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ON CAMPUS

Sand-filled backpack causes bomb scare

By **THOMAS STEWART**
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No drugs, no bombs, just sand.

The Reitz Union parking garage was shut down for about six hours Monday while police investigated an unattended backpack that turned out to contain 25 pounds of sand.

Police later learned the backpack had been left behind on Saturday by the JanSport backpack company.

JanSport participated in UF's Homecoming parade on Friday, driving a multicolored 1967 Volkswagen van, University Police Department Det. Michael Metz said.

"A lot of the elements that are in sand are also found in fabric softener."

Art Forgey
ASO spokesman

The company, which parked its trailer at the union's parking garage, used the checkered black and olive-green bag as a tire wedge to keep the van in place while on display, Metz said.

No charges will be filed against any of the company's employees, he said.

Monday's saga began when a maintenance worker discovered the backpack on a loading dock at the union around 8:30 a.m. and called police.

Police closed the parking garage and barricaded part of Museum Road while the Alachua County Sheriff's Office bomb team sent a robot to take a look.

The robot discovered what appeared to be a white, powdery substance wrapped in a black

plastic bag covered with duct tape, according to police.

After analyzing the substance, police initially reported it to be fabric softener.

They later changed their diagnosis to sand, however.

The mistake was made because the two substances are fairly similar, said ASO spokesman

Art Forgey.

"A lot of the elements that are in sand are also found in fabric softener," Forgey said.

Sgt. J.J. Moran, commander of the ASO bomb team, said the event was good training for his squad and said it's better to be safe than sorry in situations like

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An Alachua County Sheriff's Office bomb squad member suits up before heading to examine a suspicious package at the Reitz Union parking garage Monday afternoon.

Alachua County jobless rate falls

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

For the past year, the country has become familiar with economic failure.

But Alachua County may be slowly emerging from the wreckage.

According to a report from the Florida Agency for Work Innovation, Alachua County's unemployment rate has fallen a second consecutive month from 7.2 percent in August to 7.1 percent in September.

In the past month, 5,100 jobs have become available in the Gainesville metropolitan area, which includes Alachua and Gilchrist counties.

Rebecca Rust, the agency's chief economist, said the figures have much to do with the relatively high proportion of government employment in the area, which includes local education and universities.

According to Rust, state government positions make up 3,500 of the 5,100 new positions, something she attributes to students returning to school in the fall.

"Although government isn't completely recession-proof, it tends to be more stable than other industries during weak eco-

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Local News

Gainesville gets real for MTV casting call

IT IS EXPECTED TO DRAW 200 TO 500 PEOPLE.

By **JARED MISNER**
Alligator Writer

Gainesville is about to find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real.

MTV's "The Real World" is holding an open casting call for anyone between the ages of 18 and 24 interested in becoming one of the "seven strangers picked to live in a house and have their lives taped" for its 24th season.

The interviews will be held today from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Hooters, 3265 SW 34th St.

Casting directors ask that those

interested bring a photo ID and a recent picture to the audition but leave any rehearsed acts at home.

"The honest truth is that you're being evaluated on who you are," said Damon Furberg, supervising casting director for Bunim/Murray Productions, which produces "The Real World." "You can't anticipate what we want because we don't know what we want."

Furberg said Gainesville was selected in large part because of UF.

"We always go somewhere in Florida [for casting calls] because we always do pretty well there," Furberg said. "It was Gainesville's turn."

Heather Hunter, general man-

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Tight end Aaron Hernandez (right) leads UF in receptions and receiving yards. The junior set career highs in catches (7) and yards (92) in Florida's 23-20 win over Arkansas. See Story, Page 14.



Nev. man accused of DUI for 3rd time in 17 days, bail raised to \$25,000

RENO, Nev. — A 50-year-old Reno man has been arrested on suspicion of drunken driving for the third time in less than three weeks.

Reno Police Sgt. Tom Robinson said the man was stopped Monday afternoon on a U.S. Highway 395 off-ramp on the south end of town after a concerned citizen alerted police about his erratic driving.

Robinson said a check of the man's police record discovered that he had been arrested

on the same charge two other times since Oct. 2.

Robinson said officers contacted the city attorney, who contacted a Reno municipal court judge so the man's bail would be raised to \$25,000.

The judge also ordered that it be paid in cash rather than the usual practice of posting a bond for 10 percent of the total pending a court hearing.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

UF Society of Professional Journalists Ethics Hold 'Em Social

Today, 7 to 9 p.m.
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SPJ members and guests are invited to attend Ethics Hold 'Em, a swanky SPJ social that will include food, music, poker and prizes. Professional poker dealers will be on site, and beginning to advanced players are welcome. Dress code is semi-formal.

UF NaviGators International Program China Country Presentation

Today, 7 p.m.
Norman Hall Terrace Room
There will be a brief presentation by Chinese exchange students followed by a sampling of home-cooked cuisine. Come for a glimpse into the lives of international students.

Students for the Performing Arts Circle meeting

Today, 5:30 p.m.
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, upstairs lobby
Join the SPA Circle for the second general body meeting of the fall. The group will be discussing upcoming arts events in the community as well as plans for its SPA social with In the Heights Experience. Free refreshments will be provided.

A Report Back from the National Equality March

Today, 9 p.m.
Civic Media Center, 433 S Main

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Local citizens who attended the National Equality March in Washington D.C., on Oct. 11 will give a report back at the Civic Media Center. They will discuss the march, the current state of the LGBT movement and where to go from here with local organizing. The event is free.

The EU, the Lisbon Treaty and the Irish Vote

Wednesday, 5 p.m.
Bryan Hall, Room 130
Timely talk by Bruce Carolan, head of the Law Department at the Dublin Institute of Technology in Ireland and visiting professor in the Warrington College of Business.

UF MEISA Meeting

Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Come to the fourth meeting of the Music Entertainment Industry Student Association (MEISA). The group will be finalizing its benefit show and brainstorming fall semester events.

Golden Key general meeting

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.
MAE-A, Room 303
Come find out why Golden Key is the premier honor society in

the world and at UF. All members, initiates and potential members are welcome. Come learn about upcoming events while enjoying free pizza and soda. E-mail aagazarm@ufl.edu if you have any questions.

Gators for HIV Education Movies Series

Thursday, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Flint Hall, Room 100
Please come out and join us for a showing of the movie "Life Support" and an open discussion on some of the health and social impacts of HIV/AIDS.

Got an event?

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

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UF ACADEMICS

Math students' pass rate tops other Fla. universities

By **ANDREW NORRIS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's high standards for acceptance + math placement tests = success.

Although more than a third of students enrolled in entry-level math classes failed or withdrew from the courses at Florida universities, UF proved to be an exception, according to a recent study

by ENLACE Florida.

The study showed UF's pass rate for "gatekeeper" math classes, like precalculus, college algebra and math for liberal arts majors was 84 percent. Other schools like Florida International University had pass rates as low as 34 percent.

Overall, more than 20,000 students enrolled in math classes at Florida universities failed or with-

"The students that come to UF have higher college entrance scores than some of the other universities in the state."

Sherry Tornwall
UF math professor

drew from the classes during the 2007-2008 academic year. UF math for liberal arts major professor

Sherry Tornwall thinks UF's high standards for admittance could be a reason its students scored better than other schools.

"The students that come to UF have higher college entrance scores than some of the other universities in the state," she said. "One would think that something like that would correlate to a better academic background in math."

Tornwall also credited place-

ment tests taken during preview and math resources available to students, such as Broward Hall's tutoring center, for UF's math success.

"I think that the placement exam helps a lot," Tornwall said. "In the past we had students going into Calculus 1 that didn't have high enough algebra and trigonometry skills to be successful."

County targets drivers who illegally pass school buses

FINES RANGE FROM \$194 TO \$294.

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County law enforcement agencies will be on the lookout this week for drivers who illegally pass school buses.

In Florida, it is only legal to pass a school bus when there is a median of at least five feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier that separates vehicles from the school bus. Otherwise, when a school bus turns on its flashing lights and extends its stop signs, drivers must stop or they could be fined.

Drivers who pass on the left of a stopped school bus are subject to a \$194 fine, which is \$10 more than last year, according to Art Forgey, a public relations officer for Alachua

County Sheriff's Office.

Those who pass on the right of a school bus can be fined \$294 and have to appear in court. Passing on the right side of the bus where students get on and off is a criminal offense.

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"Children often don't pay attention when they get off the bus, so drivers need to be extra critical to ensure their safety," Forgey said.

ACSO is launching the effort as a part of

Operation Bluebird, an annual driver safety awareness campaign.

Dan Brinsko, a parent and lieutenant of the ACSO traffic unit, started the program about 10 years ago.

According to Forgey, a 2000 survey indicated that there are 180 incidents of illegal bus passing each day.

"I think some people become complacent and inattentive," Forgey said. "But children's safety is a huge issue."

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Is it Worth the Risk?

ON CAMPUS

Mudfest celebrates 40 years

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

One of UF's longest-standing traditions is also one of its dirtiest.

Until Nov. 1, the Tolbert Area Council will host 40 Years of Mudfest, which sparks friendly competition among Tolbert Area residents.

Scott Mangino, graduate hall director of North Hall and Tolbert Area Council adviser, said the chance to organize events like Mudfest was one of the main reasons he chose to go to UF for graduate school.

"Mudfest started in 1969 as just a one-day event," he said. "It's definitely changed and evolved and become more competitive. It's been one of those events that a lot of our students come back here for."

On Sunday, an opening ceremony that kicked off Mudfest attracted about 100 people.

There were several speakers, including Gainesville mayor and former Tolbert Area resident Pegeen Hanrahan and Jeanna Mastrodicasa, assistant vice president for student affairs at UF.

This is the longest Mudfest

in the event's history, running for two weeks from Oct. 18 to Nov. 1.

Mangino said one of the reasons organizers extended the event was to allow those who do not live in the Tolbert Area to participate in Mudfest as well.

"For the next 40 years, people will still be playing in the mud. As long as there's mud there, this event will still be going on. Who doesn't want to go and play in some Georgia clay for two weeks, get dirty and have fun with your friends?"

Scott Mangino
graduate hall director of
North Hall

Competitive Mudfest events, where residents from different floors compete for points, will run Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Athletic competitions include MudUltimate, or ultimate Frisbee, MudTug, or tug of war, MudPolo, a variation of

water polo played in the mud pit and MudVolleyball. Students also participate in rock picking competitions, where the teams who collect the most rocks from the pit win points.

While the competitions are limited to Tolbert Area residents, many Mudfest events are more inclusive. A clothing drive to benefit Peaceful Paths, a network that provides aid to victims of domestic violence, will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with Student Government.

On Oct. 24 and Oct. 31, a large screen will be set up near the mud pit to allow students to watch Gators games against Mississippi State and Georgia, Mangino said.

Mudfest will conclude with the annual Mud Dance on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., where students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

"For the next 40 years, people will still be playing in the mud," Mangino said. "As long as there's mud there, this event will still be going on. Who doesn't want to go and play in some Georgia clay for two weeks, get dirty and have fun with your friends?"



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Jacob Lauver sends mud flying as he bumps the ball while playing volleyball in the Tolbert area Mud Pit Monday afternoon.



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Teacher brings music to ESE students

■ HE WAS NAMED FLORIDA ESE TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

By ERICA JOHNSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Donald DeVito arrived at the Sidney Lanier Center School, music classes were held in a portable with only seven instruments.

Today, the disabled students at the school take music classes in a large, colorful room filled with instruments, uniforms and music.

DeVito, who was recently named Florida ESE teacher of the year, began to build the school's music program eight years ago while he was working on his doctorate at UF.

He said the more he worked with the students and spent time developing the program, the more he fell in love with it.

"I was working on my dissertation and teaching here part time, and I was just too enthralled with what was going on here and enjoyed building the program here too much to leave," he said.

DeVito said the program is tied to colleges like Syracuse University and the University of Londrina in Brazil, and music majors from the schools develop lessons for the students at Sidney Lanier. The college students hold teaching sessions with DeVito's students through Skype and a large SMART video board in the classroom.

He serves on the board of the International Society for Music Education Commission for Community Music, which is a field of study in which people travel around the world and develop programs for the needy.

"They might go to the Middle East and develop a music program that has Palestinian and Jewish children together," he said. "Someone in Ireland who's a community musician might even have a Protestant and Catholic ensemble."

About one-third of DeVito's 60 students are unable to speak, and the others have disabilities like autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy. They use music to express themselves, he said.

"Music really helps students to transcend



Courtesy of Donald DeVito

Donald DeVito, far left, and his students at the Sidney Lanier School pose at Disney World before a performance.

their challenges through creative self-expression," he said. "I believe that there is really only one ability needed to participate in music education, and that is the ability to feel. As long as the music can reach you through an effective response, then everything else is just accommodation."

For students who are unable to speak, DeVito programs music into a device which allows the students to select songs they prefer to hear. In some cases, instruments are also modified to accommodate the students. Students whose hands are too fragile to play bongo drums are given a specialized mallet to strike the drum with instead.

DeVito emphasized the importance of taking the students out into the community and allowing them to perform. Last school year, they became the first ensemble of disabled students to perform at Festival Disney, a music competition held at Disney World, where they received an Excellent rating.

In May, the group will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Staff members at Sidney Lanier have noticed the effect DeVito's music classes and teaching style have had on the students.

"Academics isn't a strong point for these kids, so it gives them a chance to do something positive," said Connie Lee, a teacher at the school. "It does a whole lot for their self-esteem."

She said that DeVito has been able to take what so many view as a negative and turn it into a positive.

"I mean, other parents get to go to baseball and football games to watch their kids," Lee said. "But these parents, well, they get to go to Carnegie Hall."

DeVito acknowledged that what he does isn't always easy, but that he wouldn't trade it for more conventional students.

"To me it's a challenge," he said, "and I absolutely find it to be a rewarding one."

SG bill may double fee to \$300K

By CAROLYN TILLO

Alligator Writer

Tonight's Senate meeting will feature the reappearance of a bill that would double Student Government's administrative fee to \$300,000.

The fee, taken from SG reserves, helps pay for services like the University Police Department, finance and accounting services, the UF General Counsel and Human Resource Services. The bill was introduced at last

week's meeting but was sent back to the Budget and Allocations

Committee after senators requested a breakdown of the fee.

Committee chairwoman Virlany Taboada said the fee increased because UF can't cover as much as it used to because of budget cuts.

"I think, for the most part, we've been paying a really small amount in comparison to the services we've received," Taboada said.

Last year, SG paid \$150,000 in administrative fees. Next year, the fee may increase to more than \$400,000, or 6 percent of SG's budget.

Orange and Blue Party Sen. Jon Ossip said he worries that, if SG agrees to pay the fee, there will be no limit on the amount of money the administration continues to request.

"The administration is essentially charging us to exist," Ossip said.

Ossip said he wishes senators could discuss the fee with administration representatives.

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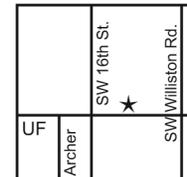
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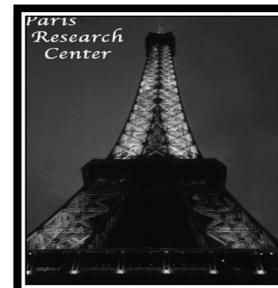
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Editorial

Bomb Bust

Regardless of outcome, UF should have sent alert

We've got a few bones to pick with university administrators after Monday's "bomb scare" in the Reitz Union.

UF failed to send a text message alert to students, despite the fact that portions of the Reitz Union parking garage were closed off and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office had to send a bomb squad robot to detect a potential explosive.

Just because the section of campus affected by the scare only "involved an area with a roughly 500-foot radius," is a text message not worth the safety of the students within that area?

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said that officials only use the system when there is a "credible threat that has the potential to affect the entire campus."

Orlando said UF did not send out a mass text message because officials did not see a clear threat to the university.

There was a bomb threat. On campus. At the University of Florida.

As students, we would rather see the university err on the side of caution and alert the student body when there's a potential bomb sitting near where we're enjoying our mid-morning MexiMelt from Taco Bell.

And what kind of fabric softener contains sand as a main ingredient?

ASO spokesman Art Forgey said that the two substances are fairly similar. Since when did Snuggle start using sand?

We were less than impressed with the bomb squad robot's performance, as well.

Not only did it incorrectly identify the substance in question, but it also dropped the powder-filled backpack, spilling its shady contents all over the Reitz Union parking lot.

Regardless of whether the backpack was filled with sand, fabric softener or Anthrax, if it takes a robot to detect its ingredients, it may be in the university's best interest to inform students next time.

From their perspective, we can understand if university officials don't want to inform students of every little thing that happens on campus to avoid crowds gathering and creating too much commotion.

But UF officials clearly thought this was a serious threat because they called the bomb squad to investigate. We agree that students shouldn't be told about every insignificant happening, but officials certainly didn't treat yesterday's bomb scare as a mundane occurrence.

We believe the text message alert system should be used to notify students and faculty of any events that may affect them. Although the Reitz Union occupies a relatively small physical space, it is one of the most heavily trafficked areas of campus.

Students fund the alert system, which costs about \$33,000 a year, according to Alligator archives. If students want to be notified of things like this, administrators should listen.

The university took the necessary precautions when responding to the possible threat, but forgot a vital part of handling an emergency: informing students.

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Column

Case against marriage equality faulty

Maine voters will go to the polls on Nov. 3 to vote on Maine's Question 1, a referendum that, if passed, will reject a state law that legalized gay marriage earlier this year. And through this prism, the refusal of Keith Bardwell, a Louisiana Justice of the Peace in Tangipahoa Parish, to sign an interracial couple's marriage license earlier this month becomes a lot more interesting, and not in a good way.

I know — some people are reluctant to connect the issues of gay equality and racial equality. But the juxtaposition of the two stories begs for comparison, and it's worth at least some examination.

According to an Oct. 15 article in the Hammond Daily Star, a local paper in the parish, Beth Humphrey, who is white, and Terence McKay, who is black, called Bardwell on Oct. 6 to ask if he would sign their marriage license. Bardwell's wife answered and, toward the end of the call, asked if theirs was an interracial relationship. Humphrey said yes and was told that Bardwell doesn't sign licenses for interracial marriages.

Bardwell insists that he's not a racist, telling the Associated Press that, while he doesn't "believe in mixing the races that way," he has "piles and piles of black friends."

"They come to my home, I marry them, they use my bathroom," he said. "I treat them just like everyone else."

According to Bardwell, the issue is that interracial marriages don't last long, and if such a marriage fails, the children from the marriage might have a hard time being accepted by either side of the family. Neither white society nor black society readily accepts children of interracial marriages, he said, and he doesn't want the children to suffer.

Bardwell comes across as — and I think this is more or less objective — a crazy old coot. Don Ellzey, the Hammond Daily Star reporter, managed to get a quote from Bardwell in which he says "99 percent" of interracial couples consist of a white woman and a black man, and he finds that "rather confusing" — a pretty inexplicable quote to give on the record, but not surprising coming from someone who ap-



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parently thinks the S.I. unit for black friends is the pile.

The response to Bardwell has been bipartisan — both Gov. Bobby Jindal, R-La., and Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., are calling for Bardwell's firing. Ostensibly, we should be able to dismiss Bardwell as a confused, bigoted noodle that somehow slipped through the colander of post-Loving

v. Virginia tolerance.

Except that Bardwell's "think of the children!" tack is being used, in slightly modified form, in Maine.

The Yes on 1 campaign in Maine has focused its efforts in trying to scare Maine voters into thinking that the legalization of gay marriage will result not just in the sanctity of marriage being "destroyed," but also in the "indoctrination" of school children on the subject of gay marriage.

This is all patently ridiculous, though. Maine Attorney General Janet Mills released an opinion saying that the gay marriage law would have no effect on school curricula and that Maine law provides for "accommodation" in cases where "course content conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs."

And there's no reason to doubt that, even if the subject of gay marriage were brought up in class, it'd be taught in an age-appropriate manner — the same way students learn about other non-traditional families, including those with, say, interracial parents.

Social change doesn't take place without meaningful conversations, nor should it. But shameless fear-mongering — the manipulation of the love and concern people have for their kids and grandkids — is wrong and mean-spirited. We can laugh it away when it's old man Bardwell, but for the couples in Maine whose dignity and love hangs in the balance of a ballot initiative, it's not really as funny.

Joe Dellosa is an advertising senior. His column appears on Tuesdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Would you have wanted to receive a text from UF regarding yesterday's bomb mix-up?

Monday's question: Did you go to Gator Growl?

36% YES
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Letters to the Editor

Public option strips freedoms

Matthew Christ's Monday column is a shining beacon of willful ignorance and shallow thinking.

Mr. Christ states, "It's a shame that politics is overtaking this country's best intentions once again." Imagine that. Politics means "many views" and reflects the fact that there are major factions in this country opposed on deep-seated principles. So he's surprised that people with opposing principles disagree and that they won't just — you know — agree already? Wow, what penetrating insight.

I reject most points of Democratic "health care reform," including the inclusion of a public option under the grounds that "you can either play the game or referee it, but you can't do both." You can't fairly compete with private businesses while telling them what they can and can't do, and all while not worrying about making a profit.

Finally, I reject the notion of health insurance as a right. All natural rights require nothing of your fellow man besides getting out of the way. The rights to free speech, bearing arms and a fair trial don't require a third party to bestow upon you a bull horn, rifle or suit for court. I know it feels really good inside to "care" about the less fortunate, but what you're doing is supporting tyranny by forcefully taking the product of my labor and giving it to someone else who did not earn it. Don't be shocked when I don't rush to embrace your attempt to strip me of more of my freedoms and property.

If Mr. Christ's column on Monday was representative of this generation's thinking, I weep for the future.

Rob Myers
Gainesville Resident



Alligator overreacted to Greek jokes

I understand the fact that many students did not get the inside jokes about certain Greek organizations spoken during the Weekend Update at Gator Growl, but from the editorial "Let the Greeks Growl," the Alligator seemed very upset by this. I actually thought that the members of the Alligator would love this part the most, seeing as they appreciate any jab taken at the Greek community.

The joke about Delta Upsilon changing

their Web site to WeRunNothing.com/trannies did not make sense to anyone in the stadium, but more or less everyone just laughed at the word "trannies," which I'm sure was insulting to the LGBTQ community. The only reason that I laughed at this joke was because of how absurdly ridiculous a statement it was — like most of the jokes in the segment — but not because it was true. These jokes about the Greek organizations on campus were not meant to be researched for credibility.

One last comment to be made is that while it is true that many Greeks helped organize this event, I being one of them, it was not another "Greek social" as the Alligator stated. It was a well-orchestrated event by all who were involved, and Matt Sloan deserves recognition for developing such a great show. The organizers of Gator Growl knew that the Greek community represents less than 20 percent of the student body, which is why less than ten minutes of the three and a half hour show was dedicated to Greek jokes. I just feel that the Alligator has overreacted about this one short segment of an event that is supposed to inspire and entertain all members of the Gator Nation. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, don't get me wrong, but remember that it is called "Gator Growl," not "Alligator Whine."

Matthew Panzano
President of Delta Upsilon



Crime not cool in real life

In response to "Jailed Gymnast: Lack of logic":

Alligatorists, not to play the "race card," but the whole rap-thug-\$\$\$-crime-bling-coke-pimp-crack "culture" has bred this culture of "crime is cool." And, while it may be exciting in movies, it's terrible for real life and the youth music culture. Role models?

Not to worry, the courts will probably go easy on Ms. Sinclair. It will be taken into account that she made it to college and was a star athlete. She'll probably get felony probation (which sucks) and it will put a big dent in her athletic aspirations.

Hangin' in the hood may be "Kool (and the Gang)" but it ain't too cool. Do ya feel me?

Peace convict,
Unanimous/Anonymous

Guest column

Health care not a right, shouldn't be mandatory

This is in reply to Matthew Christ's column, "Political gain halts health care reform."

"What took the greatest nation on Earth so long to finally make considerable progress in ensuring universal health care for its citizens? Why did Republicans and even moderate Democrats oppose the idea?"

First, let us put health care where it belongs. Health care is a service provided by a health professional that is then consumed by another person. To say that health care is a right basically says that the labor of another belongs to everyone just because they exist. Health care is correctly categorized as a need, along with housing and food, but by no means can be considered a right.

Also, considering we live in the United States of America, let us consider the Constitution, which restrains the federal government. Nowhere in the Constitution does it allow Congress to regulate health care. So health care is not a right, and the Federal Government has no authority to regulate it.

The legislation proposed would require that everyone (yes, everyone) buy a health care plan. In other words, the federal government would make you spend your hard-earned money, whether you want to or not. And if you don't comply, you will pay a hefty fine. It always amazes me that people continue to propose government as a solution to our problems. Government did

Daniel Morris
Speaking Out

such a great job managing our money (national

debt), running Social Security (broke), and running Medicaid and Medicare, why wouldn't we want that same government to break into the health care industry and show the private sector what real efficiency is all about?

But seriously, there are some reforms needed in health care. For one, tort reform would be a great start in lowering health care costs.

Two, decoupling insurance from employment would allow individuals to decide what insurance provider they wanted and promote competition between firms.

Three, allowing health insurance companies to move across state lines will increase competition so that free markets and some good 'ole competition will drive down costs and at the same time increase the quality of service.

But what are those future people going to think about us "ancients" when they discover that we put individual freedom and the Constitution before increased government power? Let me leave you with this quote:

"The finest opportunity ever given to the world was thrown away because the passion for equality made vain the hope of freedom." — Lord Acton

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A Gainesville CVS Pharmacy manager was charged with video

voyeurism after he admitted to using his cell phone to tape women in the store's bathroom Friday.

Jonathan Matheny, 27, worked at the CVS Pharmacy located on Southwest 34th Street and West University Avenue and told authorities he had captured footage of about 50 women over the last six months, according to GPD spokes-

man Lt. Keith Kameg.

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According to Kameg, police were contacted by a 28-year-old victim who said she became suspicious when she noticed Matheny leaving the restroom on her way in.

The victim looked around and

found a recording cell phone hidden under a pile of tissues, he said.

The woman confronted Matheny about the phone, but he denied knowing anything about it and told her he'd call the police, Kameg said.

When Matheny hesitated, the victim called GPD herself.

When police arrived, Matheny admitted to owning the cell phone

and confessed that he had been recording women for months, Kameg said.

Matheny's computer and cell phone have been seized by GPD and are being examined, he said.

Anyone who thinks she may have been a victim or may have any information about this should call Det. Randy Roberts at 352-334-2470.

Orlando: UF didn't text due to unclear threat

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this.

"With the terrorist levels the way they are now, you always have to err on the side of safety," Moran said.

Though the substance in the bag turned out to be sand, many students expressed frustration over UF's decision not to send an emergency text message notifying them of the situation.



Orlando

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said UF didn't send a mass text because there wasn't a clear threat to the campus.

"We use that system when there's a credible threat that has the potential to affect the entire campus," Orlando said.

Monday's situation didn't fit either of those criteria, he said.

UF also posted an explanation of its decision on its Web site.

"It is important to remember that the campus covers 2,000 acres and the incident Monday at the Student Union involved an area with a roughly 500-foot radius," the explanation reads.

Other students were a little peeved they couldn't access their vehicles in the parking garage.



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UF police officer Phil Clary tells a woman she must return to the South side of Museum Road as she attempts to approach the driveway to the Reitz Union parking garage Monday.

The garage was shut down from around 9 a.m. to around 3 p.m.

Aicha Ouzia, a UF German major, said she had been waiting for three hours to get to her car.

"I definitely want to go home," Ouzia said.

Soon after, police began escorting people to their vehicles.

Other curious students watched the scene from the grass across the street from the union.

Justin Brousseau, a UF civil engineering major, said he was killing time between classes.

"I decided why not just wait here," Brousseau said.

His girlfriend, though not quite as interested, was there as well.

"He's my boyfriend and he wants to sit here, so I'm obliging him," said Amanda Reilly, a UF electrical engineering major.

Alachua County rate below state level

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conomic times," she wrote in an e-mail.

Out of the 67 counties in Florida, Alachua County had the fourth-lowest unemployment rate after Liberty, Walton and Monroe counties.

The statewide economic forecast, however, looks grim. Florida's unemployment rate is 11 percent — the highest rate since October 1975, when the rate was also 11 percent. Out of a labor force of 9,193,000, more than 1 million remain jobless, according to the report.

Rust said the state's health industry is the only major industry in the state that is gaining jobs, which can be attributed to an aging population and the need for health care.

Other industries aren't doing as well. The construction industry suffered a loss of 14,300 jobs between August and September.

Mark Rush, an economics professor at UF, said construction industry's malaise is due to the side effects of the housing market collapse.

Rush agrees with Rust's assertion that governmental presence has had a profound impact on Alachua County's economic stability. Although he says he wouldn't be surprised to see the national unemployment rate, which currently sits at 9.5 percent, hit 10 percent, he believes that it will fall below 9 percent by next year.

"It's no longer a case of 'I've fallen and I can't get up,'" he said. "It's now a case of 'I've fallen and I'm starting to get up.'"



Courtesy of Bunim/Murray Productions

The cast of the 23rd season of "The Real World" poses in this promotional photo. Auditions for the reality TV show will be held today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Hooters, 3265 SW 34th St.

Auditions will be held at Hooters

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ager of the Hooters on Southwest 34th Street, said she is not permitted to disclose exact audition details, but she said Bunim/Murray Productions did not pay Hooters for the use of the location.

However, Hunter expects the casting call to bring increased business even with about half the restaurant's seating reserved for auditions.

"We're looking forward to [today's] events and showing everybody what we're all about and hopefully getting one of our locals on the show," Hunter said.

Everyone waiting to audition will be offered a Hooters coupon good for the rest of this week.

"Anyone waiting in line will have butterflies in their stomach, so they probably won't be thinking about beer and wings," she said.

Three Hooters employees are taking the day off in order to audition, and several others hope to have their shifts covered, too, she said.

Brooke Mulder, a student at Santa Fe College and a waitress at Hooters, plans

to audition after her class.

"I'm not really sure what I'm going to do," Mulder said. "I'm just going to go in there and wing it and be myself."

Furberg expects a crowd from anywhere to 200 to 500 people and 15 to 20 of those to receive call-backs tonight.

From there, applicants will have interviews via phone or Web cam.

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People from Gainesville and about 75 other cities can also apply via e-mail, but Furberg said that although he received about 20,000 e-mail applications, the in-person applicant pool is significantly better.

"Just be yourself. Certainly, be the best image of yourself," Furberg said. "Don't be hungover or exhausted. Just have fun."

Furberg pointed out an additional benefit to Gainesville's casting call location.

"I don't know if it's a coincidence, but we always end up with a cast member who works at Hooters," he said.

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10 Early late-night host Jack
14 ___-Bismol
15 It smells
16 Golden Fleece ship
17 Devoured every bit of
18 Coke or Pepsi
19 "Peter Pan" pirate
20 Suffering writer's block
23 Color gradation
24 "Days of ___ Lives"
25 One of the Musketeers
28 Paintings by dadaist Max
30 Really little
32 Sport ___: family vehicle
33 Is bratty
35 "Do it, or ___!"
36 Suffering writer's block
41 Open fields
42 Modeling session activity
43 Frequently, to a poet
44 Docking spot
46 Black Sea resort
50 Offers from a genie
52 Small bill
53 Favored student
54 Suffering writer's block
58 Pinza of "South Pacific"
60 Space-saving abbr.
61 Many sculptures
62 Parking lot fillers
63 Complexion problem
64 Krupp Works city
65 Decides
66 Letters after pi
67 Color-coded Monopoly cards

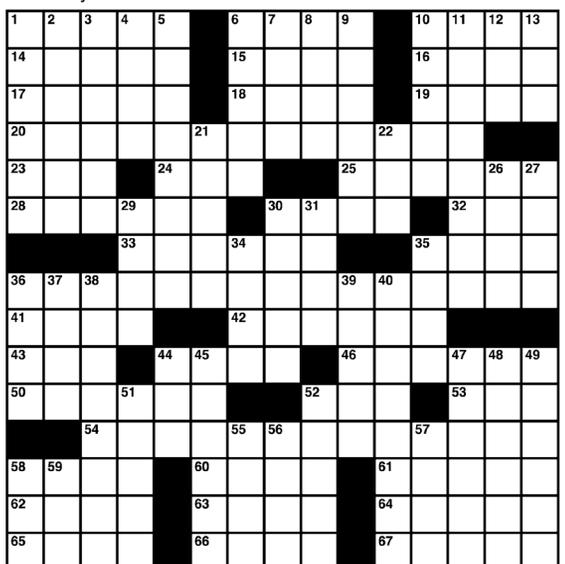
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1 Geronimo's tribe
2 Route around the construction area
3 Ancestors in Darwin's theory
4 Spitter's sound
5 Exceptional
6 Acquire, as liabilities
7 Cartoon flapper Betty
8 Maui, for one
9 Sailor
10 Carbo-loader's choice
11 Military mascot
12 It goes before beauty, so they say
13 ___ v. Wade: 1973 Supreme Court decision
21 Enthusiasm
22 Get too personal
26 "___ sin to tell ..."
27 Witnesses
29 Get fresh with
30 Henry Higgins, to Eliza
31 NYSE debuts
34 Apartment house manager, slangily
35 Periphery
36 Go with the ___
37 Strategy for reducing loan payments, briefly

38 Admits an embarrassing error
39 "Shrek" ogress
40 Obligated to repay a loan
44 Split ___ soup
45 "Cross my heart"
47 Few and far between
48 Became vaguely aware of
49 Diet guru who wouldn't have recommended
51 Reform Party founder Perot
52 Looks boldly at
55 Rash symptom
56 Prefix with second
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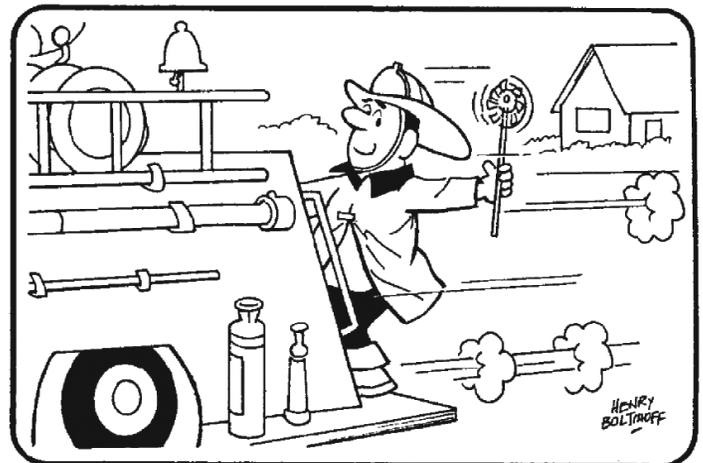


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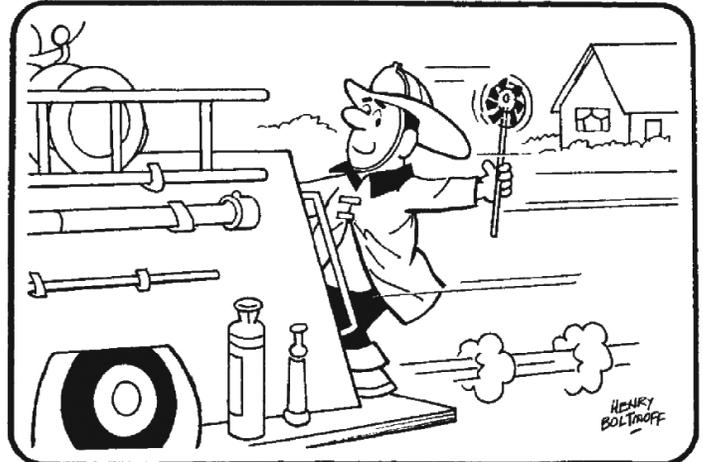
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SEC: No video evidence to back up personal foul

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Southeastern Conference says there's no video evidence to support the personal foul call against Arkansas' Malcolm Sheppard in the fourth quarter of the Razorbacks' 23-20 loss to Florida.

The penalty gave the Gators the ball on the Arkansas 10-yard line.

They scored on the next play on a Jeff Demps scamper to tie the game at 20.

Florida would go on to win 23-20 on a Caleb Sturgis 27-yard game-winning field goal.

Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long said Monday the school had expressed its concerns to the league. The league said schools can send in plays after each game for review.

The SEC said it told Arkansas "there was

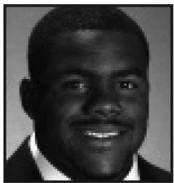
no evidence on the video to support the personal foul penalty."

It was the same group of officials that called the LSU-Georgia game earlier this month, which included a late unsportsmanlike conduct penalty the league said shouldn't have been called.



HEISMAN WATCH

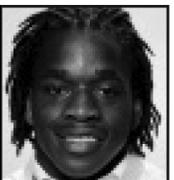
1 ▲ Mark Ingram (25 Pts) 905 rushing yards, 6.7 yards per carry, 8 TD, 19 receptions, 186 receiving yards, 3 TD



Ingram earns the highly prestigious honor of becoming the first player to be unanimously voted No. 1 in our AlligatorSports Heisman Watch. The sophomore rushed for 246 yards in Alabama's

20-6 win over South Carolina this week, and he has rushed for at least 140 yards in each of the last three games. Ingram went from a fringe candidate who received no votes from any of our panelists a week ago to the frontrunner.

4 ▲ Jacquizz Rodgers (10) 697 rushing yards, 5.4 ypc, 13 TD, 38 receptions, 269 receiving yards



Like Clausen last week, "Quizz" was off this week, yet moved up our rankings. Clearly, Kyle Maistri's push for the speedy running back was noticed by the other voters. He's no longer the top running back on our Heisman Watch, but he has also played one less game than Ingram. Oregon State takes on USC this week, and if Rodgers can duplicate the big game (213 yards from scrimmage, two touchdowns) he had last year in the Beavers' 27-21 upset victory against the Trojans, then he might give Ingram a run for the top spot next week.

Jessica Warshaver / Alligator Staff

2 ◀▶ Jimmy Clausen (12) 166.35 passer rating, 1,804 yards, 64.9 completion percentage, 14 TD, 2 INT, -49 rushing yards, -1.5 ypc, TD



Clausen and the Irish couldn't pull it out against the Trojans this week, but the junior quarterback logged a good game, especially in the second half. He threw for 260 yards and two touchdowns

and rushed for one more against a solid USC defense. Still, Clausen saw a significant drop in his total votes and needed a convoluted tiebreaker to hold on to his No. 2 spot.

3 ▲ Kellen Moore (12) 170.14 passer rating, 1,404 yards, 69.1 completion percentage, 16 TD, 2 INT, -9 rushing yards, -6 ypc



Moore has been extremely consistent for Boise State, even in a pretty unimpressive win over Tulsa. He threw for 187 yards and three touchdowns, while moving onto our top five for the

second time this season. Moore is one of three sophomores on our list and one of two left-handed quarterbacks. As long as the Broncos stay undefeated, Moore will continue to be in the mix.

5 ▼ Tim Tebow (9) 164.63 passer rating, 1,032 yards, 65.5 completion percentage, 8 TD, 2 INT, 378 rushing yards, 3.8 ypc, 5 TD



Tebow spent the first two weeks atop our rankings before finally dropping down the list. Back-to-back mediocre games against LSU and Arkansas have hurt the only senior on our list. Tebow is running too often, not finding open receivers often enough and turning the ball over at a very un-Tebow-like rate. Still, the Gators are undefeated and No. 15 has been good, but not great.

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- 1 Mark Ingram, Alabama
- 2 Kellen Moore, Boise St.
- 3 Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon St.
- 4 Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh
- 5 Tim Tebow, Florida

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UF pass game still searching for reliable third option

By **MIKE MCCALL**
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Finding a go-to receiver without Percy Harvin and Louis Murphy hasn't been an issue for Florida this season.

Finding a third option in the passing game has.

So far, tight end Aaron Hernandez and receiver Riley Cooper are responsible for 51 of the Gators' 94 completions, catching 54 percent of quarterback Tim Tebow's passes.

The lack of a third option could cost UF down the road, though coach Urban Meyer is counting on Deonte Thompson to fill that role.

"Well, Deonte has been hurt, and he would be up there," Meyer said. "Of course I would like to see four guys, and that's typically what we have. We have to get David Nelson involved more, and we tried to Saturday. But that's normal. I think every year we have had two or three guys at the top and then a smattering of other guys."



Football

Last season, Harvin, Murphy and Hernandez combined for 112 catches, 53 percent of the team's total receptions. Hernandez has picked up where he left off, snagging 28 passes for 360 yards and two scores, and he'll surpass his 2008 yardage output with just 22 yards Saturday at Mississippi State.

In Florida's toughest tests of the season, at LSU and against Arkansas, he has caught 13 passes for 162 yards.

Being the main target was a hard thing to imagine when Hernandez arrived in 2007 and was surrounded by Harvin, Murphy, Andre Caldwell and Cornelius Ingram, all of whom are in the NFL.

"I never really thought about it," Hernandez said. "I always wanted it to happen, but I knew the best athletes in

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UF tight end Aaron Hernandez has emerged as quarterback Tim Tebow's favorite pass catcher through the first half of the season. Hernandez needs just 22 yards to pass his total for all of 2008.

Addazio should be blamed for game plan, not execution

Somewhere between christening Mike DiFerdinando — our often overly optimistic friend and colleague — "Butters," and trying to fit our group dynamics into that of the wildly popular TV show South Park, it occurred to me.

Florida offensive coordinator Steve Addazio is Canada.

If you've seen the South Park movie, you're familiar with the parents' musical affront on our neighbors to the north titled "Blame Canada." They blame their children's foul mouths and general disrespect on Canada, the birth place



Kyle Maistri
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of controversial TV stars Terrance and Phillip.

In this post-Arkansas scare scenario, we need to just replace Terrance and Phillip with Timmy and Riley.

No matter what seems to go wrong on the field, Addazio draws the ire of fans and media alike.

The only problem is: This 23-20 of-

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL Murphy makes early impact

By **ADAM BERRY**
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Last season, Florida's frontcourt struggled to stay healthy and faced even more problems staying in shape.

Through the Gators' opening weekend of practice, coach Billy Donovan is already seeing a noticeable change in his big men, thanks to the preparation of his lone freshman post player.

First-year forward Erik Murphy will add some much-needed depth to UF's frontcourt this season, as Donovan expects the 6-foot-9, 217-pounder to primarily play power forward, occasionally slide over to center and make an immediate impact down low.

"Just based on what I've seen the first two days here, I'd have no problem put-

ting him in a game and playing him," Donovan said. "He is an offensive threat both inside and out."

In the Gators' first weekend of practice, Murphy's best attribute has been his conditioning — a direct contrast to how UF's

freshmen performed early on last year, when they couldn't even get back on defense during drills.

"I knew that would be a big help if I came down in good shape and was able to run and everything like that," Murphy said. "I was in the gym doing sprints, just working out every day."

Murphy worked himself into



Donovan

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TEERING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ The same people that brought the SuperSonics to Oklahoma City are moving the Detroit Shock to Tulsa. Do you think Oklahoma basketball fans would still take the Thunder if they knew it meant suffering with a WNBA team as well? ... The SEC apologized for the personal foul called on Malcolm Sheppard near the end of the Arkansas-UF game. These same officials called the LSU-UGA game, the Cavs-Magic 86-free throw Game 3, the 2002 Winter Olympics pairs figure skating finals, the Jeffrey Maier home-run call in 1996 and the 1972 USA-Russia Summer Olympics basketball game.

UF MEN'S HOOPS

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators open practice rusty

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**

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On edge, a little nervous and maybe even scared.

Those were the symptoms UF coach Amanda Butler saw in her new players on Friday when the women's basketball team had its first day of practice.

Not the case the second day. The players settled in, and they showed no signs of first-practice anxiety, but that's not to say the team was flawless.

"We've experienced some of that gladness, and then we've also experienced a lot of ugly moments as we start our practice too, which we knew was going to happen," Butler said.

Part of practice is finding out weaknesses that don't reveal themselves until players are able to play for extended periods of time as the season approaches. With two practices and a morning session under the team's belt, passing and rebounding seemed to be the two biggest concerns.

Freshman Tessah Holt remembered a lot of turnovers in practice.

"They keep how many turnovers each player has," she said. "The ratio wasn't that great."

The passing and rebounding kinks can be attributed to the mental toll practice takes on players, in addition to the physical wear and tear.

"Those are the two weaknesses that you'd expect to see, because they're so overwhelmed with how much they're trying to take in and learn that maybe some of these other details get overlooked a little bit," Butler said.

Butler made clear the coaching staff would not overlook the finer details.

The team wasn't helped by the absence of senior Jennifer Mossor, who sat out the first practice because of the flu, practiced partially in the second

session and participated Monday morning.

Senior Sharielle Smith believed the majority of the team's passing and rebounding hiccups stemmed from the lack of structure over the summer. During pickup games, the team doesn't have coaches around to critique and assess performances.

"That's all it is right now, just getting into the habit of having structure, having coaches around," Smith said. "I definitely think it's something within the next week we'll be over — that little problem of lacking the basics and fundamentals."

"Every year, we're supposed to be building off of what we did the year before."

Sharielle Smith
UF senior

Looking past the growing pains, Butler was pleased with select individuals' performance, including Ndidi Madu, Jennifer George and Jordan Jones.

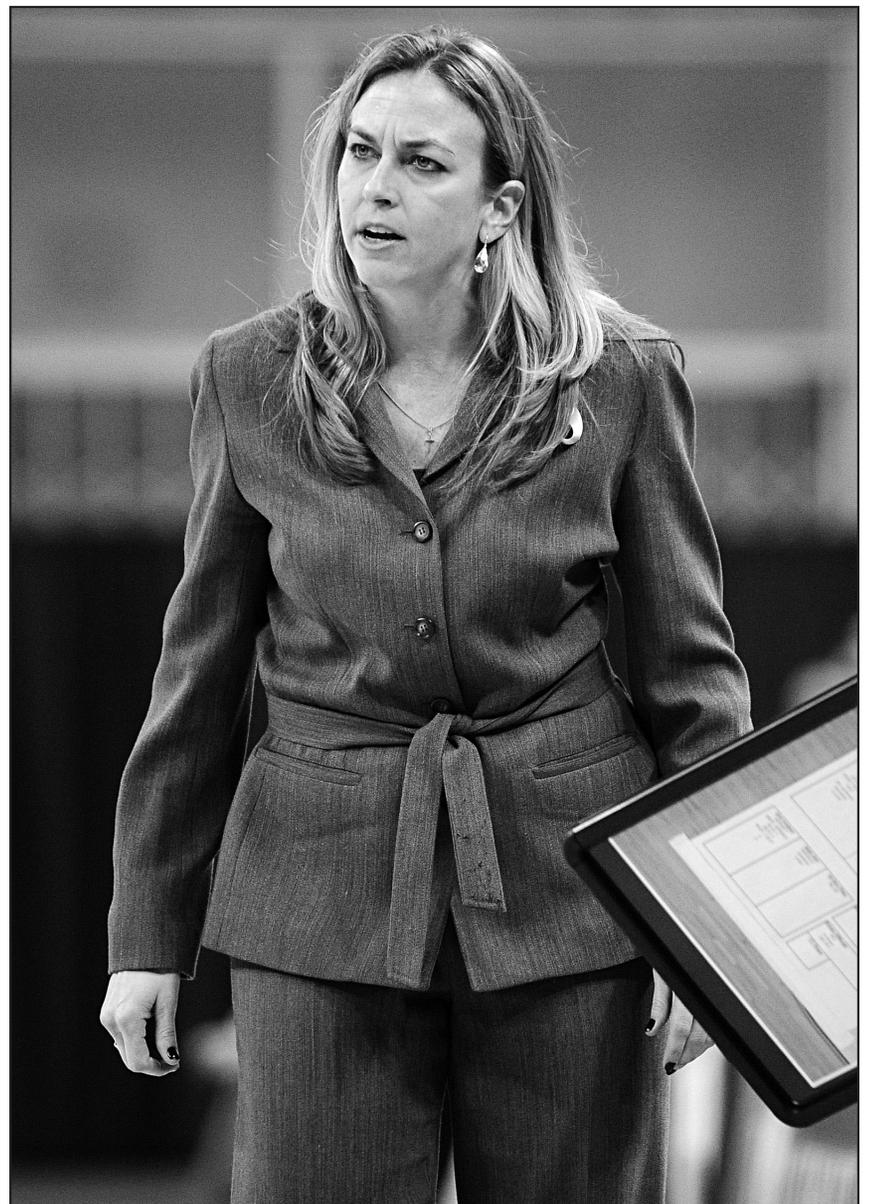
Madu has shown the potential to be a reliable force in the post this season, and George, a member of a highly touted freshman class, had strong days that reflected her physical strength on the inside.

The notion of playing after sitting out a year has sparked a competitive flame under Jones: the sophomore transfer hit a game-tying shot in a team scrimmage in the first practice.

Butler wasn't surprised by the standout individual performances, but more so the fact that some of the young players were challenging their older teammates in practice.

Smith noticed the heightened intensity in the opening practice versus practices in years past.

"Every year, we're supposed to be building off of what we did the year before," she said.



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UF coach Amanda Butler said she isn't surprised by some of the "ugly moments" the Gators have had since opening practice on Friday.

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6. Iowa	7	8	3
7. USC	4	4	11
8. TCU	8	7	8
9. LSU	9	10	7
10. Miami	10	9	13

Meyer: Tebow throwing where defense dictates

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the country come here. So if I have to play my role, that's all I have to do. My role is to some games have two catches and some games have seven. I just have to make a play every time."

Hernandez has been more toward the higher end of that range lately, and the reliance on him and Cooper



Hernandez

has sparked talk that Tebow is locking in on his top two targets too often.

Meyer disagrees with that notion, pointing to Tebow's 77-yard touchdown

strike to Thompson against Arkansas as evidence.

"Play structure and the defensive

call tell him where to go with it," Meyer said. "For example, Deonte Thompson had a deep defender blow the coverage, and [Tebow] hit him. That wasn't made to throw it to Deonte; the defense dictated that.

"That was the same exact play we threw to Aaron a few other times on that bender route. Same exact play. So it's not, 'Throw it to Aaron.' That's not how you do it, you read what the defense is doing."

Returning big men pushed in practice

HOOPS, from page 14

shape this summer before coming to Gainesville, and his efforts have paid off, allowing him to keep up with the Gators' more experienced players and create a level of competition that had been absent from UF's practices the last two years.

As a result, the Gators' returning players have been forced to improve in practice. Donovan specifically pointed out sophomore center Kenny Kadji, one of the freshmen who struggled to keep up in 2008. Last year, he was one of many lagging behind. Now, when Kadji can't keep up with Murphy or UF's other big men, he gets exposed.



Men's Basketball

"You need to have competition there. You need to have guys working," Donovan said. "You need to have guys who can sustain a level of intensity, and that's the one thing that's been good so far.

"We've had competitive practices because when we split up the groups as they've been split up, both teams have been able to compete with each other."

Although Murphy will likely see significant playing time this year, Donovan compared the freshman to former Gators forward Matt Bonner in that it could take a few years for Murphy to fully realize his potential.

"I would say Matt was a little further along on the perimeter, and Erik is probably a little further along in the low post than Matt was," Donovan said. "But he's going to evolve and develop into a very, very good player. I remember Matt's freshman year, I don't know how much he played, but it was a process for him."

Even without the comparison to Bonner, Murphy has his family's past on his side. His father, Jay, had a four-year stint in the NBA and played at Boston College, where he



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

Erik Murphy came to preseason practice in shape, which was not the case for UF's frontcourt in '08.

went up against Donovan's Providence team in college.

"I wouldn't say we were close friends, but as we started recruiting Erik, our relationship got closer during that process," Donovan said. "It was good to get reacquainted with him going through that whole process with Erik."

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ensive debacle doesn't fall on Addazio's shoulders, not entirely anyway.

Yes, the play calling continues to be uncreative and predictable.

Yes, Emmanuel Moody and Jeff Demps need more touches.

And yes, Omarius Hines should get a chance to show that he can be better than the warm body that some of the other receivers have been all season.

But the real problem Saturday was poor execution, not game planning.

The Gators fumble four times and Riley Cooper drops a perfectly thrown deep ball that would have went for a touchdown.

Blame Addazio!

Tim Tebow holds the ball too long, gets sacked six times and tucks it and runs 27 times.

Blame Addazio!

The defense lets up uncharacteristically big plays at crucial moments in the game.

Blame Addazio!

There's plenty that should be blamed on Addazio, but it's important that his players' lack of execution doesn't fall on the offensive coordinator's shoulders.

Let's not forget there was a similar public outcry about the ineptitude of former UF offensive coordinator and current Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen around this time last season, right before the team went on a scary-good offensive tear.

I certainly don't believe that will happen again this year, but let's give Addazio a little more of a chance to make the necessary adjustments before calling for his head.

Hopefully, he'll be able to identify that Arkansas and coach Bobby Petrino really focused on taking away the dive play that Addazio has run about 1.2 X 10^8 times in the last few weeks.

Perhaps, he can identify that Demps and Chris Rainey's games are predicated on speed, and there's no reason the offense can't attack off-tackle and on the edges with some regularity in the run game. Bring back the sweep plays that made the running game so explosive last season, and maybe even work in a little misdirection if you really want to get crazy.

Addazio also needs to find a way to put his receivers in a situation to succeed and make plays, even if that means taking his Heisman Trophy winner by the ear and letting him know that 27 runs is an unacceptable number. Keep your eyes down field and manipulate the pocket, Tim.

The offensive X's and O's haven't been perfect — or even very good at times — but it was 100 times better against Arkansas than it was against LSU.

Sure, Addazio and the offense went back to a gimmicky end-around play on a third and 1 (though Riley Cooper was not suppose to throw on that play) just as they did the week before, but Florida could have scored upwards of 40 points without the aforementioned fumbles and drops.

Against the Tigers, the Gators were probably still looking at putting somewhere between 20 and 30 points on the board even if everything went according to plan because of an embarrassingly conservative scheme designed to control the clock and lean on the defense.

If the team executes better and Addazio can make a few small adjustments, then I see no reason why UF can't have a big day against Mullen's Bulldogs this weekend.

If not: Blame Addazio!