on to consumers.

If FSU can renovate their dining hall for Pollo Tropical and sell the food at prices that are as cheap as, or cheaper than, stores in Miami, why is UF lagging behind? Why is UF worse, greedier and eviler than FSU?

And yes, I would consider overcharging for that delicious chicken evil.

Garrett Clifford
1LW



Cheeburger not Cheep

I just have to write about Cheeburger Cheeburger at UF.

I have been there three times and all three times there have been problems. My first time, I tried to order waffles. Guess what? They don't make waffles, but they are on the menu. The second time, for lunch, I ordered a hamburger. I had to wait 15 minutes because they were waiting on fries.

Guess what? I didn't order fries. The orders in front of mine had fries, and they could only make four burgers at a time. So everybody after them had to wait even if they did not have fries. My third time, I tried to order a salad, and they tried to charge me \$12.79 for one salad. The salad did not even have meat on it.

If anybody at Gator Dining reads this, please either fix the problems at Cheeburger Cheeburger or bring back Wendy's.

Tina Priz
3LS



"Twilight" inspires new readers

In regards to the "Twilight" article, I agree that the series has no literary value. But then again, I have heard no one in my daily travels claiming that it is of literary merit.

To attack something that isn't even claimed to be "literary" seems like too much wasted effort to me.

I read the books when I was a

freshman here, and I thought they were very entertaining. That was the goal, right?

They had the same effect on me that "Harry Potter" did, to be perfectly honest, mainly because I didn't think "Harry Potter" was high-quality writing either. And although "Wuthering Heights" may be great writing, when was the last time anyone lost themselves in that book?

If anything, reading "Twilight" has inspired my friends to read more, even to read books of "literary value."

So, out of all the things to choose that is making the world worse, you chose to attack a book? Have we exhausted the need to talk about current events that actually affect our lives?

Apparently, people reading has an extremely negative effect on our society. Heaven forbid people stare at a book and not a television screen.

I would encourage people to keep reading, but also to branch out and not become too obsessed.

Dana Connell
3LS



Books do not need to be literary

I picked up "Twilight" because my roommates told me that I'd love it and I wouldn't be able to put it down, not because I was expecting the next great American novel or anything of the sort.

While I don't know if "Twilight" has any literary value (in whatever sense of the phrase you mean, that is), I do know that I've never heard anyone claiming that it does.

So what if high school students of the future never end up analyzing examples of conflict in the books and underlining metaphors describing Edward's appearance as akin to David?

And for that matter, "Harry Potter" isn't scheduled to reach the classroom any time soon, either. It's still highly entertaining when I want to lose myself in a fictional story.

While Edward has some appealing characteristics, including his looks and his propensity to look out for Bella, I'm not deluding myself into leaving my window unlocked hoping my knight in sparkling skin will climb in and watch me mumble his name in my dreams.

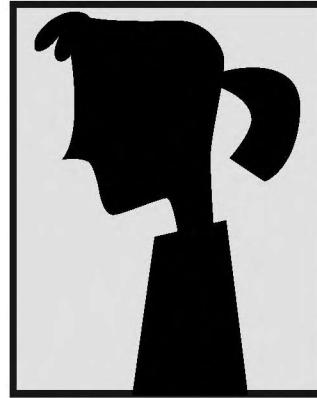
Maybe if you're so concerned about your sister and her friends, you should just remind her that all who drive Volvos do not sparkle and then let her and the rest of the world enjoy an entertaining fictional series about a charming vampire and the girl who's in love with him.

Caitlin Prichard
3LS

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Guest column

Defending Israel is American

I am writing in regard to Travis Hornsby's guest column, "Mideast trip reveals need for peace."

I traveled to Israel during my summer break in 2008 and experienced first-hand Israeli culture and politics. From security briefings with Israeli and Arab academics, journalists, mayors and members of the Knesset, I was able to engage in question-and-answer sessions with people who make policy and lead America's strongest ally in the Middle East.

Israel is the only democracy in the region and helps others in times of need. For example, I met with an Ethiopian who was rescued from impending death at the hands of radical Islamists by Israeli Defense Forces.

Israel strives for peace with its neighbors and only responds to violence when necessary, unlike Mr. Hornsby's assertion that, "violence will bring only more violence," implying that Israel is the aggressor in all situations. If only he were addressing that statement to Hamas' leaders, who fire thousands of indiscriminate rocket attacks against Israeli civilians and children in the southern town of Sderot.

Even President Barack Obama, who by no means is considered a security hawk, said, "If somebody was sending rockets into my house where my two daughters sleep at night, I would do everything to stop that and would expect Israel to do the same thing." Children have been killed, maimed and traumatized by living in a state of fear in Sderot where they only have 15 seconds to run for a bomb shelter when sirens sound off warning of an incoming Qassam rocket. When Israel defends its citizens, it uses tactical strikes designed to minimize collateral damage and harm to innocent civilians.

The Israeli Defense Forces released a video this summer showing a Hamas terrorist burying a roadside bomb then running into a building filled with civilians who then walked out waving white flags. Instead of bombing the building, the IDF arrested the terrorist and avoided mass casualties.

The American taxpayer referenced in Mr. Hornsby's column supports Israel's security needs because Israel is surrounded by totalitarian and aggressive regimes. More than three-quarters of every dollar provided to Israel in assistance is spent on U.S. goods and services, thereby stimulating the American economy. What Mr. Hornsby failed to men-

tion is that the second-largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid is the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The "wall" Mr. Hornsby references in his column is actually a security fence constructed to prevent suicide bomb attacks during the Second Intifada. I toured the security fence with the Israeli Commander who was charged with choosing its location and overseeing its construction. The security fence often is called a wall in spite of the fact that less than five percent is made out of concrete compared with chain-link fencing. Concrete was used only in areas where Palestinians were shooting directly into Israeli homes.

While in Israel, I witnessed the aftermath of a terrorist attack. A Palestinian construction worker hijacked a construction truck and plowed through a pedestrian mall while purposefully ramming the truck into cafes and a bus full of Israeli civilians.

Perhaps the greatest misconception in Mr. Hornsby's column is his statement that, "Israel can only be sustainable if it comes to an agreement with the Palestinians." This statement ignores history and the facts: The Palestinians have rejected statehood offered to them since the 1940s. To be fair, Palestinian extremists are typically the ones who refuse statehood and unfortunately lead their people away from fair deals, such as 1947's U.N. Partition Plan, the 1993 Oslo Peace Agreement and a 2000 offer at Camp David rejected by Yasir Arafat. The blame for the situation of the Palestinians cannot be solely positioned on Israel — Arab states in the region have not offered to help their Arab brothers and sisters in any meaningful or humanitarian way, thereby perpetuating the conflict.

Any reader of yesterday's column should be particularly alarmed at Mr. Hornsby's rationalization of the terrorist group Hamas when he began a statement, "Even Hamas has said," as if they are a pragmatic regime seeking the best interests of the Palestinians. The conflict in the Middle East and defending the state of Israel are American issues. I am Roman Catholic and firmly believe in supporting America's only true friend in the Middle East. Columns devoid of facts will only perpetuate confusion, misconceptions and ill will toward Israel.

Rafael Yaniz is President of Gators for Israel and is a political science junior.

Presenting Bobby Kelley

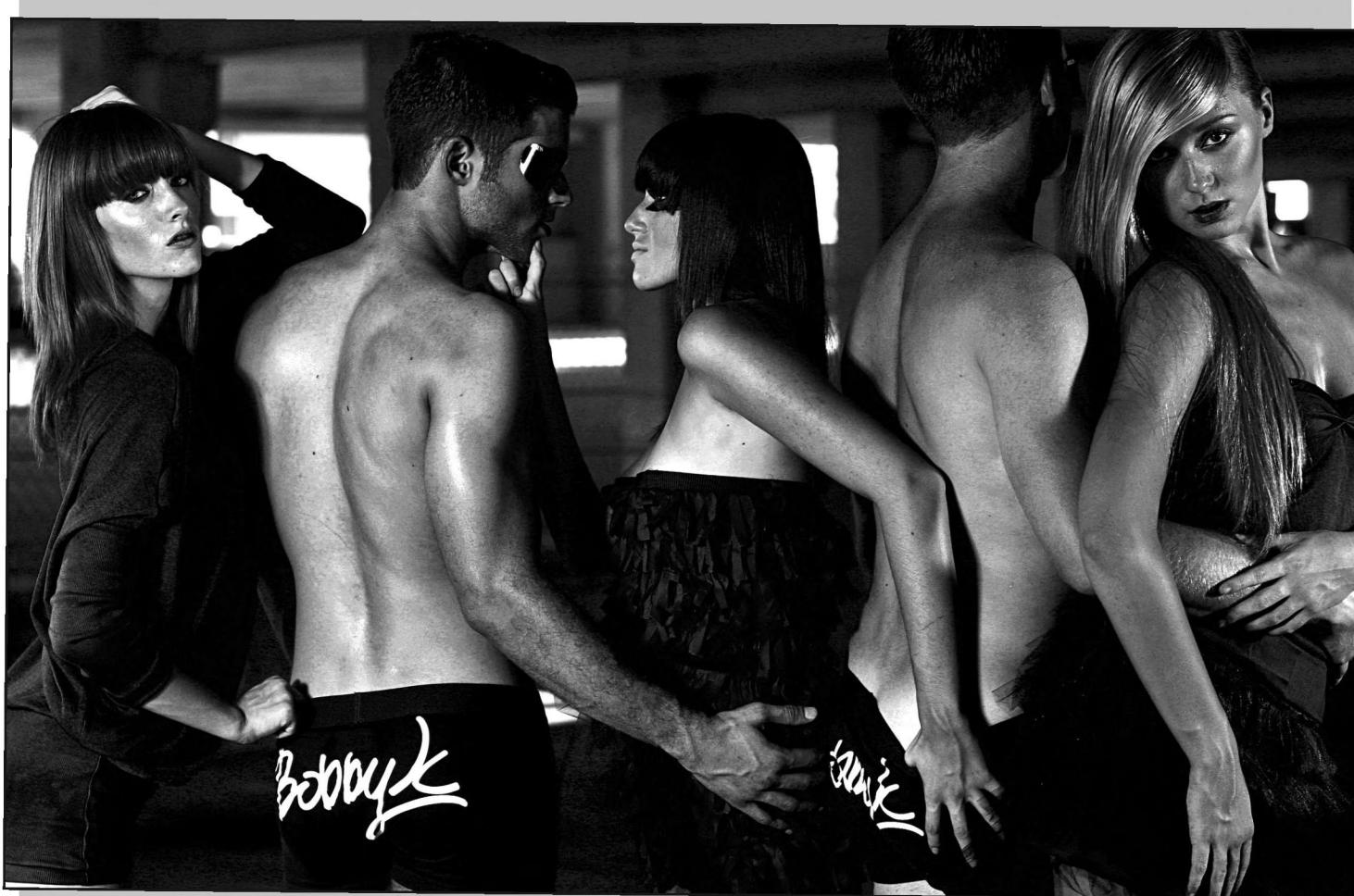


Photo courtesy of Sydney Frost

Bobby Kelley, a local fashion designer, will be presenting his new collection titled "I'm In Love With a Robot" Friday at Skyy Nite Club as the finale to Gainesville Fashion Week. The collection is featured in his promotional advertisement above.

fashion

Bobby K collection empowers women, shows passion

By REBEKAH GEIER
avenue writer

Breaking up has never looked so damn good.

After local fashion designer Bobby Kelley, or Bobby K, 26, ended a four-year relationship with his significant other, he realized he'd much rather stitch up a dress than a broken heart.

Kelley channeled his creativity into coordinating a fashion show that will be the finale on Friday to Gainesville Fashion Week, a four-day celebration of fashion and art, and he is about to leave this town breathless.

"My creativity imitates my life," Kelley said. "When I started going through this dark time, I had no way of expressing myself. Yeah sure, I can go see a therapist or talk to my friends, but people are biased and it is hard to talk to people the way you want to be interpreted."

So Bobby K gave himself his own therapy and did what he knows best, which is designing clothing to show people what he went

through and how he got out on top.

Kelley's ex-lover ended the relationship in a state void of emotion, and left Kelley feeling just the opposite.

"Every human being knows the feeling of communicating with someone that can't communicate back," he said. "And in that instant, the person you are talking to is subhuman, not human — but a robot."

His show is appropriately titled "I'm In Love With a Robot," and he is not afraid to prove a point. In fact, that is the point.

Kelley wants his pieces to give women a sense of strength and independence, which will support his theme of empowerment.

"It is important for a woman to realize that (she is) strong enough to take control of situations and almost say, 'Fuck you, I'm in charge,'" Kelley said.

The show will be set up to replicate the stages of a relationship. Kelley broke down his collection into four parts.

The first section is the romance. Models will glide down the runway wearing fuchsia tie-dyed fabrics smothered in ruffles in order

to represent that innocent stage of love.

The second section is where things start to get "rough," symbolized by acid-washed blacks and whites with structured pieces that are very 1980s.

"It's important for a woman to realize that (she is) strong enough to take control of situations and almost say, 'Fuck you, I'm in charge.'" — BOBBY KELLEY, fashion designer

Kelley's third section is what he calls his "Wear to Work or Ready to Wear" collection, which consists of more formal pieces, such as skirts and tweed dresses with black cummerbunds. He interlaced purple satins to make it feel "grown up" and to represent the part of a relationship that takes work.

The fourth section is "The Robot," and it is anything but lifeless. Imagine a fierce

model in a jet-black fur jacket over a black one-piece fabric bikini with boots reaching up to her thighs.

The complete experience will be no trip to the movies.

"I want people to feel like they are at MGM," Kelley says. "I want people to experience the clothing."

The presentation will be darker and edgier than anything Kelley has done. He hopes that people see the translation between his shows and real-life situations.

Spectators can anticipate a night of passion, surprises and models in cages dancing to the sounds of a violin with the help of their professional pole-dancing classes.

"Gainesville needs a shot of adrenaline," Kelley said. "When people see this, for them it is going to be shock, like, 'This really exists and goes on here?' Yes it really, really does."

And for anyone that can't handle the thrill: "Don't worry, I'll be handing out Depends at the door," he jokes.

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Up shows real life

By MARGARET GRECO
avenue writer

Just so you know, "Up" is a play based on the life and family of a man who tied balloons to a lawn chair and ended up 16,000 feet in the air, not a stage adaptation of the 2009 Disney-Pixar cartoon with the same name. As long as you know this, you probably won't be confused for the entire first act by the lack of old men, little boys and flying houses. Not that I was. I can just imagine the confusion it might cause.

At times, "Up" is like a less annoying version of "Juno." There's a 16-year-old pregnant girl who wears quirky, look-at-me-I'm-an-individual clothes (that's right, she rocks the skirt and pants combo) and her socially awkward male counterpart. But there is actual dialogue between the characters, not just pseudo-witty "hip" banter.

But "Up" is more than its teenage characters. It's about real life, and that's why I like it.

The small, balloon-lined stage has a yellow, four-seated kitchen table to represent the Griffin's home, and on the other half of the stage is the red and gold armchair that is the home of Maria (the pregnant girl). Through its set's simplicity, "Up" shows the life of Walter Griffin, the man who went up. And with the audience surrounding the stage on three

sides, it's easy to understand how trapped and empty Griffin feels after actualizing his wildest dream.

The play also tells the story of an average American family's day-to-day life. Walter (Tod Zimmerman) captures the awkwardness that comes with being the father of a teenager, and his son Mikey (Dylan Kammerer) experiences all the things you wish you could forget about being in high school and living at home: The girl you like leaves town, leaving just a note and an empty house behind, your dad can't find a job (or just doesn't want to), your parents won't stop fighting and sometimes people just steal your shit.

Maria (Jennifer Smith), a mysterious, French-speaking, unwed teen mother, reminds me of the girls I wasn't allowed to have sleepovers with in elementary school. Though getting kicked out of the house by her drunk mother may be a reason to excuse her from her consistent shadiness, I'm not sure if I like her or if her actions are justified.

"Up" won't give you any answers, but it will make you think. Even if you don't like plays, there are a few hilarious that's-what-she-said moments in it for you. Try if you can catch this one: "I love the way it feels in your mouth." Hint: it's in the first act.

"Up" will be at the Hippodrome through Sept. 27. Student tickets are \$12.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Hurov

Dylan Kammerer (Mikey) and Jennifer Smith (Maria) perform a scene from the play "Up" at the Hippodrome, launching the theatre's 37th season.

tailgating

Tailgating countdown to kickoff

By JON SILMAN
avenue writer

It is not difficult to describe the palpable excitement of a Gators game day here in Gainesville. Imagine the day you were born and the first time you looked into your mother's eyes. The true and immediate comfort. The sense of belonging. Game day is like that, but with more orange. People who do not usually mix are at arms length to lend a helping hand, pick up a fallen comrade and lead a thousand-man cheer. With such a massive celebration, Gators everywhere were partaking in the revelry with delightful abandon in myriads of ways. Where were you?

5 hours to kickoff — UF Bookstore

One could blissfully ignore the sorry state of the economy at the UF Bookstore. Gator gear was selling out faster than Private Butz sold out to Lt. Aldo Raine in "Inglourious Basterds." The No. 1 selling item in the store? According to employee Brett Estenoz, 20, it's the coveted No. 15 jersey.

4 hours to kickoff — The "Pool-bus" House

After some caffeine intake, I headed over to a place I know has some excitement. The infamous "pool-bus" crew are hanging out with, as usual, a harem of scantily-clad girls, and they're playing their own particular brand of beer pong called "beam to the face." These mid-20's, ex-frat boys are wild, but welcoming. Due to recent zoning complications, the bus is only back for a "daytime rendezvous," and they tell me adamantly and repeatedly they plan to move it tomorrow. The inside of the pool-bus house is carpeted with women's underwear and beer bottles. Inside, the living room is adorned with the classic deer head, a stripper pole and the obligatory flat screen. Picture "Animal House" with more tattoos and less clothes.

3 hours to kickoff — Norman Hall

The field in front of Norman has been transformed into a used car lot, and Brian Lott, 23, is its salesman. Clad in an orange jacket, blue tie and blue pants that he bought special-order from China, he's ready to party. Bleary-eyed, middle-aged couples sit next to their inflatable Gators and watch ESPN under the comfortable shade of their gazebos while sipping Coronas. These are professional tailgaters, but I want more.

2 hours 10 minutes to kickoff — Flavet field

After serious consideration, I decide to crash the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (lion frat) party. They have a live band that I can hear from the field, where families are roasting hot dogs and playing an impromptu pickup dodgeball game. A man I can only imagine as "Uncle Diego" has obviously had a few too many and is way too into the game. He's scaring the kids.

2 hours to kickoff — The Lion Frat

You would think it would be harder to sneak into a frat party, but I enter unnoticed. This place has a huge open courtyard with balconies dotting the walls like a fancy hotel. Moms and girls are everywhere, and everyone is largely ignoring the band and its sexy brunette singer. Two open bars and the quote of the century: "Don't shoot your meat man! It's Satur umm... I mean Game Day!" I could get used to this, but I duck out of there before someone notices me and I get beat up.

1 hour 30 minutes to kickoff — Student Ghetto

I'm looking for the craziest party in Gainesville. Two blocks behind St. Augustine Catholic Church, I find it. There are six college-aged hooligans jumping up and down on the roof of a black Chevy Z-71. It has a keg in the back and more than 50 people are crowded around it chanting, "Orange! Blue! Orange! Blue!" My two companions do keg stands while we sing them happy birthday, and we all become blurry, fast friends.

30 minutes to kickoff — O'Connell Center

The O'Connell center is the Magic Kingdom of Gator Country. Urban Meyer is Walt Disney and Tebow is... you get the point. Crawling with activity on the outside, the inside has become a reprieve for weary travelers looking for respite from the heat.

15 minutes to kickoff — Sad Epilogue

Having personally felt the gripping excitement, but without a press pass or ticket, I pray for a miracle. After various failed attempts trying to buy tickets, I give up and decide to take a romantic ride home in the Gainesville equivalent of a horse and carriage, the bike trailer. As the sun sets and the breeze whispers at my neck, the sound of the roaring crowd fades into the dusk.

PostSecret creator inspires

By MEAGAN MCGONE
avenue writer

Can you keep a secret? Well, Frank Warren can.

"I'm starting rabbinical school and I love bacon!"

"I'm 25, and I've never been kissed. It's not that I don't want to... It's just that no one else does."

"I had not one, but two abortions. I've never felt guilty!"

These are just a few of the secrets that travel from all over the world and wind up in his mailbox in Germantown, Md. Warren, creator of an ongoing art project called PostSecret, sifts through more than a thousand secrets per week that are artistically displayed on postcards and anonymously sent to him. He then selects some to show in PostSecret's blog, books and exhibits. He has received more than 250,000 postcards from all over the world since the project started in November of 2004.

Warren said he believes there are two types of secrets: ones we hide from other people and ones we hide from ourselves. His inspiration to start PostSecret came from a secret he hid from himself.

On Tuesday, Warren will reveal this secret to those who attend the PostSecret event at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. He will also share images that were banned from his four PostSecret books, reveal inspirational stories behind PostSecret, and let audience members have a chance to tell their secrets too.

Nicole Keimer, an intern for PostSecret who has been working with Warren for more than two years,

said that PostSecret has made an incredible impact on her life. She used to be conservative and narrow-minded, but reading thousands of secrets for the project has made her more understanding of humanity, especially the more socially unaccepted side of it.

"Often, when I meet people, I wonder what their secret is, and I think of some of the most depressing secrets I have seen. I have a bit more compassion and patience with people as a result, knowing that we all have our secrets," Keimer said.

PostSecret doesn't only serve as an outlet for people to admit their deepest secrets. It also gives people the courage to take action after releasing their burdens.

Keimer said that one example of PostSecret's effect gives her chills. After attending a PostSecret event, a woman came home and put Warren's book on the table. When her daughter saw it, the woman explained that it is a book full of secrets. After a while, the daughter asked the mother if she could reveal one of her own secrets. She confessed that her father had been molesting her, and the mother immediately left her husband.

"It is such a great story about how inspiring PostSecret can be, and how it can really open up for the possibility to share what may never have been shared otherwise," Keimer said.

Warren didn't expect to touch so many people when creating the art project more than four years ago, and he doesn't set limits to where PostSecret will take off in the future.

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By ALEX ORLANDO
avenue writer

dencies as he sat accompanied by his mother and lawyer. Real gangster, dude.

When he was asked if he remembered doing it, he replied, "I don't. It's like it's crazy to me."

First of all, what an intelligent way to talk on national television...not. Second, what kind of drugs do you have to take to not remember beating your young, hot celebrity girlfriend to a pulp?

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Mullen gearing up for SEC opener



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Mississippi State won 45-7 over Jackson State in coach Dan Mullen's first game in Starkville. The Bulldogs play Auburn this week.

By PHIL KEGLER

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Last year's Mississippi State-Auburn match-up garnered plenty of national headlines but not for good reasons.

The Tigers edged the Bulldogs 3-2 on Sept. 13, 2008, with an Auburn 35-yard field goal and Mississippi State safety the only scoring plays.

Now they're set to square off at Auburn on Saturday as both teams open their Southeastern Conference schedule with new head coaches.

Auburn hired Gene Chizik, and Mississippi State tapped former Florida offensive coordinator Dan Mullen to head the program.

Mullen remembers watching last year's Tigers-Bulldogs match-up because the Gators had a bye weekend.

"Any game that's that close like that you love," Mullen said. "Even though as an offensive coach, you say, 'Boy what opportunities are there.' Mississippi State had opportunities to win, couldn't take advantage."

Mullen and Chizik said they haven't used any game film from 2008's low-scoring affair in preparation for this year's game, mainly because so much has changed.

"I don't put any stock into that," Chizik said. "That was last year, and for both Mississippi State and Auburn, we've both moved on. It's a new year, new people, new everything."

Mullen said he was more than impressed with the atmosphere in Starkville, Miss., during the Bulldogs' 45-7 win over Jackson State in the season opener.

"It was more than what I expected," Mullen said. "Getting off the buses for the Dog Walk was unbelievable. Just to see the masses of people turning out and the support we had, just the atmosphere we had -- third-largest crowd in school history to support the team. Our guys came out and played really hard."

"You get your chance to be a head football coach and win your first football game, that's a dream come true."

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No-huddle key to Florida's fortunes



Phil Kegler
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The Gators' new no-huddle offense could win them the national championship.

You see, offenses are like relationships. Each can run on chemistry for a while, but if you go too long without spicing things up, a stale feeling will creep in. We all know how that

ends.

Coach Urban Meyer talked all about Oklahoma's no-huddle offense since the Gators started preparing for the Sooners in the BCS National Championship.

I didn't really believe him.

There has been plenty of Meyer's "ideas" that haven't ever panned out — probably because the coaches thought about it before deciding it wouldn't really help the Gators.

This new "Banzai" package — filled with up-tempo, no-huddle formations — seems to be for real, and it's one of the best moves Florida could have made.

New wrinkles to the UF offense have paid plenty of dividends in the past.

In 2006, there was Tim Tebow garnering Superman fame by converting every short-yardage situation.

In 2008, there was the explosion of the freshmen running back duo Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey.

Notice any year missing? Yeah, 2007 — a 9-4 record for a team that had a bad defense and a lack of running backs.

It's all about matchups and creating mismatches.

We'll never know, but the idea of Florida running two tight end sets with Aaron Hernandez and Cornelius Ingram should've scared defen-

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Gators hoping to avoid any possible spread of flu

■ BEAL WILL MISS A FEW WEEKS WITH NECK INJURY.

By MIKE DiFERRINANDO

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UF coach Urban Meyer said he is taking precautions to prevent the spread of the swine flu among his team.

"I'm scared to death of it," Meyer said.

Brandon Hicks missed practice Wednes-

day due to dehydration and needed IVs to give him fluids. Freshman offensive lineman Nick Alajajian has lost 10 pounds because of the flu, according to Meyer.

BLACK OK WITH ROTATION: Safety Ahmad Black was replaced in the starting lineup last Saturday by sophomore Will Hill, but said that he is comfortable splitting time in the secondary.

"A lot of us have to get used to it," Black said. "Coming out of high school we were all

great players, probably the best player on the team. Now, coming to college, we have to split time with other great players. It will all work out."

Black, who led the nation in interceptions in 2008 with seven, rotated with Hill and Major Wright against Charleston Southern.

INJURY UPDATE: Linebacker Brendan Beal will be out a few more weeks with a neck in-

jury.

"It's non-surgical. It's a disc issue that they seem pretty confident about," Meyer said.

Receiver Carl Moore and corner Jeremy Brown are both still out with back injuries, and linebacker Jelani Jenkins is doubtful for Saturday's game against Troy with an ankle injury.

Defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said that defensive end Jermaine Cunningham missed Saturday's game against Charleston Southern because of a twisted ankle but that he is probable to play against Troy.

TEEING OFF WITH MIKE DiFERRINANDO

■ Allen Iverson tweeted Wednesday that "God Chose Memphis" as the place he would continue his hoops career. Apparently God's not a big A.I. fan. ... The United Football League unveiled its team names and uniforms. Florida's team is the Tuskers. Are we sure this isn't just a joke? ... Seconds after scoring an own goal Czech soccer player Michal Jezek died of a heart attack. Tough game.

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"We got the preseason game out of the way. We are in the real ball next week."

Ahmad Black
UF safety on the prospect of facing Troy after Charleston Southern

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Who do you agree with more in today's Jumpball on Page 19 about college football fans?

UF FOOTBALL

Hines emerges as possible option at wide receiver

By KYLE MAISTRIAlligator Staff Writer
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When it comes to playing time, one player's setback is another player's opportunity.

With news of freshman wide receiver Andre Debose's season-ending hamstring surgery, there are suddenly a lot more snaps to go around.

Redshirt freshmen T.J. Lawrence and Frankie Hammond Jr., were thought to be the favorites to provide depth at the position, but Omarius Hines, also a redshirt freshman, has come on strong dur-

ing the last week.

"He came out of nowhere. There was zero plan for him," Florida coach Urban Meyer said. "We have Thursday races on kickoffs where we actually race our kickoff team down the field. It's where some guys around here got noticed all the way back to Reggie Nelson and Dorian Munroe. (Hines) is fast, and he's a good guy. He'll see more and more opportunities."

Meyer noticed the 6-foot, 204 pound receiver just in time to work him into the game plan for Charleston Southern on Saturday.

Hines responded by connecting with backup quarterback John

"I know someday it's going to be our turn to play."

Omarious Hines

UF redshirt freshman wideout

Brantley for three catches and 31 yards in the second half against the Buccaneers. Only senior Riley Cooper and junior tight end Aaron Hernandez hauled in more passes than Hines, a surprising statistic considering that recently Hines seemed to be buried on the depth chart.

During spring practice, Hines said he hurt the thigh muscles in his legs, keeping him out for two

to three months and leaving him behind Lawrence and Hammond, his roommates, in the rotation.

The three young receivers knew there would be playing time for at least one of them as the position was already thought to be the Gators' weakness, even with a healthy Debose. Now, the coaching staff is even more intent on developing some of the young wide receivers as viable options behind Cooper, Deonte Thompson, David Nelson and Brandon James.

"The wide receiver position is really short right now," Hines said. "We all need to step up and make plays."

And the wideout position could be thin for more than just this year. Other than Thompson, a sophomore, the three top receivers are all seniors.

That means Hines is not only working to see playing time in a backup role this season, he is also setting himself up for a year from now when Nelson, Cooper and James are all gone.

"I know someday it's going to be our turn to play," Hines said. "We're just trying to do what we can to help the team right now and learn while doing that, and then next year when it's our turn — just go ball."

Snead, McCluster among Ole Miss players with flu

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JUMPBALL

Are college football fans overly obnoxious or duly dedicated?

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your vote.

Nail me to the cross because I'm about to say something not exactly flattering to the vast majority of the Alligator readership.

I love college football, a little less than DiFer, but still quite a bit.

But I don't love the overwhelming majority of college football fans.

I follow all sports religiously, and college football fans rub me the wrong way far more often than any other sport's fan base. There are certainly knowledgeable, rational and respectable college football fans, and if you are one of those people then please don't take offense at the following.

Here are the five most annoying things about college football fans in descending order from least to most annoying:

5. HATING ON RIVALS WHEN THEY ARE BETTER THAN YOUR TEAM. I understand everyone who goes to Florida hates Miami and Florida State and vice versa. I even understand talking smack when a rival school goes down in a ball of flames. What I don't understand is how a Miami or Florida State fan is in any position to mock a Florida fan while the Gators are winning championships. I'm not saying they should be congratulating the Gators, but at least save your obnoxious banter for a time when your team is relevant.

4. TAKING MESSAGE BOARDS AS GOSPEL. There are a lot of Web sites out there that do a fine job reporting on the day-to-day happenings of college football teams. Unfortunately, the Internet is often a lawless place where speed is valued far more than accuracy. Time and again, we see things reported online that turn out to be false. Every time your team gets a "commitment" from a hot recruit, I really don't want to hear the endless bragging about how he is going to lead your team to four national champion-



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ships. He might just turn out to pull a Nu'Keese Richardson and de-commit on Signing Day.

3. BEING WASTED AT GAMES.

I like to drink. You like to drink. Sometimes I like to drink too much, and I'm sure you do too. However, I hate sitting next to the belligerent drunk while watching my team play, and I'm sure that you do too. For some reason, getting wasted and going to the game has become as much a part of gameday tradition as chants and fight songs. And when a team is bad, the game seems to get in the way of its fans' binge drinking. Even more perplexing is getting trashed for big games. One of my friends once got so drunk at the Florida-Georgia game that he passed out for the entire first quarter. That doesn't exactly spell devotion in my opinion.

2. BOOING THE OFFICIALS NO MATTER WHAT. Perhaps this bothers me because I am passionate about the sport of football itself and not just "my team." There is no rule that says the officials must make every call in favor of the home team, so when you clearly identify a penalty that happens to be on your own team, take your anger out accordingly — on the player and not the official.

1. THINKING YOUR FAN BASE IS SOMEHOW DIFFERENT. Without a doubt, the thing that bothers me the most is hearing, "Team X's fans are by far the most obnoxious." The mentality of every college football fan is roughly the same — support your team no matter what, hate on everyone else no matter what and don't concern yourself with any kind of objectivity.

As usual, Kyle Maistri chooses to focus on the negatives and neglects the overwhelming positives about you, the college football fan. He fails to understand your unwavering passion and misconstrues your enthusiastic nature for something that it's not. Forgive him. He doesn't know any better. Unlike you and me, he doesn't embrace the joy of spending Saturday with 90,000 good friends.

So, Kyle, here are the top-five reasons why college fans are great:

5. TAILGATING: College fans throw the best parties. There's nothing like a pre-game BBQ and a cold beer on a Saturday morning in the fall.

What could be more fun than throwing the football around the front yard with your best friends on game day? Or tossing ping pong balls into red plastic cups while the sounds of a marching band play in the distance. Not only are the food and beverages great but you couldn't ask for a better backdrop. The towering stadiums, the ivy covered brick campuses, flags flying from cars like they are heading into battle—the atmosphere just can't be beaten. And is there any other time in your life when you can walk around talking to thousands of people you've never met before and act like you have known them for years?

4. RIVALRIES: Nothing can even come close to the rivalries that litter college football. Oklahoma-Texas, Michigan-Ohio State, Florida-Georgia—these are about more than football. They transcend sport. They divide families. They're personal.

Texas hates Oklahoma because the Sooners keep beating the Longhorns with players from Texas. Oklahoma hates Texas because the Longhorns win the Sooners' bowl games.

USC hates UCLA because the Bruins



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hired a cheater. UCLA hates USC because the Trojans still haven't been caught cheating.

The ACC hates that it hasn't become the SEC. The SEC hates that it leads the country in par-

roles.

Fans make rivalries and none are more heartfelt or hate-filled than college football's.

3. STUDENTS: The majority of college football fans are students. The players they cheer for on Saturday are their classmates and friends not professionals they have no interaction with. They go to class together. They eat at the same restaurants. They drink at the same bars.

2. TRADITION: From the 12th man at Texas A&M and the War Eagle at Auburn to the checkerboard end zone at Tennessee and Chief Osceola's flaming spear at Florida State, it's the pageantry of college football that makes it great. College fans grow up with exciting and creative traditions that stay with them for life.

1. PASSION: College fans care. They really care. Often times, they care more than is reasonable or logical. But can you blame them? They aren't just cheering for a team in the city they live in. They're pulling for their school or their alma mater. But most of all, they cheer for the memories. For many, college football is a fountain of youth. It takes them back to the days when they sat in the student section. When they were more worried about where the next party was than their next paycheck. And isn't that reason enough to love them?

Wickmayer advances to semifinals



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Jones-Drew practices

Jefferson key for LSU **SEC, from page 17**

JEFFERSON IMPRESSING MILES: LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson was one of many young SEC signal callers taking over their teams, and now he will lead his team into its SEC debut against Vanderbilt.

Tigers coach Les Miles was happy with the way Jefferson took care of the ball and managed the victory over Washington.

The sophomore com-

pleted 11 for 19 passes for 172 yards and three touchdowns and added 42 yards on eight rushes.

Miles knows the quarterback's play will be key to his team's success.

"That position, year-in and year-out, speaks to the teams that win championships," Miles said. "He's been a playmaker for us. ... I think the way he throws it gives us a great opportunity to win games."

PHIL, from page 17

sive coordinators everywhere.

So when Ingram went down with an injury, the Gators didn't have much new offensively heading into the 2008 season -- and struggled until Demps and Rainey burst onto the scene in the fourth quarter of the Arkansas game last year.

This year, I was unsure where Florida's mismatch would come from. Sure, Hernandez is still there but without Percy Harvin, I see plenty of defenses keying on Hernandez and not letting him be the difference maker.

And yes, Demps and Rainey ran all over Charleston Southern, but again the loss of Harvin will make a bigger impact than people expect come conference play. I'm not sold on Moody staying healthy.

So this year's mismatch will not be wearing a jersey, it will be a scheme instead -- one that Florida defensive coordinator Charlie Strong called the hardest he's ever prepared for.

From someone who has been around the game for

more than 25 years, and the Gators' defensive coordinator for the last six, that means something.

On one play, Charleston Southern had 13 defenders on the field -- two were near the sideline jogging off because Tim Tebow snapped the ball earlier than the Bucs expected.

UF linebacker Ryan Stamper wasn't surprising, considering the Gators had similar struggles against the Sooners in the title game.

"You get the calls in late, the personnel in late," Stamper said. "They can call hike, and they're five wide and we have our base (defense) on the field."

A five-wide offense against a base defense -- that's a mismatch.

Offensive coordinator Steve Addazio was coy about how much UF intends to run the no-huddle, but Meyer said Wednesday the Gators wouldn't ever run it for an entire game.

And why should they? Its biggest advantage right now is the element of surprise.

"It's great, we like it," Addazio said. "We choose when we want to change the pace of the game."

Look for it when the Gators need some spice.