



Jax cuts back on booze vendors for game

City will also increase number of police

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

year's UF-Georgia game safer for everyone. The city of Jacksonville will increase police presence and the number of sideline safety zones while some of the waterfront venues will cut back on alcohol sales.

"University of Florida officials, including President Machen and

Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin, were very concerned about the

State News safety of students and fans at a game that has had issues in

the past," UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said.

One venue in particular, The Landing, a waterfront complex of bars and restaurants, has worked to implement new safety measures for the game weekend.

Rachel Nudge, spokeswoman for The Landing, said that safety has never been a big issue in the complex before.

"That shows that we have to be

doing something right," she said.

However, she said UF officials approached The Landing and the city of Jacksonville with safety concerns.

The Landing decided to reduce its outdoor alcohol vendors by 50 percent and increase police presence by 25 percent. The sale of

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The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party is going to be a little bit smaller this time around.

UF has joined forces with Jacksonville city officials to make this

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Student's Web site promotes sharing

By **TIMOTHY TAYLOR and MELISSA PENDER**
 Alligator Contributing Writers

It's a red Troy-Bilt lawnmower with a Honda engine. It's self-propelled, has an automatic choke system, a hefty 21-inch blade, select-speed transmission and a three-year warranty. It's a lot of lawnmower. More lawnmower than Susan Lawrence said she could have ever afforded on her own.

Lawrence and her neighbor Shenley Neely, who both live in northeast Gainesville, used to own cheap lawnmowers that broke down often, so they pooled their money to buy a better one than either could have afforded alone.

"We would have never individually bought that quality of a mower. I'm on a tight budget," Lawrence said.

Alex Goldman, a UF graduate student pursuing a doctorate in sociology,

launched a Web site to help people share called Sharability.org.

The site offers everything from clothing and accessories to electronics, sports gear and tools.

Goldman said the goal of the Web site is to bring people together to share their belongings with each other rather than buying new ones and creating waste.

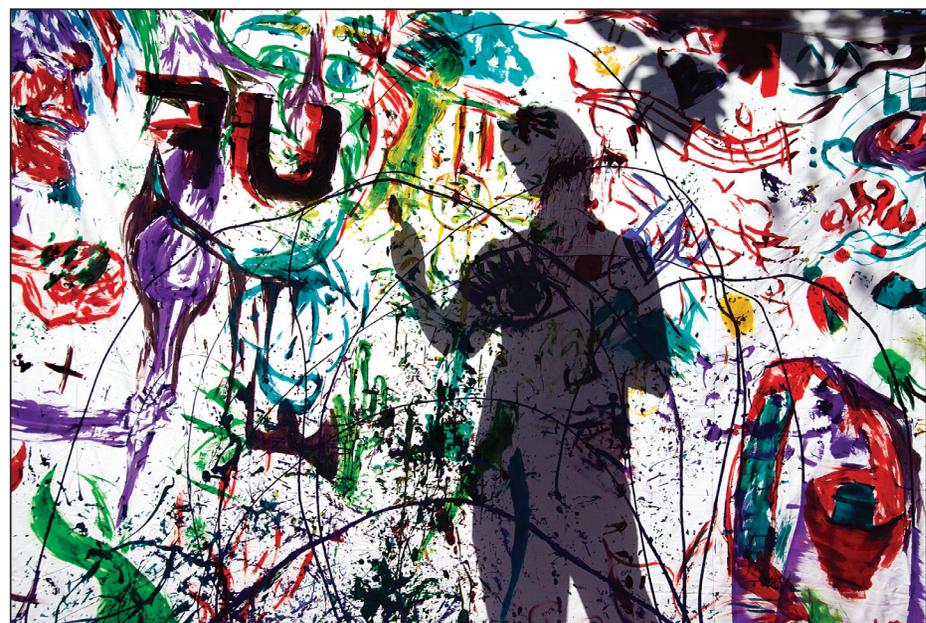
"There's a fundamental problem that many people have and that is the accumulation of rarely used stuff, so what I'm trying to do is provide them a way out of the trap of consumerism," Goldman said.

Individuals buy many things that they need to use but don't need to own, Goldman said, and once the item has been

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Goldman



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Painting on the Plaza

UF student Nicholas Cravey is silhouetted through a sheet he is painting on the Plaza of the Americas Tuesday afternoon. Cravey set up the sheet out of boredom and asked people on the plaza to join in painting it.

Man shot in face, drives to hospital; police nab suspect

■ **SUSPECT'S BOND SET AT \$60,000.**

By **ROBERT HARRINGER**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

At about 2 a.m. on Tuesday, Pablo Burgos heard a gunshot.

"About two minutes later I heard a guy screaming," he said. "He knocked at the door, and he said, 'Please help me. Please help me. I'm shot.'"

The man was Glenn Altman, 27, of 1410 NW 55th Terrace, who had been shot in the

face.

Burgos said he refused to open the door because he feared for his daughter's safety, but she called the police while Altman ran to another house.

The cops arrived a few minutes later and were searching for Altman when the Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a phone call from a hospital, which ASO would not name, saying a man with a gunshot wound to the face had driven himself there.

Deputies traced blood back to Altman's house, which was unlocked, to search for

"We definitely believe it was drug related."

Art Forgey
 ASO spokesman

other victims. Instead, they found a small marijuana growing operation.

"We definitely believe it was drug related," ASO spokesman Art Forgey said. "Whether it was a robbery gone bad or a disagreement over price, we don't have the specifics."

Information from Altman led police to the house of Nelda McNeill, 6416 NW 27th Terrace, where an Alachua County Sheriff's SWAT team questioned people.

At about 4:30 p.m., officers arrested Stephen K. McNeill, 20, and charged him with burglary and attempted murder. McNeill's bond is set at \$60,000.

Burgos, Altman's neighbor, was surprised but not worried by the shooting. After the blood was cleaned from his porch, he said, "This is a nice neighborhood."

Staff writer Katherine Bein contributed to this article.

■ **Omar Hunter** (right) has seen a lot of action for the first time in his career with multiple injuries at defensive tackle. The redshirt freshman has lost 35 pounds since last year. See Story, Page 15.



'True Life' star to perform stand-up, talk about Tourette's in Rion Ballroom tonight

Louis "Twitchels" Centanni, known for his appearance on MTV's "True Life: I have Tourette's Syndrome," will speak tonight at the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. The free show starts at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7.

Centanni, whose desire to become a comedian was documented on "True Life," will talk about life with Tourette's Syndrome and perform about half an hour of stand-up comedy.

He has appeared on "The Tonight

Show" with Jay Leno as well as an episode of "The Simple Life 3: Interns," on which Nicole Richie nicknamed him "Twitchels," according to his Web site.

The event is sponsored by Student Government's Disability Affairs Cabinet and Accent Speaker's Bureau as part of Disability Awareness Month.

For more information about Centanni, visit his site at laughterbylou.com.

— **THOMAS STEWART**

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"The EU, the Lisbon Treaty and the Irish Vote"

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

UF MEISA Meeting

Today, 6 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Interested in music? Want to learn more about the music industry while meeting other musicians? Come to the fourth meeting of MEISA — Music Entertainment Industry Student Association. The group will be finalizing its benefit show and brainstorming fall semester events.

Golden Key General Meeting

Today, 6:45 p.m.
MAE-A, Room 303
All members, initiates and interested students are welcome. Come learn about our upcoming events while enjoying free pizza and soda! E-mail aagazarm@ufl.edu with any questions.

Gators for HIV Education Movies Series

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

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Boob Cupcakes

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Turlington Plaza
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Police search for two who used counterfeit coupons

Police are looking for two people who used fake meal vouchers to score free food at the Hub Monday.

A man and woman paid for meals at Quiznos and Einstein Bros. Bagels with counterfeit vouchers similar to those given out in Preview sessions, University Police Department spokesman Capt. Jeff Holcomb said.

The pair went to Einstein just after 9 a.m. then headed over to Quiznos about an hour later, Holcomb said.

They gave the names "Gio" and "Valesca" to employees at Einstein, he said, though it's not clear if those are their real names.

And because the vouchers are worth \$8.25 a piece, the restaurants paid the difference in cash to the alleged food thieves, he said.

A total of three meal vouchers were used.

Holcomb said it wasn't clear what method they used to reproduce the vouchers but said each voucher had the same

identification number.

Police will examine video tapes from the restaurants in an attempt to identify the culprits, he said.

— THOMAS STEWART

SANTA FE COLLEGE

Three banned from campus for trying to take prank pics

Three Santa Fe College students with a boat and a blow-up doll were banned from campus over the weekend when they tried to shoot some prank pictures on Lake Alice.

The students also had candles, a lighter and beef kidneys inside the boat, according to police.

When first approached by police in front of KinderCare near Corry Village, the students said they were headed for the river.

With the boat sitting on the ground in front of them, police told the students there were no rivers in walking distance.

The students then told police they were headed for the Santa Fe River but later admitted they planned to take prank pictures on Lake Alice, according to a University Police Department report.

They were then banned from campus and told they would be arrested if they came back, so they loaded the boat back into their pickup truck and left.

— THOMAS STEWART

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For The Cure

Allison Megano, left, pies Ari Garay with a plate full of whipped cream after donating \$2 to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation Tuesday afternoon on the Reitz Union North Lawn. Garay and other sisters from the Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority held the fundraising event.

Students may pay for Reitz repairs

■ IT MAY COST \$42.5M.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

The Reitz Union needs renovations, and students may have to foot the bill.

Reitz Union Executive Director Eddie Daniels gave a presentation at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting about repairs and construction costs for the Reitz Union. Daniels said the repairs would rid the Reitz Union Hotel of asbestos and replace the plumbing waste lines and the building's lighting system. The project would cost about \$42.5 million over 15 years.

He said the money the union generates from sales and students' Activity & Service Fees, which are collected through tuition, wouldn't cover the costs.

Daniels said he plans to ask other areas of the university for money and mentioned possibly implementing a student fee to help cover the costs.

"We need money from somewhere rather soon," he said. "I'm going to be making this presentation every opportunity I get."

After Daniels' presentation, senators passed a bill increasing the administrative fee SG pays

to UF from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

The fee helps cover university services including the University Police Department, finance and accounting and UF Human Resource Services.

Earlier in the meeting former Progress Party Sen. Dave Schneider introduced Oscar Otzoy, a member of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Otzoy described the poor conditions and enslavement to tomato pickers face in Immokalee, Fla.

"And as farm workers we are united today, and we are struggling to make sure these types of abuses no longer happen," he said.

He urged senators to push Aramark to pay one more cent for every pound of tomatoes it purchases, which would boost the wages of Immokalee workers about 60 to 70 percent.

Otzoy's speech received a standing ovation.

The initial resolution supporting Immokalee workers was voted down in September, but Schneider said it will be reintroduced at next week's meeting.

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Libraries offer online alternative to books, movies

By ANNA QUINTANA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Chip Halvorsen remembers when borrowing an audio book from the library consisted of 16 cassette tapes.

Now books, DVDs and audio books are available online, and public libraries all over the country are transferring part of their collections from the shelves to the computer.

"It's pretty easy," said Halvorsen, who works in the eBranch Department at the downtown Alachua County Library. "You just download the software and choose from a selection that is constantly growing."

With e-books, libraries are trying to reach out to people who usually

won't visit the library and can borrow a book from home.

"It's a natural extension," said Daniel Barden, technical services administrator for the Alachua County Library District.

"Technology is moving that way. It makes sense to offer material online," he said.

However, downloadable media only makes up a small percentage of the total circulation in the district.

The Alachua County Library District reached 3 million books in total circulation for the last fiscal year, and digital books only account for about 10,000.

Digital books are borrowed just like print books — there are set numbers of digital copies, and people are put on wait lists if all the copies are

"checked out."

"We have to protect copyright," Barden said. "Publishers want to make as much money as possible, which limits the availability of certain materials, especially new books."

"Public libraries are the great equalizer. It's hard to beat the book."

Daniel Barden
county library employee

However, classics that are constantly on reading lists are always available.

One of the library's downloading systems, OverDrive, is compatible with the Sony Reader to download

books.

"I just bought the Sony Reader," Halvorsen said. "It is so thin and light, and I can have five books without the extra baggage."

A library card or e-card is all that's necessary to check out or reserve e-books online.

"Dan Brown's new book is available right now through e-books," Halvorsen said. "It's a long kept secret."

However, the library system is not compatible with the Kindle, the digital reader developed by Amazon.com.

"The Kindle is not library friendly," Barden said. "If Amazon opens up the Kindle, their profits would go down and that is something they do not want."

Many UF students also use online book services to get digital copies of their textbooks.

Alisha Wainwright, a UF senior, uses digital textbooks due to the economic advantage and accessibility.

"I do get headaches," Wainwright said, "but I don't have to carry heavy textbooks and can read it wherever there is wireless."

With the increasing use of e-books, some are worried about the demise of books and public libraries.

"I think it will just lead to a hybrid of formats," Barden said. "We are still a couple of generations until that 'Star Trek' environment."

"Public libraries are the great equalizer," he said. "It's hard to beat the book."

More mosquitoes, warmth bring West Nile to area

■ VIRUS TRANSMITTED BY MOSQUITOES, NOT PEOPLE.

Mother Nature threw another curveball at the human anatomy — elevated traces of the West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis have seeped into Alachua County.

The viruses, which are transmitted by mosquito bites, have been detected by numerous sources, said Paul Myers, the assistant director

of the Alachua County Health Department.

Indicators of the viruses' presence include chickens' blood samples that show traces, observations made by local veterinarians on horses and light traps baited with carbon dioxide that take mosquito counts.

Symptoms for diseases may include headache, fever, fatigue, weakness, dizziness and confusion. Myers said the viruses can only be transmitted from mosquito to person and not person to person.

Myers said that elevated trend, which was noticed in late September and early October, is a seasonal result of Florida's humid climate mixed with rain showers. He believes once the weather begins to cool, the viruses will subside but never

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go away. For now, Myers advises residents to cover up if they go out before dawn and after dusk and to avoid places where there are prevalent levels of stagnant water. Accord-

ing to Myers, one tablespoon of stagnant water is enough to attract 200 mosquitoes.

Although residents should be concerned about the viruses, Myers assures that it is far from reaching a pandemic level.

"This is definitely not something that should cause people to panic," he said, noting that more people die from lightning strikes in Florida than mosquito bites. "This is something that can be easily contained."

— CJ PRUNER

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW*

Lesson Five:
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When it comes to good things, there isn't much better than live music. But there is something better than being stuck in the back of a club next to that guy who looks like he's never even heard of the band and a girl who only came because of the guy. So here's a little secret: band equipment is heavy and there's a lot of it. Go early—as in really early, wait by the back door and when the band shows up, offer to lend a hand. They'll be grateful and you just might end up backstage. Best heavy lifting you'll ever do.

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City should serve liquor during pivotal matchup

Guzzling Gators and boozing Bulldogs will have to find new ways to get wasted at this year's UF-Georgia football game.

There will be fewer places to buy alcohol and more police patrolling the Jacksonville Landing during the iconic sporting event.

We have mixed feelings about this new policy. Increasing the police presence for the game is a great idea. The event has a nasty history of violence and has seen a handful of student deaths in the past few years.

It makes sense for the city of Jacksonville to take measures to improve safety for all in attendance, and upping the number of police by 25 percent is certainly a good start.

UF and Jacksonville will also increase the number of Sideline Student Safety Zones, which provide first aid, water, transportation and other services to students on Game Day.

However, we aren't quite so thrilled about the new alcohol policies that will be put in place this year.

The Landing will cut the number of alcohol vendors in half, and so-called "roaming shot" vendors will be banned entirely.

Excuse us, but isn't the event known as "The World's Largest Cocktail Party"? Oh, wait.

We don't believe the free flow of alcohol should be restricted for this event or any other. And especially not in Jacksonville.

Have you ever been to the Landing? Snooze.

Officials claim that reducing the number of alcohol vendors will help to improve traffic flow in the area. But the shortage of alcohol could actually make those areas much more congested.

It seems to us that people will find other ways of getting alcohol. They may simply move to the parking lot to drink.

Fans who suddenly face stricter rules on booze will just get drunk beforehand. Wouldn't it be much safer for people to get wasted in areas with increased police presence – such as, say, the Landing?

The UF-Georgia football game is by far the most important sporting event in Jacksonville this side of the Super Bowl. And it happens every year.

Restricting access to alcohol at the Landing will push people away from the area's bars and reduce the city's economic benefit.

The event is clearly very important to the city of Jacksonville. It's so important that city officials agreed to subsidize Georgia's travel expenses when the schools renewed their contract to continue playing the game in Jacksonville Municipal Stadium earlier this year, according to Alligator archives. The Bulldogs will have three chartered planes to fly them directly into Jacksonville, all on the city's dime.

City officials also agreed to drop the stadium rent to a ridiculous \$1 when the new contract was negotiated, according to The Florida Times-Union. They're obviously expecting some huge payoffs from the influx of economic activity.

The UF-Georgia game has a long-standing history of drunken revelry and obnoxious fandom. We believe that UF and the city of Jacksonville shouldn't fix what isn't broken and leave this Southern tradition alone.

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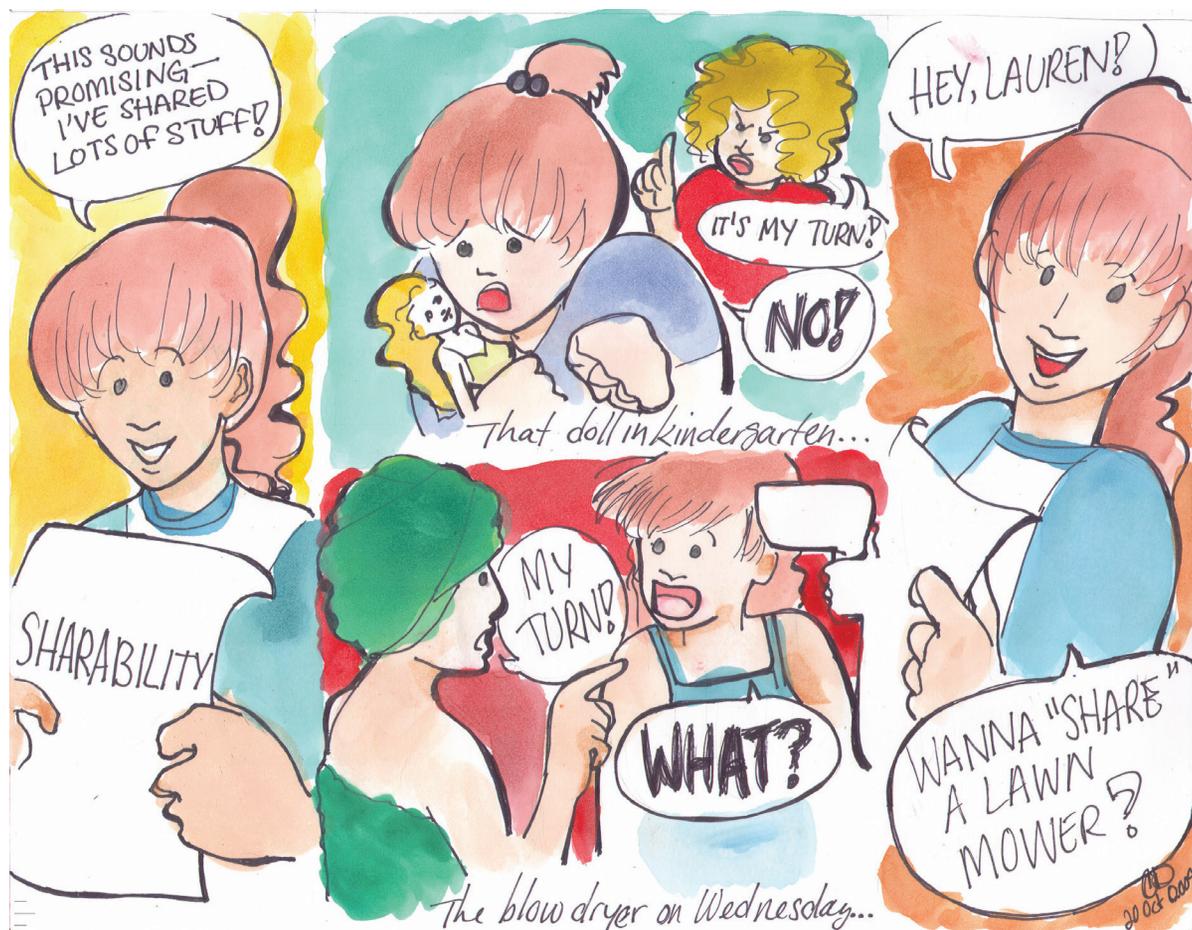
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Column

Loss of control can create obsession

Four years ago this week, my mom sent me a Halloween care package. It included Halloween decorations, a haunted house soundtrack for our dorm party and a tin of cookies.

I ate a few cookies for lunch. My roommate came back from class and noticed, after a while, that I hadn't gone to the dining hall for dinner.

"I hope you're going to eat something besides cookies," she said.

I said I was just leaving. So I took a walk around campus, calculating how long it would take for me to go to the dining hall and back.

While I circled the Reitz, angry at my roommate who made me do this, it finally hit me: I had a problem.

It might have become more clear to me if I had been sticking my finger down my throat in the bathroom. But I was just "eating healthy" and going to the gym.

Plus, smart girls didn't get eating disorders, I told myself. Those problems belonged to the bimbos barfing in the bathroom or skipping meals, I thought. I also was sure these people somehow made a conscious decision to enter the eating-disorder cult.

I've since learned that eating disorders are about control, and it's often well-educated perfectionists who succumb. Many never seek treatment or come to terms with their issues.

For me, extreme dieting started in high school to correct the one thing I thought was wrong with me: my weight. Everything else was already strenuously controlled. I got perfect grades, was hyper-involved and obeyed all the rules.

Then college came and threw everything out of whack. I got B's. I didn't know anyone. I wasn't sure about my major. Suddenly, my eating patterns were all I had to hold onto.

Part of me is reluctant to write this column. I worry it will be oversharing, or people won't think I had a "real" eating disorder.



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But that thinking is part of the stigma of eating disorders I want to dispel. There is no shame in having an eating disorder, and eating disorders encompass more types of behavior than starving or meal-purging at such extreme rates that people land in the hospital.

When I was restricting my eating and exercising for hours every day, I didn't reach a scary weight. My ribs weren't fully visible; I didn't have to shop in the children's section. The mind games I played were a different story. Every minute was consumed with thinking about what I would eat next. And whenever I failed, the feelings of worthlessness were overwhelming.

At UF, or any other top-tier university, we like to think our knowledge makes us immune. If we know the warning signs for something like an eating disorder, there's no way we can be vulnerable.

Unfortunately, this isn't only my experience. Since I started college, I've seen other people go through the same issues with eating.

College triggers control freaks, who are often the most successful people here. It's a high-pressure environment where it's impossible to be the best at everything. When people are determined to maintain control in uncontrollable situations, they often choose unhealthy solutions.

As midterms come to an end, think about how you're trying to control your life. If you have a problem, seek help — college makes things seem out of control, but it's also a great transitional period to ensure self-destructive behaviors don't ruin the rest of your life.

I told myself I was too smart to have an eating disorder. Being an overachiever only made me more susceptible.

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

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Reader response

Today's question: Will you still drink like a sailor at the Landing this year?

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

69% YES
31% NO
119 TOTAL VOTES

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Letters to the Editor

Time allotted in Growl uneven

I know Darts & Laurels doesn't come out until Friday, but I'd just like to give a spot-on-nail-on-the-head-explanation laurel to Delta Upsilon President Matthew Panzano.

I wholeheartedly agree with all of Panzano's arguments about why the student sketch segment of Gator Growl was entirely dedicated to Greek inside jokes. If you take a look at how Gator Growl is set up, it just makes sense to have the event represent the Student Body based on a proportion of demographic to time. O.A.R., for example, played an hour-long set, so clearly 33 percent of the Student Body are members or former members of O.A.R. Only then would O.A.R.'s current music resonate with their audience. Jabbawoockeez was, again, tailored to another demographic of the student community. The dance routine lasted about 15 minutes, so that means it was catered to the roughly 8 to 9 percent of students who are in hip-hop dance crews. Sorry Jabbawoockeez lovers, if you want a longer routine, you're gonna have to do some more recruiting.

To be honest, the Greek community deserved an even larger time slot not because of its demographic size but because of its ability to reach all members of the Student Body, something that O.A.R. and Jabbawoockeez could only do for about 42 percent of the people in attendance. I mean if everyone laughed at "trannies," imagine the sort of entertainment from an hourlong Greek routine.

It goes without saying that the "Greek time slot" was probably the best of the entire show. Not only did the Greeks use their allotted time to entertain the whole stadium, but they are perhaps the only group at Gator Growl to live up to "an event that is supposed to inspire and entertain all members of the Gator Nation."

Lian Han
4JM



UF handled bomb scare poorly

Yesterday I got a text from my brother saying, "Stay away from the Reitz Union today. There's a bomb threat there, and the bomb squad was deployed."

I make a daily stop at the Reitz to get a delicious sandwich at Orange & Brew, so I was legitimately frightened. I immediately checked ufl.edu, my e-mail, e-Learning and even the Reitz Union Web site, and there was not a single mention of a disturbance. Perhaps I'm overreacting, but I could have been walking directly toward a bomb. Would it have been hard for UF to say, "The Reitz Union parking garage will be closed until further notice"? I don't know the police department's policy, but I don't think deploying the bomb squad happens when there is not "a credible threat." So I ask what it would require for a text alert to be sent out because apparently the destruction of a building doesn't qualify as a threat to the entire campus.

Even if you don't send out a text, it is still irresponsible that the university made no attempt to inform its students. Perhaps an e-mail: For your safety, the Reitz Union parking garage will be closed until further notice. Or do e-mails also only get sent out when the entire campus is threatened? Because the University Police Department sent out an e-mail about the "mobile masturbator"; apparently indecent exposure is a greater threat than a bomb. You may think I am overreacting, but my faith in UF keeping me safe has been thoroughly shaken.

Burton Hohman
Murphree Hall



Government should require health care

In response to the letters today regarding health care, I think it is unfortunate that some think this way. What about children — do they not have a "right" to health care? They can't go out and get a job, and often their parents won't spend money on something that is not mandatory. They would rather go to the emergency room uninsured, and guess who pays the bill for them? We do with our hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

It would be more expensive to continue the way we are going. If health care is not made more affordable or even mandatory, then people will just opt not to have it. We mandate that drivers must have an auto insurance. How do you feel when you get hit

by an uninsured driver? It makes me angry. Well that must be how doctors and hospitals feel dealing with the uninsured. People will spend a small fortune on cigarettes or alcohol before they would ever buy health insurance for them or their kids.

Oh and what about the people who want insurance but just can't afford it? They need an affordable alternative. Trust me, the insurance companies are even worse than the government because they charge so much for premiums and take billion-dollar bonuses while the taxpayers pay the cost of the uninsured. They are looking out for our interests less than the government. I agree with a government health care plan that will compete with private insurers and get as many people insured as possible for a more affordable cost.

David Silba
Gainesville resident



People entitled to health care

Government's *raison d'être* is to be of the people, by the people and for the people. This is a core tenet of our republic. When the people wanted safe food to eat, the government provided it through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Then the people wanted a safe workplace, and the government gave them one through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Now the people want health, so it is time for the government to give it to them through a public option.

Health insurance companies as they exist now are merchants of death beholden to the interests of Wall Street, and you can be certain Wall Street is not interested in your health or well-being. What it is interested in are profits, and the way health insurance companies make those profits is to deny you as much care as possible. For every dollar Americans pay in premiums, as much as 20 cents goes to operating costs and profit. Compare this to Medicare, which spends about 3 cents of every dollar on operating costs with nothing taken for profit. The private insurance company is taking almost seven times as much of your premium, which could be going toward your health

care payment. Anybody who opposes a public option is either in the pocket of the health insurance industry, or he or she feels that killing his or her fellow Americans in the name of Wall Street returns is as American as an apple pie. If you don't want blood on your hands, call your representatives and demand a public option.

Joseph Trimboli
UF student



Current health system worth fixing

I would like to respond to the opinions in the Alligator that show a bias against health reform. And ignoring the likely possibility that these gentlemen watch Fox News, I'm going to try to debate with them rationally. First of all, studies show that 45,000 people are dying otherwise avoidable deaths every month based on the simple fact that they don't have health insurance. If that isn't worth fixing, I don't know what is.

Now that that is out of the way, I would like to shoot down all of Daniel Morris' so-called "solutions" to our health care problems. One: tort reform. As Morris so eloquently put it, the federal government has limits on what it can and cannot do. Tort reform can only be handled on the state level because accident compensation varies widely across jurisdictions.

Two: decoupling insurance from employment. This is also known as the Wyden-Bennett bill, and it was shot down by both Republicans and Democrats. Why didn't I see your Alligator response when that was being fought over?

Finally: allowing insurance companies to travel across state lines. Dumb idea. Regulations on insurance differ from state to state. Open up state lines, and every insurance company is going to move to the state with the easiest regulations.

Sure our health insurance will be cheaper, but it will also be worthless because our insurance will simply be able to deny us coverage whenever it feels like it. Not exactly reform I can believe in.

Francisco Sotomayor
UF student

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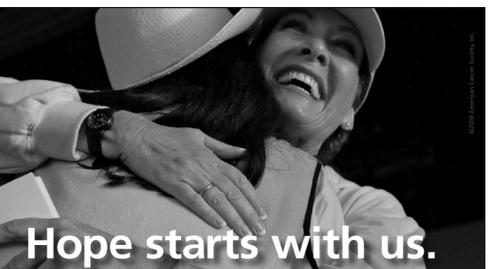
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Prof discusses Bible's role in history

By **NICOLE LYNN GREINER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Although parts of the Bible may have been used to calm the masses in the past, it's becoming more of a touchy subject for political figures to use today.

"The way Martin Luther King [Jr.] and Abraham Lincoln used the Bible shows how much good can be done when using the Bible in public life," said Mark Noll, history professor at the University of Notre Dame, to a crowd of about 300 students and faculty at the University Auditorium Tuesday night.

Noll went on to discuss Lincoln's use of the Bible in his second inaugural address and King's use of the Bible during his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

The effectiveness of King's and Lincoln's speeches was not necessarily because the audience was uniformly Christian but because of the moral persuasion behind the words of Scripture, Noll said.

UF's Department of History brought in a series of lecturers to discuss how public demonstrations of faith are increasing in society while the general understanding of religion is decreasing, said Andrea Sterk, associate professor in the department.

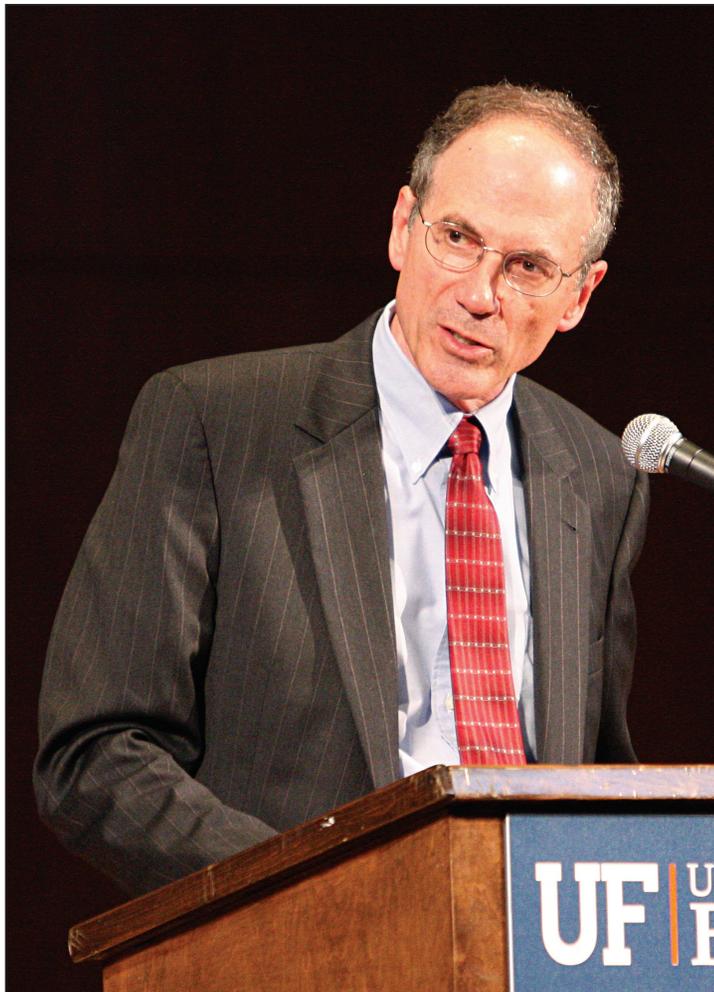
The lectures focus on Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Noll said the Bible has decreased in its persuasiveness over the years partly because of the number of versions there are. He said that years ago the King James Bible was universally recognizable.

He said the Bible should be employed humbly and wisely.

"The Bible is definitely a force to be reckoned with that is ingrained in society," said Brandon Blake, a UF graduate.

Nina Caputo, an associate professor in the Department of History, said the lectures were funded by outside grants, adding the overall cost for each lecture was about \$3,000.



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator Staff
Mark Noll, a history professor at the University of Notre Dame, speaks at the University Auditorium Tuesday evening.

Residents may pay for damage

■ A FLOOD CAUSED \$150,000 IN DAMAGES TO RIKER HALL OCT. 10.

Riker Hall's third-floor residents may have to shell out \$3,000 each in damages after the building flooded Oct. 10.

Mason Reuter, residence life coordinator, said current estimates for the damages are about \$150,000.

According to Reuter, the flood was the result of a person or group of people who were playing with a ball in the hallway of the third floor that hit a sprinkler head and caused the water pipe to break.

Mason said students unable to pay the fees would probably have a hold placed on their record, which can keep them from registering for spring classes.

Matt King, a freshman living on the third floor of the building, said he has a meeting with Reuter to discuss the incident.

King said Reuter is conducting individual interviews with third-floor residents to figure out what happened.

King borrowed a camera from a friend so he could videotape the aftermath of the flood.

"Unfortunately, it didn't look as dramatic because by the time we got up there (the third floor of Riker Hall), they were cleaning it up," King said. "But some people's rooms looked pretty bad."

— REBECCA MARTINEZ

A Friend Dies. Who Cares?



Toxic drinking is an epidemic on campuses all across America.

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Goal is to promote safety at game

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roaming shots has also been eliminated.

Nudge said the new measures aren't necessarily being implemented to reduce alcohol consumption but to reduce foot traffic and keep the crowd moving.

"We just wanted to promote a safe atmosphere," Nudge said.

UF junior Hailey Zielinski said she understands that people drink and some rules are going to be broken, but she hopes that students behave responsibly this year.

On the night before last year's game, Zielinski and four of her friends were driving back from a Halloween party when their car was hit head-on by a drunken driver. One of her friends was killed, and everyone else was seriously injured.

"I'm really, really hoping that everyone is safe this year," Zielinski said.

According to Nudge, the vendors at The Landing must take classes

from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco where they will be trained to identify fake IDs and determine when someone has had too much to drink.

Nudge said division officers have always been present at The Landing during that weekend, but there will be more of them this year.

"They will arrest you for underage drinking. They will ticket you," she said.

State News

UF junior Jordan Ball, who will celebrate his 21st birthday that weekend, said the increased security and fewer vendors may take away from the fun of the event.

"It certainly makes it more difficult for me to do what I wanted to do," he said.

Nudge said everyone will still be able to have a good time, just in a safer environment.

"It's a fun attraction," she said. "It's a party, and we just want to make sure everyone is safe and stays safe."

Site flags users who don't contribute

SHARING, from page 1

bought and used once, or at the very least infrequently, it sits unused in homes, garages and storage spaces.

"It's the idea of balanced reciprocity," Goldman said, "and my argument is that sharing is a really good way to create fundamental economic efficiency."

Jeff Ferrell is a professor of sociology at Texas Christian University and a visiting professor of sociology at the University of Kent in England who studies sharing networks.

"I can say with full certainty that there has been a clear resurgence of sharing since the economy has gone bad," he said in a telephone interview.

He said there are many varieties of sharing networks cropping up all over the U.S. and other countries as well.

"I've seen it in London, I think it's happening in a lot of places," he said.

People have started to use the Web site, but Goldman said there is a long way to go before it is at the level he wants it to be. The

hardest part is getting people to take the time to post their belongings.

"I have to convince people who already own cool stuff that sharing it with others is worth their while," Goldman said.

"It's the idea of balanced reciprocity, and my argument is that sharing is a really good way to create fundamental economic efficiency."

Alex Goldman
UF graduate student

He said that people who don't share as much as they borrow will be flagged as "moochers."

According to Goldman, even though he hasn't researched the legalities of it, his Web site might even provide some legal protection for people who loan items, in that there would be an electronic record of the loan.

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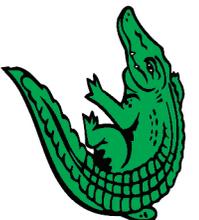
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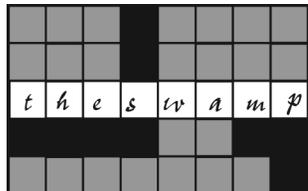
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 - 5 Benchwarmer
 - 10 Dull
 - 14 Spiritual guide
 - 15 Pageant trophy
 - 16 Tot's first word, often
 - 17 Electrical worker's action
 - 20 Stuff to capacity
 - 21 Like the healthiest corned beef
 - 22 White House advisory gp.
 - 23 "Don't tase me, ___!"
 - 24 Discount retailer's action
 - 32 Virginia, for one
 - 33 Sits on the sill, as a pie
 - 34 Absorb, with "up"
 - 35 Exaggerated publicity
 - 36 Type of servant or engineer
 - 37 Ready for picking
 - 38 "You ___ here": mall map words
 - 39 Arrested
 - 40 Parson's home
 - 41 Feuder's action
 - 44 In the past
 - 45 Actress MacGraw
 - 46 Traffic jam causes
 - 50 Toronto skyline landmark
 - 54 Accused speeder's action
 - 56 On a single occasion
 - 57 Two-time U.S. Open winner Fraser
 - 58 Opposite of aweather
 - 59 "The ___ the limit!"
 - 60 Freezing cold
 - 61 Bakery offerings
- DOWN**
- 1 Bilko and York: Abbr.
 - 2 Subtle emanation
 - 3 "True ___": John Wayne film
 - 4 Rotate face-up, as one's palm
 - 5 Pain in the side
 - 6 Movie
 - 7 Tabloid
 - 8 Russia's ___
 - 9 America's pastime
 - 10 Key of Beethoven's Ninth
 - 11 Distance divided by time
 - 12 Gremlin and Pacer
 - 13 Capital of Thailand?
 - 18 Out of fashion
 - 19 Time irregularities, in sci-fi
 - 24 Prefix with foam
 - 25 Boutonniere site
 - 26 Cupcake topper
 - 27 Spanish sweetheart
 - 28 Continuing to operate
 - 29 "Of Thee ___"
 - 30 Thicket
 - 31 Olympics sword
 - 32 Peacock Throne occupant
 - 36 Challenging the rapids, maybe
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 - 40 Poly- equivalent
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 - 43 Went on a tirade
 - 46 Corp. money bigwigs
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 - 49 Dagger of yore
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DT sees more time due to injury on line

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coach Mickey Marotti to get in playing shape for this year.

With starting nose tackle Lawrence Marsh out with an ankle injury, Hunter's hard work has begun to pay off.

Along with Terron Sanders, Jaye Howard and Brandon Antwine, Hunter has worked his way into the rotation at defensive tackle.

Against Arkansas last Saturday, Howard was also held out with an injury, forcing Hunter to play the majority of the snaps alongside Sanders.

"It was great to be around those guys, playing with the defense and being part of (the) team," Hunter said.

Meyer and McCarney heaped praise onto Hunter for getting himself in good enough shape to play for the entire game, something he never would have been able to do a season ago.

In addition to cutting weight, Hunter has gained a reputation as one of the most coachable players on the team, earning him the respect of his teammates.

"There's not a play where he doesn't ask for somebody's help," Sanders said. "He comes to me and asks about a play, or he goes to coach Mac, or he goes to Lawrence Marsh. He's trying to learn as opposed to people hoping that it comes to them. He's out there wanting to get better."



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UF defensive tackle Terron Sanders has also played a key role in the Gators' rotation.

Former teammate dealing with similar issues at Temple

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(9.7 per game) and made (6.8).

Carmel Bouchman, one of Tishman's teammates on Israel's under-18 national team, is going through the same process after signing on to play at Temple this summer.

"A lot of times, they're around professional teams or around club teams or around national teams, so there's a series of checklists the NCAA has to

go through to make sure he's clear and he's eligible," Donovan said. "We're just waiting for the NCAA to finish up their due diligence on what they've got to do to declare him eligible to play."

Men's Basketball

When Tishman is cleared to play, he will help shore up the Gators' depth at point guard.

His court vision and ability to dis-

tribute the ball have drawn comparisons to former Florida ballhandler Nick Calathes.

"He's got the real Euro game. He'll get in the lane and make one of those real fancy passes like Nick used to make," forward Chandler Parsons said. "I'd say he's real crafty and just a great passer."

"He can chip in, for sure. I feel like he's a good player. He's smart. He's a pass-first guy. The guys love to play with him."

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PUSH (MATCHBOX TWENTY): Since taking over at South Carolina in 2005, Steve Spurrier has averaged 7 wins a season. Is this the year the Gamecocks finally get over the hump?

ARE YOU GONNA GO MY WAY (LENNY KRAVITZ): Vanderbilt is 2-5, and another bowl appearance would go a long way in recruiting. But with games against Florida, South Carolina, Georgia Tech and Tennessee still to play, it doesn't look good for the Commodores.

ONE (U2): Alabama jumped Florida and landed at No. 1 in the AP poll on Sunday. Are the Crimson Tide the nation's best team?

GIVE IT AWAY (RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS): Ole Miss quarterback Jevan Snead was being talked about as a Heisman Trophy candidate before the season started. But through six games, Snead has thrown 9 picks.

BETTER MAN (PEARL JAM): No one expected much from first-year Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen. But the Bulldogs already have wins against Jackson State, Vanderbilt and Middle Tennessee and nearly upset LSU. If Mullen can pull off another win or two, he'll have MSU fans forgetting all about Sylvester Croom.

YOU GET WHAT YOU GIVE (NEW RADICALS): Auburn coach Gene Chizik gave Gus Malzahn the keys to the Auburn offense, and the Tigers haven't looked back. Auburn won its first five games, the same number of games Chizik won in two seasons as coach at Iowa State. The Tigers now boast the nation's eighth-best offense (464.9 yards per game).

DON'T LOOK BACK IN ANGER (OASIS): Everybody's has pretty much written off LSU after its loss to Florida. But the Tigers still control their own destiny in the West. If they win out, they will play in the SEC Championship Game.

FLY (SUGAR RAY): Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett has proven to be the perfect fit for coach Bobby Petrino's offense. Mallett has let the ball fly this year, leading all SEC quarterbacks with 1,646 passing yards, 14 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

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Hunter steps up at tackle

■ HE IS IN BETTER SHAPE THIS YEAR AFTER LOSING 35 POUNDS.

By **KYLE MAISTRI**
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For Florida's Omar Hunter, less is more. The redshirt freshman is coming off his most productive game as a Gator, logging six tackles including two for a loss.

The difference for the 295-pound defensive tackle? The weight he isn't carrying.

"He put himself in a position, because he worked so hard in the offseason, to get in shape for probably the first time in his life," defensive line coach Dan McCarney said.

"He's in really good shape now. He was in ridiculous shape last year at this time."

Hunter came to UF with enough hype to merit coach Urban Meyer calling the nose tackle the Tim Tebow of his recruiting class.

Unlike Tebow, Hunter didn't experience success right away.

He battled through ankle and elbow injuries for much of the early part of the season, and ultimately, it was a bulging disk in his back that put him on the shelf for the year.

"I came (to Florida) in decent shape and then when I got hurt I got in really bad shape because I wasn't able to run or anything," Hunter said.

He ballooned to 330 pounds and had to work hard with strength and conditioning

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UF defensive tackle Omar Hunter had a career day in Florida's 23-20 win over Arkansas on Saturday. The redshirt freshman had six tackles, including two for a loss.

Rating the SEC at halfway mark

If there's one thing I've learned, it's that 90's rock music holds the answers to virtually all of life's most important questions.

So let's take a look at how things in the Southeastern Conference are shaping up at the midway point in the season:

SEMI-CHARMED LIFE (THIRD EYE BLIND): Florida may be No. 1 in the first BCS Poll, but there are plenty of question marks staring at the Gators after narrowly escaping against Arkansas on Saturday.

With linebacker Brandon Spikes sidelined with a groin injury at the moment and limited options in the passing game, the road to Pasadena is looking a little bumpier than everyone thought.

HEY JEALOUSY (GIN BLOSSOMS): You may hate him. You may love him. But Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin is going to be hanging around for a while. Kiffin agreed to a new contract Tues-



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day that will pay the coach \$14.25 million over the next six seasons.

EVERYBODY HURTS (R.E.M.): With starting quarterback Mike Hartline out with an injured MCL, no one gave Kentucky much of a chance against Auburn this week. But the Wildcats pulled off an improbable 21-14 win with backup quarterbacks Morgan Newton and Will Fidler under center.

SLIDE (GOO GOO DOLLS): A 4-3 start for Georgia, including a 26-point loss at Tennessee, has the Bulldogs faithful wondering if coach Mark Richt might be better off coaching elsewhere.

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tishman still not cleared

By **ADAM BERRY**
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It didn't take Billy Donovan long to change his opinion of Nimrod Tishman.

After setting relatively low expectations for Tishman at the team's media day last Thursday, Donovan said the freshman was a pleasant surprise through the team's first weekend of practice.

"When a guy comes in from overseas where the game and the pace is a little bit different — it's a faster pace here — and they have a hard time adjusting," Donovan said Monday. "But he's been pretty good. I think he feels comfortable with the game going up and down the floor."

Donovan's initial evaluation of Tishman was that he would not be a "major contributor" this year, but rather someone who could fill in for a few minutes to give guards Erving Walker and Kenny Boynton some rest. Based on Donovan's comments Monday, it seems as if the 6-foot-5 guard might play a bigger role if needed.

"I was really worried about stamina with him coming overseas, the pace of practice," Donovan said. "He's done a pretty good

job. He's a really good passer."

Tishman still has not been cleared to play for the Gators, but he has been practicing with the team. Donovan said there have been no signs Tishman won't be ruled eligible, and the NCAA Clearinghouse should complete the process by Florida's first game of the season.

The NCAA has to make sure Tishman has adhered to its amateurism rules and is eligible to compete at the college level, which Donovan said is made more complicated by the fact that there is no direct parallel to college basketball in Europe. This leads many European players to play for club teams, as Tishman did with Maccabi Tel Aviv, and their national teams.

Tishman led Israel with 18.3 points, 2.3 assists and 2.3 steals per game in the European Under-18 Championships this summer. He also showed an impressive ability to get in the lane and draw fouls, leading the entire tournament in free throws attempted



Tishman

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UF BASKETBALL NEWS

■ The inaugural students-only Rowdy Fest will be held today at 6:30 pm in the O'Connell Center. The event will serve as a tip-off party for the season, and coach Donovan and players will be in attendance. The first 500 get free pizza.

POLL RESULTS

Previous question:
What was UF's worst loss since Tim Tebow took over as the team's starting quarterback?

	Percent (Votes)
Ole Miss '08	34% (127)
Michigan '07	29% (109)
Georgia '07	24% (90)
LSU '07	9% (33)
Auburn '07	4% (20)

379 TOTAL VOTES

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

UT gears up for another matchup with AP No. 1

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin says the AP Top 25 has it right — Alabama, not Florida, is the No. 1 team in the nation.

He's practically an expert. By vaulting over the Gators into the top spot in The Associated Press poll, the Crimson Tide set up the Vols' second game against the No. 1 team in the nation this season.

"I think one poll got it right," Kiffin said. "If you watch football and pay attention, I don't think there's any doubt who the No. 1 team is. Alabama has a great team — very well-coached, extremely talented, great special teams, great on offense, great on defense."

The Gators are ranked second in the AP Top 25 but first in the USA Today coaches' poll and Bowl Championship Series standings.

Kiffin said it's hard to draw many comparisons between the two teams besides talent. Alabama favors size, Florida relies on speed.

He said the Crimson Tide (7-0, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) is a more complete team and says the teams' games against Arkansas reveals Alabama's strength. The Tide beat the Razorbacks 35-7 on Sept. 26 and the Gators narrowly beat Arkansas 23-20 on Saturday.

"While they're both great teams, one team kind of beats you in all three phases:

Alabama," Kiffin said. "The other team will beat you at times but then a lot of times nobody's open and the quarterback runs around, makes the play. These guys are much more balanced."

The Vols (3-3, 1-2) lost 23-13 at Florida Sept. 19, when the Gators were No. 1. The fact that Tennessee was competitive when much of the football world predicted a Florida blowout coupled with a big win over Georgia in its last game, gives some Vols players hope.



Kiffin

"We let one slip by against Florida, but we've put that behind us now, because we have another opportunity," guard Vladimir Richard said. "If we would have just corrected a few things, we'd have won the game. So now we're like, 'Let's

not come in Sunday ... and say the same thing."

A win by the Vols could mean redemption on several levels. It would be Tennessee's third all-time win over the top team and would snap a two-game losing skid against its biggest traditional rival.

Tennessee is the first team to play No. 1 twice in the same season since Baylor and Texas Tech in 2000 played both Nebraska and Oklahoma. In 1992, Arizona beat No. 1 Washington 16-3 (Nov. 7) after losing to No. 1 Miami 8-7 (Sept. 26).

NBA refs likely to OK proposal, start season

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NEW YORK — The NBA's locked-out referees could be back on the floor in time for the regular season.

The league has made a new proposal, and a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press it will be recommended for approval to the referees on Friday. The person, who requested anonymity because the negotiations are ongoing, said it's "highly likely" they'll be on the court for next Tuesday's season opener in Cleveland.

The breakthrough in the labor dispute came Tuesday, after a meeting that included commissioner David Stern and referees union negotiator Lamell McMorris — who had both previously withdrawn from the process.

"I think it's great," players' association director Billy Hunter said. "We'd welcome them back."

Neither the NBA nor the National Basketball Referees Association would comment on the progress in the talks.

The contract between the league and the union expired Sept. 1 and the sides have been unable to reach a deal, though

they were close a couple of times. The league has been using replacements of officials in the preseason, and they have been criticized for the high number of fouls called in the games.

After multiple breakdowns in the talks — one when the referees agreed to a deal in principle but then rejected it — the NBA seemed set to open a season with replacement officials for the first time since the 1995-96 season.

But progress apparently came with the return of Stern and McMorris, who met Tuesday in New York. Stern had moved himself in early September when

McMorris criticized his behavior after abruptly ending a meeting the referees' negotiators had traveled to league headquarters for.

McMorris then pulled out late last month, after the union's executive board originally voted to recommend the approval of a proposal from the league, but the full membership rejected it.

The sides agreed long ago on salary issues, in which the referees would get a minor raise in the second of a two-year deal, but remained apart on the league's proposed changes to the referees' pensions and severance packages, as well as a plan to develop younger officials.

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