



4 resign after fraud accusation

■ **AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THEY SPENT ABOUT \$30K OF UF MONEY.**

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Four UF employees resigned after being accused of using university money to buy about \$30,000 worth of DVDs, cameras, furniture and other items for personal use.

A yearly audit found the employees charged the items to their purchasing cards, known as PCards, which UF gives to some faculty and staff to use for small purchases.

Though all four employees involved re-

signed, according to UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes, it appears criminal charges have only been filed against three of them.

Sikes wrote in an e-mail that she believes the State Attorney's Office decided not to file charges in the fourth case because the woman didn't steal much. Records show her purchases totaled at least \$468.

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Spencer Mann, spokesman for the State Attorney's Office, confirmed that no charges have been filed against the fourth employee in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, which includes Alachua County, but could not say if charges have been filed elsewhere.

The former employee responsible for the

most fraud is Brian Manning, who was an IT specialist in UF's ophthalmology department. Manning began at UF in 2005 and earned a salary of about \$42,000.

UF's investigation found he used about \$16,400 of university money for nearly 150 fraudulent purchases in 2007 and 2008. In many cases, he submitted receipts with handwritten descriptions that turned out to be false.

Manning spent more than \$5,300 on video game systems — including Xbox 360s and a Playstation 3 — and accessories, more than \$2,300 on cameras and equipment, about \$1,600 on DVDs, about \$1,400 on fur-

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Dance team to perform at Growl

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JabbaWockeeZ, a 10-man dance group made famous by appearances on "America's Got Talent" and "America's Best Dance Crew," will perform at this year's Gator Growl, organizers announced Tuesday.

The group will be paid \$20,000, said Matt Sloan, Gator Growl producer.

"I feel like we've got something for everybody. There should be no reason that any Gators don't want to come to Gator Growl."

Matt Sloan
Gator Growl producer

The group became famous after it appeared on the first season of "America's Got Talent" in 2007. The following year, it won the first season of "America's Best Dance Crew."

JabbaWockeeZ will join comedian Dana Carvey and musical act O.A.R.

Sloan said the show is looking to hire a host for the event and is negotiating with a former star athlete, but he wouldn't say whom.

The announcement should be made in a week or two, he said.

"I feel like we've got something for everybody," he said. "There should be no reason that any Gators don't want to come to Gator Growl."

The event is Oct. 16. Students, faculty and staff tickets are \$15, and general admission tickets are \$25.

ON CAMPUS

About 1,700 attend 'secret' event

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ**
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Frank Warren can't keep a secret.

That would defeat the point of PostSecret, the art project Warren spearheaded in 2005 to celebrate the deepest and darkest of the estimated 200 secrets he receives every day.

Warren spilled a few secrets of his own to about 1,700 people Tuesday night at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

His introduction was brief.

"My name is Frank, and I collect secrets," he told the audience.

Warren said his fascination with secrets stems from his own observation.

"I think we all have secrets," Warren said. "And I like to imagine each one of us here tonight keeping them in a box. We make a choice — we can bury it deep down, or we can find it, bring it out into the light, open it and share our secrets like gifts."

The original concept behind PostSecret arose from a dream Warren had while taking a trip to Paris in December 2003.

"I was looking for a way to take the parts of myself I was hiding from others, and I found it through the courage of strangers," Warren said in a press conference before the event.

Now, anyone can anonymously contribute his or her secret by sending in a 4-by-6-inch postcard.

Warren encourages creativity when visually expressing the secret, emphasizing the project's artistic nature.

"Sometimes I get postcards with artwork that's been so painstakingly created, or secrets themselves with words so carefully chosen, they read like a song or a poem," he said. "And for those people, I think there is a deeper reason [for sending the secret]."

Warren has received secrets ranging from shout-outs to former lovers to cries for mental help.

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Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator Staff

PostSecret creator Frank Warren shares a secret he received with the audience at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday night.

■ **Florida's defense has yet to allow a touchdown through two games, and linebacker Ryan Stamper (right) said the Gators hope to keep the streak going as long as possible. See Story, Page 14.**



Man arrested for riding motorcycle while naked

A 45-year-old man was arrested in Marion County for riding his motorcycle drunk and naked early Tuesday morning.

J. Dante Krauss was driving northbound on I-75 when he was spotted by Captain Moshoji "Mike" Rolls. Rolls followed Krauss onto Highway 40 toward Ocala and pulled him over after he ran a red light, according to a Marion County Sheriff's Office press release.

Krauss admitted that he was drunk

but couldn't explain where he had been or why he wasn't wearing any clothes, according to the report.

After failing field sobriety tests like reciting the alphabet and standing on one leg, Krauss was taken to the Marion County Jail. His blood alcohol content was .178.

Florida's legal limit is .08. Krauss was released at 1:17 p.m. This is his fifth DUI, according to the report.

— **KAT BEIN**

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Turlington Hall, Room 2305

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CORRECTION

The Sept. 15 edition of the Alligator incorrectly reported the UF Privacy Office Hotline phone number. The correct number is 1-866-876-4772.

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ON CAMPUS

Hillel to hold service

UF Hillel will celebrate more than a rivalry football game this weekend as the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, begins Friday at sundown.

Services are scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday at UF Hillel and will be followed by a holiday meal, said Rabbi Yoni Kaiser-Blueth, Hillel's associate director for Jewish student life.

A special service, "Pray for your Soul; Pray for the Gators," will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"The service is our way of saying that you can be Jewish and a Gator at the same time," Kaiser-Blueth said.

Kaiser-Blueth, who leads conservative services, said he

hopes the Reform community's ceremonial blowing of the Shofar, a ram's horn used to incite spiritual awakening, on Saturday will help inspire a Gators victory over the Volunteers.

"If I was part of the Reform community, I would be blowing the Shofar up and down University Avenue," he said.

For more information on High Holiday services at UF Hillel, visit www.ufhillel.org.

— MOLLY LARMIE

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SG transparency initiative raises validity questions

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
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Questions on the validity of Student Body President Jordan Johnson's transparency waiver have been raised since its Sept. 1 debut.

Johnson introduced the waiver during a Student Senate meeting and said it would make Student Government records, including meeting minutes, recordings of meetings and Senate voting records, available to the public.

Johnson said the waiver offers senators the chance to give up their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which requires schools to protect student educational records, such as grades, from disclosure.

He encouraged, but did not require, SG officials and senators to join him in signing the waiver.

Johnson said so far about 70 of the 94 senators have signed it.

In a guest column that appeared in the Sept. 8 edition of the Alligator, UF alumnus and former Keg Party President Frank

Bracco criticized the waiver and said FERPA applies to student grades and academic records, not to the public records related to SG.

Bracco sued UF in August for failing to allow him to make copies of audio and video recordings of Student Senate meetings.

"The real initiative behind this is to engage students. This is all positive. There's no negative to what they're doing here."

Jordan Johnson
UF Student Body president

He said in his column that, since FERPA was enacted in 1974, nearly every record related to SG has been open to public viewing.

"This suddenly changed two weeks ago with this new transparency policy we're seeing at Student Government," he said.

However, according to an e-mail sent by UF spokesman Steve Orlando, SG records with information that identifies in-

dividual students are protected by FERPA and Florida law because they are maintained by UF.

With the waiver, students in SG give permission to disclose any information identifying them in the SG records, according to the statement.

Johnson said the waiver follows up with one of his campaign promises, and he hopes it will give students a chance to watch Senate meetings in their dorms.

He also said he hopes the waiver will increase student interest and involvement in SG.

"The real initiative behind this is to engage students," Johnson said. "This is all positive. There's no negative to what they're doing here."

Mark Fenster, a UF law professor, said he thinks the waiver is an unnecessary step because he does not believe Student Senate records are similar to the educational records FERPA was initially designed to protect.

"The everyday records of a student-run organization — one that is setting policy and spending student fee money — is a far cry from the grades and punishments met-

ed out to individual students," he wrote in an e-mail.

In Senate, students act as executives or public officials, not students, Fenster said.

He said FERPA could apply to SG officials if an official committed an offense in his or her SG work but was given a student punishment, such as suspension.

"When those two things begin to merge, when something they did as an official of Student Government allows them to be punished as a student, then I think you're back into FERPA territory," Fenster said.

James Sullivan III, a Gainesville attorney representing Bracco in his suit, said the waiver is beneficial for UF.

He said the waiver protects the university should a dispute arise over the revelation of private student material during a public Senate meeting.

"It's really not designed to protect the senators or put them on notice," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the waiver also has the added advantage of helping senators realize they can expect less privacy than regular students.

Sarasota dentist develops toothpaste for Gators fans

■ IT CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE UF BOOKSTORE, CVS.

By **CHELSEY JOINER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Thanks to Andrew Martineau, Gators spirit can be taken to the next level: personal hygiene.

Gator Paste, which is approved by the Food and Drug Administration, is a fluoride protection toothpaste made especially for Gators fans.

The 6.4-ounce tube of toothpaste can be purchased for about \$3 at the UF Bookstore and local CVS and Walgreens stores.

Martineau, a dentist from Sarasota, said his love for dentistry and college football led to its creation.

"It was natural for me to make a toothpaste called Gator Paste," he said. "There will always be toothpaste, and there will always be Gator fans."

David Ford, the general merchandise coordinator at the UF Bookstore, said Gator Paste is a

success. They also carry a Gator toothbrush to pair with the toothpaste.

Amber Atkins, a UF architect-

ture junior, said she likes the idea of Gator Paste.

"I would buy it," Atkins said.

"I don't know if it's a great prod-

uct, but it's fun. Honestly, just because it's Gators."

Martineau has tapped into the mindset Atkins shares with other

members of The Gator Nation.

"Gator Paste puts a smile on people's faces," Martineau said. "People see a Gator toothpaste, and they go nuts."

The Collegiate Licensing Company and the University Athletic Association have licensed Gator Paste, and a portion of the sales goes back to the UAA.

Gainesville is not the only place Gator Paste is picking up popularity.

Martineau set up a Gator Paste booth at the Florida National Dental Convention, where other dentists can buy Gator Paste and give it to their patients.

"One dentist gave it to a patient, and the patient refused to use it because it was Gators," he said. "The client then gave it to one of his friends who is a Gator fan, and now the friend is ordering it straight from me."

Gator Paste's success has caused Martineau to think about the future. He said Gators fans can expect an all-natural Gator Paste soon.



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

Tubes of Gator Paste toothpaste are available at the UF Bookstore in the Reitz Union.

UF curator studies human evolution through lice research

Researchers received nearly \$1M for the study

By **JARED MISNER**
Alligator Writer

David Reed has never had lice, but now as an assistant curator at the Florida Museum of Natural History, he is spending nearly \$1 million on a global study of these parasites.

Empowered by a \$934,498 grant from the National Science Foundation, Reed and about 14 researchers are conducting a worldwide effort to study and trace the evolu-

tionary biology of humankind through lice.

The study, which competed with other proposals in a National Science Foundation competition, will allow Reed to understand human migration patterns by following the dispersion of lice out of Africa.

Reed said lice share the same evolutionary history with humans, adding that modern human origins can be traced back to Africa some 100,000 years ago.

"We're their only host, so they're stuck to us like glue," Reed said.

"Wherever we go, they're going to follow us around as long as they can survive, and we've been unsuccessful in trying to eradicate them."

Head lice, according to a Healthline Web site, is the second most common communicable health issue in children behind only the common cold, affecting 6 million to 12 million children a year.

"I'm sure people will be surprised when they find out these yucky parasites have such an important story to tell," Reed said.

Dunkin' Donuts opens new branch near campus

■ THE STORE WILL BE OPEN 24 HOURS.

By MALIKA WRIGHT

Alligator Contributing Writer

A giant cup of coffee sashed down the West University Avenue sidewalk across from campus Tuesday. Across its middle read "Dunkin' Donuts."

A new branch of the restaurant chain opened across from the Murphree Area on Tuesday, offering students food, coffee and a place to study.

Store owners David and Stephanie Hass said they will be open 24 hours, but hours may change depending on student demand.

UF sophomore Greg Manis said he prefers Dunkin' Donuts coffee and food choices over Starbucks and plans to dine there at least once or twice a week.

"I think it's great that they have provided an off-campus breakfast dining experience," Manis said.

The restaurant has an outdoor patio and offers wireless Internet,

Stephanie Hass said.

She said there's a need for places that serve breakfast, but some people don't realize that Dunkin' Donuts has lunch options, too.

Dunkin' Donuts has four kinds of sandwiches, according to the company's Web site.

"We pride ourselves on a great product and great prices," she said.

Its healthy menu, called DDS-mart, makes it easy for people to

be health-conscious when they are on the go. It has items with

at least 25 percent fewer calories and 25 percent reduced sugar and fat, according to the Web site.

But freshman Stephanie Manone said she'll stick with Starbucks for its tea and greater drink variety.

She said Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts are so different that she can't really compare the two.

"Starbucks is a classy place to hang out and do homework, while Dunkin' Donuts is a go-and-come-out kind of thing," she said.



Steven H. Keys / Alligator

Customers order at the new Dunkin' Donuts on West University Avenue near 18th Street on Tuesday. The location features an outdoor dining area.

this week in GAINESVILLE HISTORY

By KATHERINE BEIN
Alligator Writer

Mid-September 1945: Authorities in Washington reveal the UF engineering department's key role in creating what they call the second most important development in weapons technology.

The Engineering Experiment Station at UF created an electronic fuse for detonating a bomb or projectile automatically as it reaches its target.

The device, a miniature radio, is no big-

ger than a teacup and gathers energy from a wind-driven generator.

In February 1945, more than 1,000 bombs were detonated by the device over Iwo Jima by Seventh Air Force bombers. The mission was a success, authorities said.

September 18, 1990: Gainesville becomes the nation's most successful participant in the Big Blue recycling campaign.

Browning-Ferris Industries, which dis-

tributes the blue bins and collects trash, said it makes 85,000 monthly pickups from 37,000 homes.

"The good citizens of Gainesville are participating more than I expected."
— Kirk Payne

"The good citizens of Gainesville are participating more than I expected," BFI operations manager Kirk Payne said.

September 15, 1992: The Hispanic Student Association kicks off its first Hispanic Heritage Month.

In the past, the celebration was limited to a week due to lack of funding.

This year, Student Government stepped up to directly fund the group, giving about \$3,500 to the association.

Karen Guerrero, vice president of HSA, said there would be at least two activities per week, providing entertainment and education.

"It's not just for this culture," she said. "It's for everyone to learn about our culture."

Guerrero said the group chose to celebrate during September and October because that's when most Latin American countries celebrate their independence.

ON CAMPUS

UF to offer H1N1 vaccine in October

By JESSICA CHAPMAN
Alligator Writer

As the H1N1 virus, known as swine flu, looms in the minds of UF students, faculty and staff, the number of infected UF students continues to rise, according to the UF Student Health Care Center.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced in a press release Tuesday that a vaccine for the virus has been approved and is expected to be distributed within the next four weeks.

Student Health Care Center director Dr. Phillip Barkley said UF will offer H1N1 vaccines sometime in October.

Barkley said the majority of students coming to the Student Health Care Center with flu-like symptoms have the H1N1 virus.

The center had 154 students visit the clinic last week with symptoms of the

flu, and the number continues to rise each week, Barkley said.

"Cases of the flu have increased significantly," he said. "If someone has the flu, more than likely they have H1N1."

Influenza, especially the H1N1 flu, often causes upper respiratory problems, a high fever and stomach-related problems, such as vomiting and diarrhea, Barkley explained.

Despite the rise in student visits to the health center, the increase still doesn't give them an idea of how many UF students will contract the disease.

The center projected about 25 percent of students would get the flu within eight weeks, but the percentage is a

"best guess," Barkley said.

Because college-aged students are not at a high risk like younger and older generations, most students should still be OK, he added.

"If [students] have no previous medical complications, there is a very low risk of complications," he said. "People have done well managing it on their own. The severity level is usually mild."

The Student Health Care Center will also conduct a survey of about 1,500 students later in the semester to get a better idea of how many students have had the H1N1 virus, Barkley said. Students will receive a notification about the survey via e-mail.

Barkley said students who think they have the flu should avoid being in public areas and do their own research on the H1N1.



Barkley

Boy stabs mom

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Police say a 15-year-old Texas boy stabbed his mother in the back with a 6-inch kitchen knife while pretending to hug her after an argument.

Police arrested the teen Tuesday in the Dallas-Fort Worth suburb of Grapevine about three hours after his mother called police.

National News Authorities say the woman was treated at a Dallas hospital for a non-life-threatening wound.

Police say the boy and his mom had an argument Monday night. He allegedly pretended to apologize Tuesday, then stabbed her while they embraced. The mother ran to her bedroom, locked the door and called 911.

The boy's identity is being withheld because of his age, but he faces a juvenile charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two students travel to Gitmo

Report aired on ABC, WUFT-TV

By **STEVE JOHNSON**
Alligator Writer

After President Barack Obama announced the impending closure of the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, two UF student journalists decided to tell its story.

Telecommunications majors Miles Doran, 21, and Patrick Fleming, 25, made the three-hour journey on a twin-engine Air Sunshine plane Sept. 7 and returned Sept. 10 with hours of video, hundreds of photos and an idea of what it's like to be considered one of the world's most dangerous people.

"It was really kind of strange that you are just a few yards away from what the U.S. says is the worst of the worst," Doran said. "At the time, you don't think about it much because you're just trying to get your shots and do your job."

After returning to Gainesville, Doran and Fleming rushed to finish editing their censored video for reports that aired Friday on ABC News and WUFT-TV.

"You basically have to follow all of their rules, and they're going to show you what they want you to see," Doran said.

Getting the trip rolling was a complex process, said Doran, who pitched his idea to WUFT-TV news director Mark Leeps.

But after contacting a National Guard spokesman and filling out a stack of paperwork, his dream of reporting in Guantanamo Bay was going to be fulfilled.

"Don't feel that just because you're a student journalist that doesn't mean you can't report real big stories like this one."

Miles Doran
UF telecommunication senior

"It's much more than just a detention facility," Doran said. "It's an actual naval station that has been in operation for more than 100 years."

Once their trip was approved, Doran contacted Fleming about filming the trip and started making plans with Leeps.

"We had a lot of faith in them that they would come back with good material and that it would be worth the investment and the travel," Leeps said.

"It's something that not your average college student gets to do."

While in Guantanamo, Doran and Fleming toured the three detention camps, the hospital, library and food preparation facilities.

"It was actually pretty tasty," Doran said about the food, adding a Gitmo official said the U.S. spends \$37 a day on food for the detainees and only \$17 for the guards.

In addition to their tours, the journalists reported on the hardships the guards face while on the job and the difficulties they face as the prisoners use any method imaginable to get into the guards' heads.

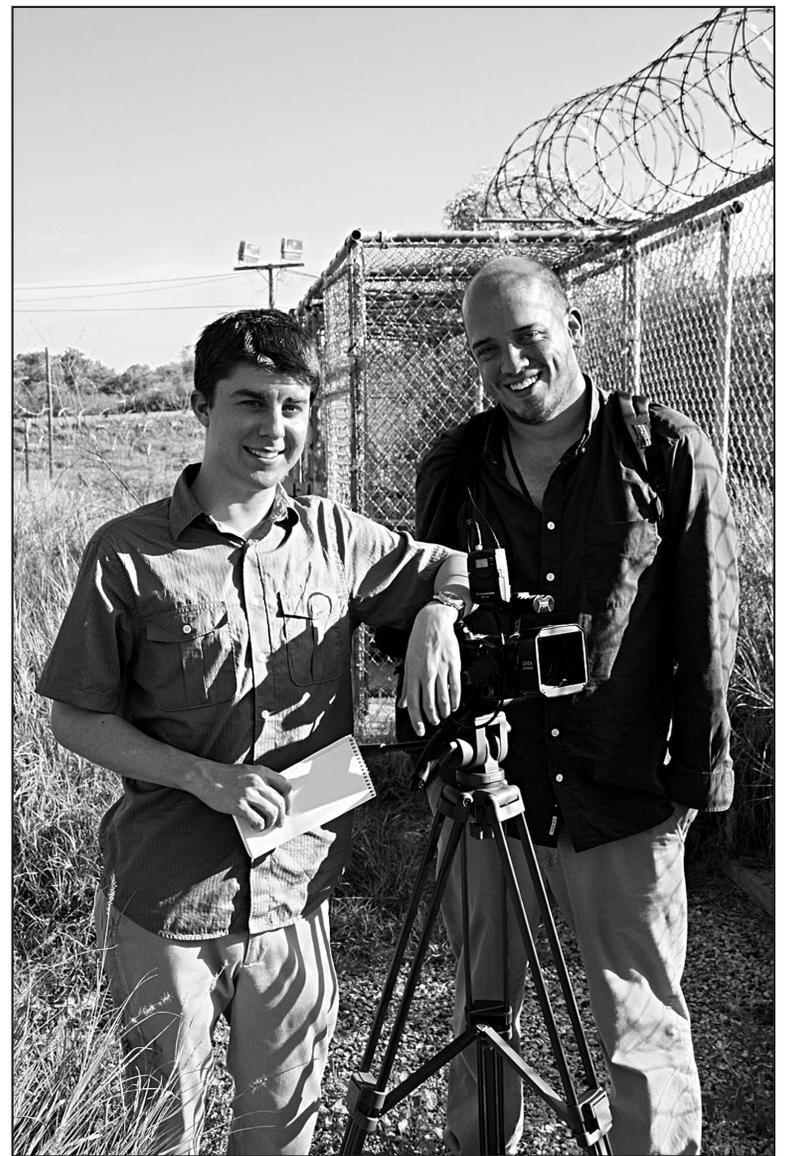
"Anything you think can come out of their bodies they will throw at them," Doran said.

"Many of the detainees who are being held there are really, really smart; guys with degrees from the London School of Economics, MIT and ASU."

Their report was aired on ABC World News Now during an early morning newscast and on WUFT-TV at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

"Don't feel that just because you're a student journalist that doesn't mean you can't report real big stories like this one," Doran said.

"Throw the fish line out there and see if you get any bites. We got a pretty good one here."



Courtesy of WUFT

Miles Doran, left, and Patrick Fleming stand with a camera by the fence around the Guantanamo Bay prison.

Warren earned \$25K for show

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"Some [secrets] are funny, some sexual, some hopeful," he said. "Some are filled with despair and darkness."

Some secrets never get sent.

One woman wrote Warren about a postcard she opted not to send, instead tearing it to shreds and vowing to overcome her secret.

"I like imagining what that secret would have been," Warren said. "Sometimes when we think we're keeping a secret, that secret's actually keeping us."

At the end of his presentation, Warren encouraged members of the audience to share their questions and, if brave enough, their own secrets.

UF psychology junior Victoria Reynolds was one of the students who stepped up to the microphone.

"It was nerve-racking, kind of liberating and also a little bit embarrassing," Reynolds said. "My knees were shaking, but I had moral support [from my boyfriend]."

Warren described the outcome of PostSecret as transformative and said he's still surprised at the positive response he receives nearly five years after he began the project.

"I accidentally tapped into something that had been there the whole time," he said. "[It's] something full of mystery and wonder that I still don't completely understand."

Warren was paid \$25,000 to speak, Accent officials said.

Purchases included 'Perfect Hips Belly Dance'

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niture, almost \$1,400 on iPods and almost \$2,500 on other items like GPS navigation systems.

In an interview with UF officials in April, Manning admitted he had been making personal purchases with university money for several years. He said he knew what he was doing was inappropriate and agreed to pay the university back.

Manning was charged with felony fraud. On Thursday, he agreed to a deal with the State Attorney's Office under which he would reimburse UF \$15,844 — the amount he stole minus shipping and handling — and pay the University Police Department \$918 for investigation costs.

Manning would also be required to do 50 hours of community service.

Mann said if Manning follows the terms of the agreement, the State Attorney's office would not prosecute him.

Kelly Lewis, who was charged with the second-highest amount of fraud, spent about \$8,800 of UF money on personal items from 2007 to 2009, according to the investigation.

Lewis, who was an office assistant in the soil and water science department, had been at UF since 1981 and earned a salary of about \$38,000.

She spent about \$2,500 on digital cameras and accessories, almost \$2,000 on 126 DVDs and about \$1,600 in electronics and yard equipment, among other things.

Her DVD titles included "Sex and the City" and "Perfect Hips Belly Dance."

Lewis told UF officials she used UF money for personal purchases but declined to offer more information.

She was charged with felony fraud,

pleaded not guilty in June and agreed to a deal with the State Attorney's office in August under which she would reimburse UF almost \$8,600 — the cost of her purchases minus shipping and handling — and more than \$2,500 for investigation costs.

She also agreed to 50 hours of community service and, like Manning, will not be prosecuted if she follows the terms of her deal.

Sheila Springs, the third and final former UF employee charged with a crime, used about \$3,400 of UF's money on personal items.

She told police she bought things she wanted for her family but couldn't afford.

She said she had never been in this kind of trouble before and expressed an interest in reimbursing UF.

Springs, a former fiscal assistant in UF's chemistry department, worked with UF since 1999 and earned about \$28,000.

Her fraudulent purchases included about \$1,600 in digital cameras and accessories and about \$1,300 in other electronics like a Nintendo Wii and a DVD player.

Her prior criminal history includes dozens of charges, dating back to 1992, for passing worthless checks.

Springs pleaded no contest to grand theft in August in exchange for 18 months of probation. She has already reimbursed UF for the full cost of her purchases.

Roberta Peacock, the fourth former UF employee accused of fraud, was found to have used about \$468 of UF's money for personal items, including a Weight Watch-

ers starter kit and diet books as well as a number of purchases from the Family Christian Store.

Investigators noted that many of the receipts had been modified with a typewriter to make items listed look like World War II books used by the department, and many had hand-written descriptions that didn't match the actual purchases.

Matt Fajack, UF's chief financial officer, said UF has taken steps to prevent further PCard fraud.

Most purchases must now be made through online catalogs. Those that aren't will be subject to more scrutiny, he said.

"You need to look at things like Amazon.com a little closer," he said. "Yeah, you can get your book on soil samples at a good price, but you can also get a flat screen TV."

UF will continue the practice of auditing suspicious transactions, as it did with this year's investigation. Previously, audits of PCard purchases were random.

UF employees that use PCards will also be given more training, Fajack said, and UF will end the practice of allowing subordinates to verify their bosses' purchases.

Even though they can be risky, Fajack said UF won't stop using PCards, adding the reduction in paperwork for the cards saves UF \$6 million to \$7 million a year.

UF employees spent about \$78 million with about 4,900 PCards in 2008.

As for the four employees accused of fraud, Fajack said they may have resigned, but a note will be added in their files that indicates UF would not rehire them, which should deter potential employers.

"That's the kiss of death," Fajack said. "Everybody knows that's the code word for don't hire this person."



Sikes

Editorial

Paint it Black

Obama should nix color-coded terror alerts

The Obama administration should do away with the color-coded terror-alert system instead of trying to tweak it.

After a 60-day review of the current system, a special task force is expected to recommend reducing the number of colors from five to three, according to an article by The Associated Press.

Besides not following the natural color spectrum, the color-coded system is unnecessary and arbitrary. What purpose could a color alert possibly serve? Are there people who decide not to leave the house when the terror rainbow moves from yellow to orange?

Not only is the task force expected to recommend making ineffectual changes to an already broken system, they are expected to recommend that the federal government hire more people to manage fewer colors.

Color us confused.

If the government wants to alert the public about a possible or impending attack, they can do so with words, not colors.

A system that can influence the country's collective anxiety without explanation is a potentially dangerous, almost Orwellian, political tool that should be nixed.

Columbia University academic Brigitte L. Nacos published a study that showed a direct correlation between increases in the terror level and former President George W. Bush's approval ratings in 2006. No other president should be able to wield such power with a vague system that has no published criteria for its threat levels.

The terror-alert color codes system does nothing to protect Americans and only hinders public understanding of homeland security.

On 'Gard'

Everyone has the right to decide what to put in their bodies, but a 17-year-old girl from Port St. Joe, Fla., is facing possible deportation for refusing a Gardasil vaccine.

Simone Davis refuses to take the vaccine on religious grounds because her devoutly Christian adoptive family believes that taking a vaccine preventing human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted disease, implies that she is sexually active.

Because the United States requires female immigrants between the ages of 11 and 26 to receive a Gardasil shot before they can become citizens, Davis will be deported to her native England if she continues to refuse vaccination.

Facing deportation may be the furthest extreme any teenage girl has gone to in order to convince her parents of her virginity. However, regardless of the motive, the federal government should not be al-

lowed to mandate a vaccine on anyone.

Religion aside, Gardasil is known to cause side effects such as paralysis and seizures. So even if it is fallacious to assume that taking a Gardasil shot suggests sexual promiscuity, Davis and her family have other legitimate reasons to be wary of getting the vaccine.

We wonder why Gardasil shots aren't mandatory for natural-born citizens if the need to administer them is so great. We also wonder how the government can mandate a shot that helps prevent cervical cancer, a disease that would only afflict the individual who refused preventative measures.

At its best, mandating a vaccine is an infringement of personal liberty. At its worst, it's eugenics. Under no circumstance should the United States make this unnecessary, potentially dangerous vaccination mandatory.

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Column

Arguing over facts prevents progress

"You have a right to your own opinion," my mother likes to say. "You do not have a right to your own facts."

Somehow, people still want to pick fights over facts.

Barack Obama was not born in Kenya. Health care reform would not create death panels. There is no evidence that vaccines cause autism or that fluorinated water causes cancer.

These are fairly well-documented facts that people choose to debate.

I'm well aware that much of the American public doesn't trust the mainstream media to give them the truth.

The media have contributed to that, I'll admit. Plagiarism scandals and ideologies have damaged the news industry's credibility.

But I have to wonder how much of that distrust is people not being told what they want to hear.

If you don't like what you're hearing from the major networks, you can find a cable network to fit your opinion. If you don't like what you read in the major newspapers, just read the blog of your choice or tune in to AM radio.

It's not a conservative or liberal issue. Both sides are guilty. From Ann Coulter to Keith Olbermann, both viewpoints have their outspoken bobbleheads.

It frightens me, though, that bobblehead syndrome has infected the public.

It's not worth arguing with people who believe things regardless of proof. That's the entire point of an argument: to convince people of your point of view by presenting evidence. But evidence seems to be worth less and less.

Just ask Rep. Joe Wilson. You'd have to be pretty convinced to call the president a liar during a televised presidential address. Subsequent research has revealed, though, that his accusation that health care would be provided to illegal immigrants was baseless.

Or think of Sarah Palin, who used the words "death panels" to describe health-care reform.

Then there's Vice President Joe Biden, who said crazy

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things about avoiding all confined spaces because of swine flu. One sneeze cannot infect a whole plane, sir. This is H1N1, not tuberculosis.

It happens outside of politics, too: Jenny McCarthy, former Playboy bunny, uses her celebrity to claim that vaccines caused her son's autism. I respect McCarthy for doing everything she can to protect her child. But claiming

that vaccines are dangerous is irresponsible. Childhood vaccinations have saved millions of lives, and studies have not indicated any link to autism.

These people use their national spotlight to make baseless accusations that the public pays attention to.

I won't completely blame the politicians and celebrities for these fanatical beliefs. People will buy anything hook, line and sinker if they want it to be true.

There are valid reasons to not be happy with the health care plan, but the death panels story is too good to pass up for those who simply want something to latch on to and hate.

Parents of autistic children want a cure, and that's completely understandable. But so much effort and publicity is directed toward vaccines when research could be directed toward finding a viable solution.

Arguing over these issues isn't only pointless. Arguments over facts or falsehoods — for instance, debating whether health care reform would euthanize your grandparents — prevents productive discussion and compromises that could help everyone.

Life has shades of gray. But facts are black and white. And it's your responsibility to find the facts, not what you wish the facts were.

What you choose to do with those facts is up to you. After all, you do have the right to your own opinion.

Hilary Lehman is a journalism senior. Her column appears on Wednesdays.

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Guest column

Middle Eastern children show compromise on the horizon

What causes human beings to hate so much that they are willing to end the lives of others?

In a society where our biggest conflict of the day might be over a roommate not doing the dishes, it is almost impossible to understand.

When I lived and traveled throughout the West Bank this summer, I witnessed the raw emotion that drives people to violence on both sides of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Nowhere were these feelings more pronounced and the situation more precarious than in the city of Hebron in the southern part of the West Bank.

Hebron is home to more than 100,000 people. It is the burial place of Abraham, the patriarch of three of the world's great faiths. Among the residents is a small group of extremely ideological Jewish settlers who believe that it is their duty to inhabit the land at all costs.

When I arrived in this city, I felt as if a war was about to break out. I looked above and saw sniper positions and fortified machine gun nests all around me. Many of the settlers live on floors directly above Palestinians. When I was walking the streets, I saw fish netting that covered the space above me, and it was holding up trash thrown from above. I discovered that the nets were there to catch the trash and debris the Israeli settlers would throw on Palestinians, though it missed the occasional urine and feces that they would drop. While we were walking, I think one of my Norwegian friends was mistaken for a political activist and was hit in the head by a rock thrown by one of the settlers.

I finally made it to the city center where the settlers live. I saw boys digging up the olive trees that had been there for many years so they could replace them with palm trees. The landscape had been changed to something that reminded me more of America or Europe than the desert. The settler community gave us literature with pictures of a Palestinian woman giving them the middle finger and an Israeli woman being

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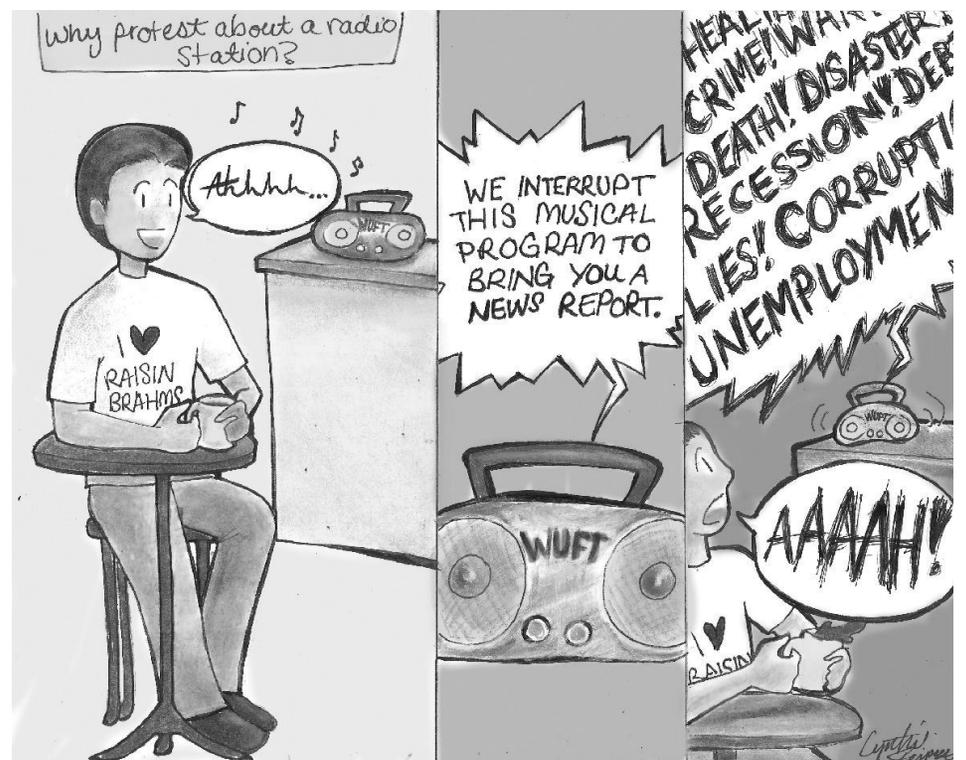
arrested by Palestinian police. These photos were striking because earlier that day I had seen a photo in a local shop of a Palestinian man being carried through the streets by Israeli forces while he was bleeding. I walked around this neighborhood for a little while and saw the children of settlers taunting and jeering at some elderly Palestinian women passing by.

I walked immediately outside the boundary of the settler community and climbed to the rooftop of a Palestinian home. There was a machine gun nest maybe 30 yards away from me when I looked around. The rooftops were covered in barbed wire to separate the Israeli and Palestinian homes. What I saw next I will never forget.

A little Israeli boy walked up to the barbed wire and sat down on top of the roof. A little Palestinian boy ran over and sat next to him, though they were separated by the barbed wire. They began talking like friends would. My friends and I were quite perplexed. The Israeli soldier at the nearby machine gun nest motioned for the Israeli boy to come back, but he ignored him. The Palestinian boy turned to one of my friends who spoke Arabic and told her that many of the Israeli and Palestinian children play with each other through the barbed wire. He said many of the children are good friends, but they aren't allowed to go on the other side of the wire, so they can never have physical contact with each other.

A chill went up my spine. Here were the children, each from different sides, whose parents hated each other more than is describable in words, playing like they were schoolmates. However, the older children had contempt for each other. What changes them? Why can't these children live together as adults in peace? I don't have an answer, except that if their societies have any morality, for the sake of these children each side must make peace the priority over all else.

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Facebooking parents embarrassing, irksome

You know that party a couple weekends ago that you only vaguely remember because of the pictures that surfaced on Facebook? Imagine if your parents had been there. Well, now they are.

Adult relatives invading our personal Facebook world is a distressing trend that has picked up over the past couple of years as more parents deem it necessary to create an online profile to keep in touch with their children. I'm sure they believe they are being trendy. I believe they are being annoying.

Remember the early days of Facebook? It started out like a top-secret club, in which you needed a secret code (your university e-mail) and password (of your choice) in order to join. Once you had access, you could openly communicate with others of your kind — college students.

Now, Facebook has become a free-for-all, allowing just about anyone to join, which unfortunately includes our parents.

Although it seems superficial, Facebook has become such a staple in the social lives of college students that for many people, their online profile is just as important as their appearance in person. So when moms write embarrassing wall posts or make disapproving photo comments, a lot more people than just us read it.

I don't necessarily blame our over-the-hill relatives for their awkward and questionable behavior on Facebook. It's a generational gap. Most of us have never lived in a household that hasn't had a computer, so we grew up learning and adapting to online etiquette. For instance, we know not to friend request people we have never met

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in person and not to make awkward comments on photos posted by our not-so-close friends. Some parents apparently never got that memo.

I will admit that having my mom on Facebook has had some positives. For one thing, it forces me to re-examine my online profile to make sure it is socially appropriate for potential employers (and the general public).

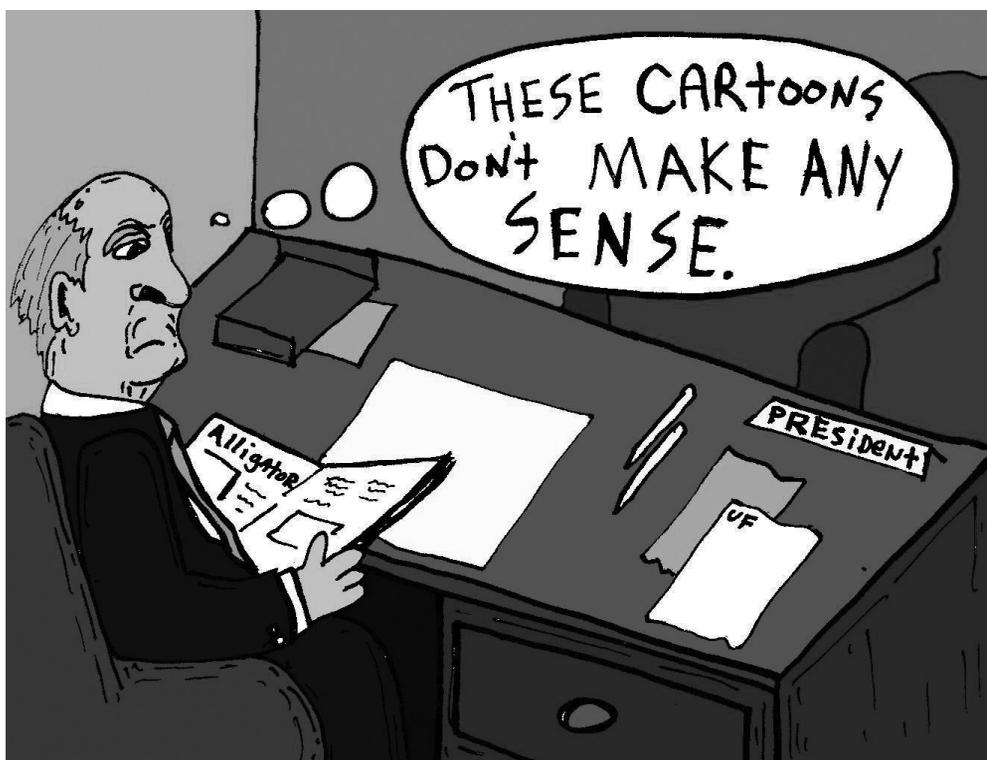
Even still, there are some pictures, comments and inside jokes that, though they might be considered publicly acceptable, are still private to my friends and me and do not necessarily need to be seen by my parents.

The most distressing aspect of this whole invasion is the lack of privacy. College is a time for personal growth and establishing independence, so knowing your parents can keep tabs on you via your Facebook profile at any time of the day is all too similar to George Orwell's "1984" — it feels like Big Brother really is watching.

I know Facebook is now a multimillion-dollar business and will never go back to the way it was a few years ago. And it's not that I don't appreciate keeping up with my mom — some of the messages and wall posts are very sweet.

I would simply like to go back to the peaceful days when we could hold a conversation that didn't include the phrase, "So I saw on Facebook..."

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Students will be able to cram in a little extra on-campus study time, after senators voted Tuesday to allot \$30,000 of Student Government reserve funds to keep the Hub open 20 hours a day.

The bill, which was presented by Student Body President Jordan Johnson, will extend the Hub's hours from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m. starting Monday.

Johnson said Starbucks will also be open during those hours, and the Student Night Auxiliary Patrol, or SNAP, will run until 4 a.m.

Johnson said the center will serve as a pilot program for a possible \$12 million, 24-hour study center on campus, which

Student Government would use stimulus funds to renovate an already existing building.

Progress Party Sen. Dave Schneider, who represents Rawlings Hall, asked Johnson if the Hub could replace the proposed 24-hour study center in order to save money.

Johnson said the Hub does not have as much space for students as a new center would.

Senators also passed the finalized version of the \$14 million Activity & Service Fees budget after about 20 minutes of debate.

Some Senators expressed concerns left over from the two-hour debate during last week's meeting.

Schneider said he felt uncomfortable voting for a budget that makes SG officials' cell phone reimbursements a priority over distributing the Wall Street Journal on campus.

However, James Tyger, who represents UF's Levin College of Law, said he did not see the benefits given to SG officials as perks, adding officials needed them to do their jobs.

SG lobbyists Ron LaFace and Nick Iarossi gave a presentation describing two new potential revenue sources being discussed to make up for the cuts to education.

Iarossi said that under the Seminole Gaming Act, tribal casinos in Florida would provide about \$150 million a year to Florida education funds.

A proposal for offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico could also bring in more than \$3 billion, most of which will go to higher education, Iarossi said.

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1 Colored part of the eye
5 Phonograph records
10 Become overly dry, as lips
14 John Wesley's relig.
15 Love to pieces
16 Country byway
17 Arizona city
18 Fenway Park team, briefly
19 Condo or apartment, e.g.
20 Really exhausted
23 "Nevermore" bird of poetry
24 Honey maker
25 "... and so on": Abbr.
27 11-point blackjack card, at times
28 Really exhausted
33 Copier paper size: Abbr.
34 Creole vegetable
35 Mil. school at Annapolis
36 Really exhausted
40 Bassoon cousin
43 Big-screen movie format
44 Observed
47 Really exhausted
51 Mentalist Geller
52 Sandwich initials
53 Cereal grain
54 Concrete-reinforcing rod
56 Really exhausted
61 Ali who stole from thieves
62 Broom rider of the comics
63 With 66-Across, roadside stop
64 Finds in mines
65 King of rock 'n' roll
66 See 63-Across
67 Sitcom radio station
68 Gunslinger's "Hands up!"
69 Afternoon TV fare
- DOWN**
1 Unethical
2 Bring to life again, as a Civil War battle
3 Romance-ending words
4 1953 Alan Ladd Western
5 Pats gently
6 Object of worship
7 Sammy in the 600 Home Run Club
8 Singing Bing
9 Moderate-sized chamber group
10 Board game with suspects
11 Closet assortment
12 Jennifer of "Friends"
13 House cat, e.g.
21 Bankrupt energy company
22 July-August sign
26 Tax-season advisor, briefly
29 ___ out: barely obtain
30 Flight board datum: Abbr.
31 Camp for presidents

- 32 Faulty firecracker
36 Response to a mouse?
37 Latin 101 verb
38 Sigma follower
39 Additional
40 Horse player's hangout, for short
41 Defensive wall
42 Halloween month
44 Really cold, temperaturewise
45 Shrunkn Asian lake
46 Furtive listening device
48 Extensive period
49 Preferably
50 Star, in France
55 Poet Pound and others
57 Hoarse sound
58 Edison's middle name
59 Banking regulatory agcy.
60 Diaper problem
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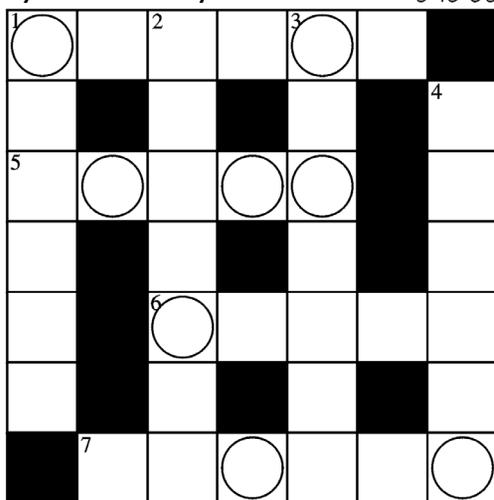
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Defense looks to make it three straight without TD

■ UF HELD THREE TEAMS WITHOUT A TD IN 2008.

By **KYLE MAISTRI**
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Through the first two games of the season, Florida's defense has held its opponents to only nine points on three field goals.

Tennessee comes to Gainesville on Saturday having scored just 15 points at home in last week's loss to UCLA, and UF linebacker Ryan Stamper thinks the Gators can make it at least three games in a row without allowing a single touchdown on defense.

"To be honest with you man, I think about that a lot," Stamper said. "We haven't allowed a touchdown and hopefully we can take that real far, just try to shutout for a long time."

"With the defense we have, the sky is the limit, we can pretty much do anything. I think we have a shot at shutting down a lot of teams."

Florida held Tennessee to six

points in Knoxville last season.

RUN DEFENSE VITAL: UF coach Urban Meyer said the key to shutting down the Volunteers offense will be stopping the run.

Tennessee quarterback Jonathan Crompton threw three interceptions against UCLA while running backs Montario Hardesty and Bryce Brown combined for 123 yards on the ground.

"They run a lot, especially the UCLA game. That's all they did was run the ball," Stamper said.

The Gators had a lot of success using the Joker package against Troy, but three-down linemen isn't a conventional run-stopping formation.

Meyer, however, said the Joker package works well against the run even with 264-pound Justin Trattou lined up at the nose tackle position.

"He's not going to sit and play up against the center," Meyer said.

"He's certainly fast enough to get in gaps and create issues."



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UF linebacker Ryan Stamper (right) thinks the Gators' defense has a chance to extend its streak of games without allowing a touchdown. Stopping Tennessee's two-headed rushing attack will be key.

UF SOCCER

Kirkup adds unique outlook

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**
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Within the Trafford borough of Greater Manchester, England, is the home of one of the most hallowed soccer clubs in the world: Manchester United.

More than 4,000 miles from Trafford is James G. Pressly Stadium in Gainesville, home to the UF soccer team.

UF assistant coach Alan Kirkup has called both places home.

Kirkup played for Manchester United from 1972 to 1976 before returning to school and receiving his bachelor's degree from Loughborough University in 1981.

Kirkup then broke into the college ranks and coached at various levels before joining the Gators in 2006.

"Part of the thrill of coaching is watching some things and some ideas that you might have brought to the team actually take place out on the field," Kirkup said.

Having played for one of the most reputable soccer clubs in Europe and then coming to the United States and compil-

ing a 224-137-19 (.614) record as a head coach, it's fair to call Kirkup a soccer nut.

"He brings a ton of expertise and experience," UF coach Becky Burleigh said.

Kirkup's player past seems to leap off the page to any soccer aficionado and the UF players were no less impressed.

"Part of the thrill of coaching is watching some things and some ideas that you might have brought to the team actually take place out on the field."

Alan Kirkup
UF assistant coach

"He's a guy who respects how beautiful you can make soccer," said midfielder Lindsay Thompson, who immediately recognized Kirkup's deep-seeded passion for the game.

She pointed out how Kirkup worked with the team on the first touch because

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Rivalries deserve smack talk

It was a pretty simple question.

Is hosting Tennessee this weekend a special way for Florida to open its Southeastern Conference schedule?

Why, of course it is.

This is, after all, the same Tennessee that has kicked off the Gators' SEC slate all but once in the last 13 seasons. It's the same Tennessee that holds a prominent place on the "Beat" board in the UF locker room, which features bulletin-board material and a countdown to kickoff.

And it's the same Tennessee that features new coach Lane Kiffin, who breathed new life into the rivalry this offseason after replacing Phillip Fulmer, whose pictures used to serve as targets for medicine-ball workouts during practice.

But when Jeff Demps got that question after Saturday's win against Troy, he saw it differently, and he gave an



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even simpler answer.

"Nah. No comment on that."

Really?

I don't mean to make fun of Demps here, he's just doing what his coach asked of him.

And he wasn't the only one. Just about every player who hears the T-word in a question puts up a wall.

This is what rivalry weeks are reduced to. Another gag order. More denials and fifth-taking that won't make a yard of a difference in The Swamp this weekend.

There's only one thing these rivalry restrictions do, and that's suck the fun

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TEEING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ Apparently, Bills fans have high expectations for the team because some took Monday's loss to the Pats hard enough to vandalize CB Leodis McKelvin's lawn because of his costly late fumble. ... I'm glad Pat Riley and Erik Spoelstra took pay cuts to save money and jobs for the Heat. If only some players were so generous, then maybe the team wouldn't be \$12 million over the soft salary cap.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Tressel takes heat after USC loss

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — With a growing chorus of fans questioning his play-calling and others doubting his ability to win a big game, Jim Tressel was asked if his honeymoon as Ohio State's head coach was over.

"You felt like it's been a nine-year honeymoon?" he repeated on Tuesday. "You must not have liked your honeymoon."

For the first time in his tenure in Columbus, Tressel is catching fire from all directions in the wake of Saturday night's 18-15 loss to No. 3 Southern California.

It was the 11th-ranked Buckeyes' sixth consecutive loss to a top-10 team since late in the 2006 season.

Letters to the sports editor of the local newspaper, bloggers, Web sites, columnists, radio talk shows and TV analysts have all criticized Tressel's conservative approach to the game and his handling of the team.

Tressel, who admits that he makes most of the play calls even though Jim Bollman has the title of offensive coordinator, disdained going for a touchdown

in favor of an easy field goal on fourth-and-goal at the USC 1 early in the second quarter. He also favored punting on fourth-and-1 at the USC 45 in the third quarter.

With around 8 minutes left in the game and Ohio State gripping a 15-10 lead, the Buckeyes drove to a first down at the USC 35. After a run gained three yards, quarterback Terrelle Pryor threw an incompleteness and then was sacked for a four-yard loss that meant kicker Aaron Pettrey would have a 53-yard attempt on fourth-and-11 at the USC 36. Tressel elected to punt again. That punt led to the Trojans taking control for an impressive 86-yard drive that won the game.

Tressel said he had no desire to give up calling plays and will not change his offensive philosophy, which basically is built on playing for field position, avoiding turnovers at all cost and relying on defense and special teams to win the game.

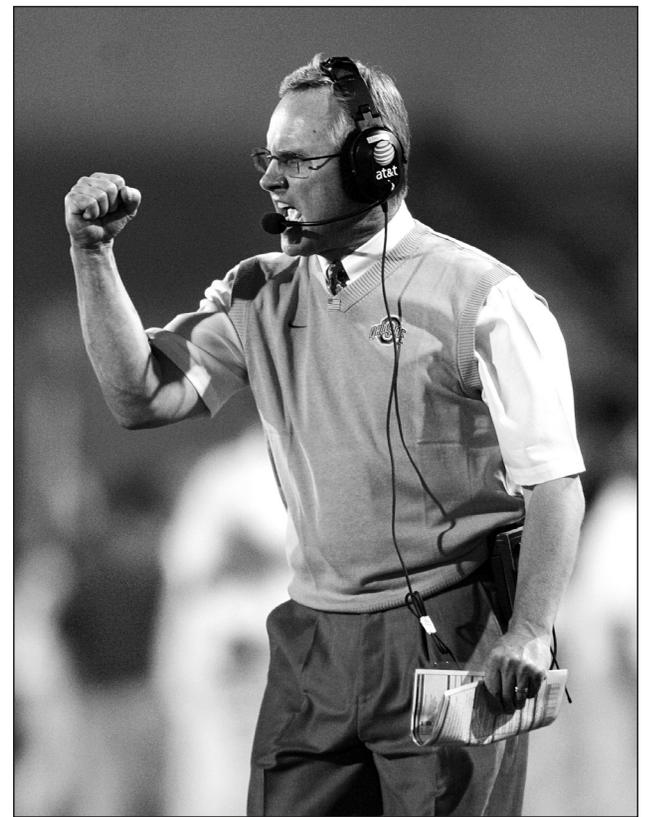
The vitriol Tressel has faced after the game is unlike any he has encountered in his eight-plus years at the helm. His first Ohio State team went 7-5 in 2001 but beat Michigan, earning him genius status with

the Buckeyes' frequently fickle fans.

Since then, he led the Buckeyes to a surprising national championship in 2002 and has dominated the series with the archrival Wolverines, winning seven of eight meetings. No wonder the Buckeyes faithful wore T-shirts that said, "In Tressel We Trust."

But landslide losses in the 2006 and 2007 national title games to Florida and LSU, and subsequent defeats in high-profile games to USC, Penn State, Texas and again to USC have caused the critics to come after the guy in the sweater vest.

Bob Hunter, a columnist for The Columbus Dispatch, wrote in Tuesday's edition that angry Ohio State fans may want a new coach but no one talks about who that might be. He also brought up the subject of buying out Tressel's contract, which would pay Tressel more than \$12 million through January 2013. Tongue in cheek, Hunter proposed those wanting to get rid of Tressel might want to circulate petitions to build a casino or two on campus so the coach and his biggest boosters, athletic director Gene Smith and Ohio State president Gordon Gee, all could be fired.



Ohio State coach Jim Tressel yells from the sidelines during the Buckeyes' 18-15 loss to USC on Sept. 12.

Wade looks to resolve legal disputes to stop distractions

■ THE HEAT GUARD FACES MAXIMUM DAMAGES OF \$150 MILLION.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade's legal team hopes that talks beginning Wednesday help him resolve legal disputes that could otherwise be an off-court distraction if they drag into the season.

The mediation session could ultimately result in settlement of several lawsuits claiming he wrongly walked away from outside business ventures.

Without a quick resolution to the legal pro-

ceedings — or their postponement until after the season — the team argues Wade could be risking injury by focusing on them instead of training.

Wade and his lawyers are set to begin talks with former partners suing him over a failed chain of sports memorabilia restaurants and a charter school operation for inner-city kids that opened successfully despite Wade's absence. The lawsuits claim combined maximum damages against Wade in the neighborhood of \$150 million.

With the NBA season around the corner, it's clear the Heat want to avoid legal distractions for Wade, their franchise player and last year's leading NBA scorer. In the schools case,

the Heat say Wade won't be able to stay in shape if he's tied up in legal proceedings for weeks during the season.



Wade

Heat said in a motion filed by attorney Alan Fein. "There is no compelling need to subject Dwyane Wade to these risks."

"Robbing Dwyane (sic) Wade of rest time, utilizing every waking moment between games, practices and arbitration hearing, and long travel in between, would severely compromise his physical capacity, and subject him to an increased risk of serious injury," the Heat said in a motion filed by attorney Alan Fein. "There is no compelling need to subject Dwyane Wade to these risks."

Another star has faced a similar juggling act but for different reasons. During the 2003 season, the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant was embroiled in a rape case that sometimes required him to appear in court during the day and then fly to a game that night, even during the playoffs. That case was eventually dropped.

The Heat want an arbitrator in the charter schools case to wait until the NBA season ends — as late as next summer if the Heat do well in the playoffs — rather than going forward as scheduled in late November.

That might not matter if the broader mediation session that begins Wednesday brings most of Wade's legal troubles to a close.

4-2-3-1 adopted from Man U

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a weak first touch can be the difference between a shot on goal and a defender stealing the ball.

Burleigh noted Kirkup's love for the tactical aspect of soccer, likening him to a head coach along with associate head coach — and Arsenal fan — Vic Campbell.

"He's definitely a student of the game and loves the actual X's and O's of coaching and you just can't ask for more from an assistant coach than that," Burleigh said.

Freshman Kayla Bala got a glimpse of Kirkup when she worked with him in the summer as part of the Olympic Development Program.

"He's pretty intimidating at first because you know he knows the game and you don't want to mess up in front of him," Bala said.

Bala said she has already gone to talk to him this season in order to learn from him about mistakes she made.

Currently in his fourth season as a Gator, Kirkup has been integral to

the team's success and structure.

UF's system, the 4-2-3-1 (meaning four defensive backs, two defensive midfielders, three offensive midfielders and one striker), was Kirkup's idea as a result of seeing Manchester United play the same formation.

"It seemed a natural fit for a team that wanted to be a little more possession oriented but still had some great physical and athletic qualities," Kirkup said.

He said initially the 4-2-3-1 formation wasn't meant to be the regular system, but the team ended up adopting it as its own style.

Kirkup still visits England annually for tips and tricks on soccer where he sees different people work with different age groups doing different things. He said it is refreshing to see new ideas for a worldwide game, in another part of the world.

"The game is constantly evolving, it doesn't stand still, so those trips are really, really important to me," he said.



Soccer

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restrictions do, and that's suck the fun out of college football.

It's fun when Brandon Spikes says the Volunteers gave up during the 59-20 whooping in 2007, repeats it before the 2008 contest, backs up his talk on the field and then says they quit again.

I understand coach Urban Meyer's desire to avoid giving UT motivation, but do the Vols really need it? They shouldn't, and neither should the Gators.

So why should Meyer let them talk? Because it's natural.

It's fun, and it's a part of sports and the players' mindsets.

On Sunday, offensive lineman James Wilson had the guts to tell the simple truth — that the players are aware of Kiffin's off-season comments and using them as motivation — so he was cutoff after a brief, three-minute interview.

I can't understand why Meyer and the media relations staff are so paranoid about this stuff. It's not like the Vols are going to come upset Florida, and when asked about what motivated them to pull off the win,

say, "Oh, it was that James Wilson saying he was excited for this game and he was upset that our coach called his coach a cheater."

This is childish.

I respected Meyer's comments on Monday that he will never let a rivalry be about him or any other coach. He wants to keep it about the players on the field, not the guys with the headsets.

Except that's not what's going on.

There are signs all over the locker room with Kiffin's remarks on them, the same signs that were there this summer, photographed and posted online.

So it is about Kiffin, and that's how it should be. There's a line when it comes to smack talk, and he crossed it. He will most likely have to pay for that on Saturday, but you know what? Even if he never said any of that stuff, Florida would still win easily this week, it'd just be less interesting. And even if every UF player came out and said they'd like a piece of Layla Kiffin, it wouldn't change the outcome of the game.

Football games are decided on the football field, not in press conferences, and limiting what athletes can say serves no purpose other than to strip away one of the best parts of sports.

FAU will try to give Spurrier first non-BCS defeat

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Though Steve Spurrier hasn't had the kind of success at South Carolina he had during his first 15 years as a college coach, he still doesn't lose to the little guys.

Spurrier will put his 36-0 record against teams outside the six major BCS conferences on the line Saturday against Florida Atlantic.

The coach isn't talking down about the Owls (0-1). Spurrier pointed out Tuesday that the Owls have been to bowl games the past two years, beating Memphis in 2007 and Central Michigan in 2008. He didn't mention Florida Atlantic opened its season with a 49-3 loss to Nebraska.

And though Spurrier has experienced things with the Gamecocks (1-1) that never happened at Florida — losing Southeastern Conference records and streaks of games scoring less than 20 points, the Owls are the kind of team Spurrier has always beaten.

Spurrier's first goal Saturday is to win, of course, but the coach said he also hopes to get a chance to play a larger number of players so he can settle on a backfield and corp of receivers.

"We've had two close games, two four-point games, both of them. Coaches have the tendency to stick with guys who are playing pretty decent, taking care of the ball and what have you," Spurrier said. "You're not into experimenting with too many players in close games."

The Owls came to Columbia in 2006, losing 45-6. The 39-point margin is the second biggest win for the Gamecocks under Spurrier. But this is a different Florida Atlantic team. Senior quarterback Rusty Smith was a freshman then, splitting time behind center,

going 3 of 8 for 39 yards with an interception and two sacks. Now Smith is an NFL prospect getting praise from a man who knows a good quarterback when he sees one.

"Rusty Smith has thrown for a lot of yards — really a good player that a lot of people think will be an NFL draft pick," Spurrier said.

Meanwhile, the coach is withholding a lot of praise from his sophomore quarterback, Stephen Garcia.

"Stephen's improving. He had a lot of good plays the other night and a lot of not-so-good plays. The final analysis of the whole thing, we weren't good enough as a team. It was as simple as that," Spurrier said. "But he's improving. Hopefully he'll show a lot of improvement this week. He's got potential."

The Gamecocks (1-1) will have a few new starters. Defensive

tackle Melvin Ingram will take over for the injured Nathan Pepper, and Heath Batchelor will start at right guard.

Spurrier said he wants to get some of his freshmen more playing time Saturday, including Kenny Miles at running back and Alshon Jeffery at receiver.

While the players might be different, expect Spurrier's philosophy to be the same. He wants to run the ball so Garcia will have more time to pass. He wants to keep the passing game fairly simple for Garcia and keep the quarterback from improvising too much.

"Stephen and these guys practiced a lot on their own this summer and all preseason and we're trying to do the things over and over that we've been doing. And that's what we're trying to do," Spurrier said. "You can't have a new game plan every week."



AP Photo South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier (left) looks on during the Gamecocks' 7-3 win at North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C., on Sept. 3.

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