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# Shelter forced to limit holiday meals

■ **ST. FRANCIS HOUSE MUST ADHERE TO 130-MEAL CAP.**

By **ERICA JOHNSON**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

For the first time in nearly 30 years, Gainesville's St. Francis House will have to slash the number of meals it serves on Thanksgiving and Christmas from more than 400 to 130.

Staff and volunteers found out Oct. 21 that the cap would be enforced for the holidays this year after the city commission received an anonymous e-mail about the high number of people served on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Until now, St. Francis House staff believed holiday meals were an exception to the rule, according to St. Francis House executive director Kent Vann.

"This year, the city has decided that this limit applies to holiday meals even though, for some reason, they have

never enforced it up to this point," he said. "It's just a requirement we have to meet, but we just aren't really sure why."

According to Gainesville spokesman Bob Woods, the limit was designed to weigh the negative impacts of the work St. Francis House does against the benefits.

"What city government is supposed to do is address the needs of the community while still respecting the rights of the property owners,

who don't always see things the same way," Woods said. "People sometimes forget that even though St. Francis House is doing a great job, property owners also have rights."

Woods said the City Commission didn't know about the shelter breaking the cap until it got the e-mail.

While Vann said he was unsure exactly what St. Francis House would do,

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# UF sees rise in campus burglaries since 2007

By **LAURA MONTALTO**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's campus burglaries have more than tripled from 2007 to 2008.

The University Police Department reported 41 burglaries in 2008, while only 13 were reported in 2007.

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and Marston Science Library had the most burglaries in 2008, according to recent crime statistics released by UPD.

Campus residential areas saw an increase too. While no burglaries were reported in 2007, there were 12 cases documented in 2008. Among the most burglarized were the Keys and Springs residential complexes, according to UPD's annual "UF Together for a Safe Campus 2009" newsletter.

Although dorms haven't been the most targeted areas, electronics, com-

puters and books were reported stolen.

Offices have also been burglarized, Lt. Robert Wagner said.

"The economic strain and the recession are two reasons that there has been an increase in these burglaries. Because people are finding it harder to make ends meet, they turn to other modes of financial gain, such as crime."

**Pablo deJesus**  
 UPD officer

"Most of the time there is no forced entry, which means the burglars usually had access," he said.

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Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

## Modern Movement

UF dance students perform Tuesday night in a dress rehearsal for "Away We Fall," the fall Bachelor of Fine Arts Dance Showcase. College of Fine Arts students perform in the show, which runs Thursday through Sunday in the Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion. For a preview of the performance, visit [alligator.org](http://alligator.org)

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Sens. support workers' rights

By **CAROLYN TILLO**  
 Alligator Writer

A group of about 20 students, some holding signs with slogans such as "We want fair food and justice for all," urged senators at Tuesday's meeting to show their support for a resolution advocating a pay increase and better treatment for Immokalee workers.

A resolution is a piece of legislation that states the Senate's opinion but takes no action.

The resolution passed 57-19. Immokalee workers pick the tomatoes used by Aramark, UF's food provider.

The resolution was supported by members from all three parties.

It encouraged Aramark to meet with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to negotiate a wage increase and a contract that would guarantee human rights for the workers by setting oversight agencies in the farm fields to ensure abuses

aren't occurring.

A similar resolution advocating for the workers was presented last month, but it didn't pass. Unlike the previous resolution, the new resolution will be sent to the Office of the Vice President of Business Affairs, Gator Dining Services and student governments of other state universities.

Richard Blake, a member of the Student Farmworker's Alliance at UF, said the wage

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## ■ Quarterback

Tim Tebow (right) and the Gators have been able to move the ball down the field but have struggled to finish off drives with touchdowns in the red zone this year. See Story, Page 15.



## Nordic countries top gender gap index again; US drops to 31 on list

NEW YORK — Women remain far behind men in economic and political power, but the Nordic countries come closest to closing the gender gap, according to a survey of 134 nations released Tuesday.

The four Nordic countries — Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden — have topped the Global Gender Gap Index since it was first released in 2006 by the Geneva-based World Economic Forum.

They did so again this year, but Iceland

replaced Norway at the top of the list with a score of 82.8 percent, meaning it came closest to 100 percent gender equality.

Two African countries — South Africa and Lesotho — entered the list of the top 10 countries for the first time while four others remained, New Zealand, Denmark, Ireland and the Philippines.

The United States dropped from 27th place to 31st place in the rankings.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Free Your PC**  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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Bring your laptop. Florida Free Culture will install free anti-virus and your choice of other useful software.

**Kaleidoscope Month presents Mr. and Mrs. AASU Pageant**  
Thursday  
Reitz Grand Ballroom  
K-Month is a monthlong celebration of Asian-American awareness through events and forums. The pageant will showcase many hidden talents and aspects of the culture. Come learn about a different culture and its traditions.

**International Medical Outreach's Skate Station Fundraiser**  
Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Skate Station Funworks, 1311 NW 76th Blvd.  
Help us help others. Skating, skating equipment rentals, a full arcade and use of batting cages is \$10. All money raised will go toward funding a medical mission trip this spring break to Peru.

**Pre-Fest Show**  
Thursday, 5 p.m.  
1982 Music Venue  
Kick off your Fest weekend at 1982. Come out and see Young Livers, Bridge & Tunnel, Landmines, O Pioneers!!!, North Lincoln and more.

**"Contradictions of Islam and Secularism in Turkey"**  
Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Pugh Hall Ocora  
Talk by Jenny White of Boston University for the Center for European Studies series entitled Turkey & the West. Turkey is a radically secularist state with a

## FORECAST

<b>TODAY</b>  <b>THUNDER STORMS</b> 87/69	<b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>THUNDER STORMS</b> 88/97	<b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>PARTLY CLOUDY</b> 88/67	<b>SATURDAY</b>  <b>SUNNY</b> 87/65	<b>SUNDAY</b>  <b>PARTLY CLOUDY</b> 82/60
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long history of rule by a military and industrial elite. The Muslim government has been aligning Turkey's laws to those of the European Union as part of its intensive campaign to gain membership.

**RUB Entertainment Presents "TRUE BLOOD" Marathon**  
Thursday, 8 p.m.  
Orange & Brew  
Craving some blood? Come enjoy the FREE screening of two episodes of HBO's monster hit "True Blood," part of RUB's Halloween Bloodsucker's Bash. Must be 18 or older to attend due to mature content. Visit [union.ufl.edu/rub](http://union.ufl.edu/rub) for more information.

**Florida Education Association Meeting**  
Nov. 3, 7 p.m.  
Terrace Room  
FEA will be hosting an Arts in the Classroom Workshop. Those who attend will learn fun activities that incorporate dance, drama, art, music and cooking into their curriculum. There will be food and fun giveaways. Contact Laura Roberts at [laura.roberts@ufl.edu](mailto:laura.roberts@ufl.edu) with any questions.

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And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to [bkelly@alligator.org](mailto:bkelly@alligator.org) with "What's Happening" in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-

sentence synopsis of the event. Make sure all submissions are formatted properly.

## UF ADMINISTRATION

**Nursing dean to stay at UF**  
The dean of UF's College of Nursing won't be leaving for Georgia after all.

Kathleen Long, one of three finalists for the Georgia Southern University presidency, lost the job to Brooks A. Keel, an administrator and professor at Louisiana State University, according to a release.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia made its decision on Monday, the release stated.

Asked if Long is considering any other jobs, Tracy Wright, spokeswoman for the nursing college wrote in an e-mail: "Dr. Long is very happy with her role as Dean of the College of Nursing and as an Assoc[i]ate Provost at UF. At the moment she has no plans to seek alternate positions." Long has been the dean and a professor in the nursing college since 1995.

— THOMAS STEWART

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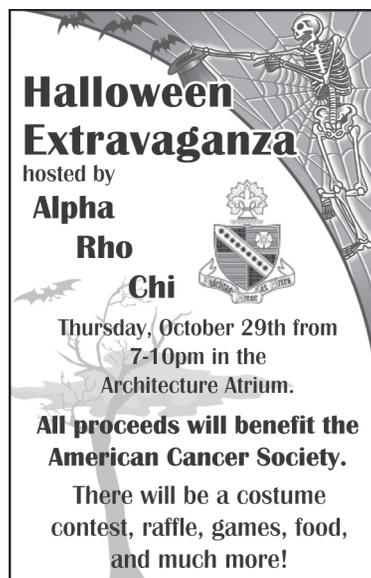
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# Class studies link between environment, crime

## GPD is overseeing the students' projects

By **ALEXANDRA LAYOS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Local criminals may soon find their jobs harder.

This semester, an urban and regional planning class at UF is working with the Gainesville Police Department to make burglary more difficult through changes in the environment.

"Criminals want to remain anonymous," GPD Lt. Art Adkins said. "If you can eliminate the hiding places — the areas where they may conceal themselves — then they're not going to commit crime."

Changing the environment to eradicate crime is known as crime prevention through environmental design, referred to in Europe as CPTED.

UF urban and regional planning professor Richard Schneider has worked with the Gainesville police on community-related crime prevention projects over the past 15 years, often involving his class.

However, Adkins said this is the first time they've made it a

structured endeavor. When Adkins brought up a more formal partnership, Schneider described it as an "Aha!" moment.

"This was another opportunity to collaborate on a project that benefits the students and both institutions as well as the wider Gainesville community," Schneider said.

His class, Defensible Space and CPTED in Urban Design: Planning for Crime Prevention, consists of 21 graduate and undergraduate students who were divided into teams and assigned to study sites around Gainesville including housing areas and restaurants.

The students were given information for each site, including crime incident reports, photographs and access to crime mapping files, and they studied the inside and outside of the buildings. They took photos and measurements and talked with the management of each business or recreation site.

Adkins said that the students are looking at four basic things: lighting, traffic flow, ambush points and shrubbery.

Buildings and surrounding ar-

chitectural features should be well-lit, human traffic should be kept to specified areas and hiding places such as crevices between walls should be avoided.

Shrubs should be no higher than 2 feet so that officers on patrol can see over them, and trees should be trimmed to hang no closer than 6 feet to the ground so police can see under them.

**"It's a fundamental way of learning by doing. Further, students like projects with 'real world' connections and especially those that can make a positive difference in people's lives."**

**Richard Schneider**  
UF urban and regional planning professor

During nighttime visits, students are accompanied by Cpl. Audrey Mazzuca.

"We don't like them going places at night. They may set off an

alarm, or people may think they're burglarizing," she said. "When I go with them at night, it's just to have that law enforcement presence."

When the research is complete, students will make recommendations to the business owners on how to make their properties safer.

Adkins said he would also like the class to create a template of the process so officers have examples of what can be done to increase safety in different situations.

"That's why we chose three different kinds of places," he said. "Our long-term goal is to make everyone CPTED compliant."

One student is also working to change the city ordinance to require business owners to comply with crime prevention through environmental design.

Schneider said the experience benefits his students in many ways.

"I think getting students out of the classroom to actually see the linkages between theory and practice is essential," he said. "It's a fundamental way of learning by doing. Further, students like projects with 'real world' connections and especially those that can make a positive difference in people's lives. I believe

they remember the work — both the theory and practice — for the rest of their lives, which is more than the residual of lots of other academic work."

On Oct. 20, the students presented their initial findings and recommendations in class to Officer Derek Tirado. The final presentation to business managers, owners and residents will take place Dec. 1.

Adkins said the officers are all impressed with the students' work and see them more as partners than students.

"They meet over here from time to time," Schneider said. "We turn our DataTrac room over to them. We want to welcome them; they're our partners, and they do a fantastic job. I greatly rely on their input and their recommendations."

Adkins said that he hopes to make the partnership long term.

"With the fiscal constraints with our budget right now, we're not going to get any more officers," he said.

"Partnerships like the one we have with Dr. Schneider's class are not only a good idea; they are essential for us to continue our current level of service."



Danica Spears / Alligator

### House of Cans

UF freshmen Jamie Longville, left, and Stevie Scheller, right, decorate a miniature wooden house with cans Tuesday morning on the Reitz Union North Lawn. They are members of Habitat for Humanity, which gave away sodas to raise awareness for the campus organization.

## UF to test texting system, hopes for better results

■ THE MESSAGE SHOULD ARRIVE WITHIN MINUTES.

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
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UF will test its emergency message system at noon today with hopes of a smoother run than last time.

In a summer test, it took more than an hour for some people to receive text messages on their phones.

Kenneth Allen, UF's emergency management coordinator, said that needs to change.

"The results last time were unacceptable to the university, and the vendor agrees with that," Allen said, referring to ConnectED, which handles UF's text messaging service.

He said the system was tweaked after the last test, and UF expects messages to be received in a matter of minutes this time.

In previous tests, it has taken between five and six minutes for texts to be sent.

Today, UF will send texts and e-mails to about 65,000 students and employees.

Notices will also be posted on UF's Twitter and Facebook pages, directing people to the UF Web site.

Allen said everyone is encouraged to save the number 23177 to their contact lists as "UFAlert" so they can recognize the messages easily in the future.

He also said UF stands by its decision not to send an emergency message after last week's scare at the Reitz Union parking garage.

## UF admissions joins Twitter

### The account is UF's 25th

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
Alligator Staff Writer  
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UF added yet another Twitter account to its arsenal Monday.

The new admissions office account puts the number of total accounts associated with UF at 25.

UF was recently found to have the most Twitter accounts of any school in a study by Universitiesand-Colleges.org.

The study also found UF third among the schools for most tweets a day, with an

average of 45.8.

In addition to the Twitter account, the admissions office added a Facebook page, UF spokesman Steve Orlando said.



Orlando

Orlando said the goal of the accounts is to help people become better informed about the admissions process and develop a connection with the office.

The Facebook page, he

said, allows people to contact admissions officers directly with questions, instead of calling or e-mailing.

As a result, he said, UF hopes students are a little less anxious about applying to the university, though he doesn't think it will affect the number of applicants.

All the different types of social media come with a potential downside, Orlando said — the possibility of fake accounts.

It hasn't been a problem yet, he said, though UF has experienced problems in the past with false information being added to its Wikipedia page.

## ON CAMPUS

# Court clears UF in Christian frat case

By **THOMAS STEWART**

Alligator Staff Writer  
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A federal appeals court dismissed a case on Tuesday brought by a Christian fraternity that clashed with UF after it was not allowed to select members based on religion.

The fraternity, Beta Upsilon Chi, also known as BYX, wanted to accept only Christian members, but UF told the group that was a violation of university policy.

The group filed suit in July of 2007, but UF changed its policy in January and asked the court to dismiss the case, which it did on Tuesday.

The court ruled that the issue was no longer relevant because UF had already changed its policy to reflect the group's wishes.

In an e-mailed statement, Jason Hoyt, executive director of the national chapter of BYX, said he was happy with UF's policy change but wished the court would have ruled against UF and set a precedent that would have to be recognized by other universities.



Sikes

Nevertheless, he said he hopes other universities will take heed.

"Our hope is that the University of Florida's reversal will serve as a model for other universities and institutions who discriminate against people of faith," the statement read.

Jacob Frye, the president of UF's chapter of BYX, referred comment to a spokesman.

A request for comment from the group's attorney was not returned Tuesday afternoon.

Janine Sikes, UF spokeswoman, said UF is pleased with the court's decision.

"The court recognized that UF proactively changed its student organization registration policy," Sikes said.

Sikes said a number of other universities have also changed their policies to allow student groups to discriminate based on religion, including the University of North Carolina, Arizona State University and Ohio State University.

In addition to BYX, two other student groups had been denied the ability to register with UF as a result of the old policy.

Gator Christian Life and Kappa Upsilon Chi, another Christian fraternity, were also sent letters in January telling them they could register again.

# Sexy event provides condoms

More than 100 stopped by

By **MARISSA GAINSBURG**

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Reitz Union North Lawn invited sexy back Tuesday.

Sex on the Lawn, an annual sexual health fair hosted by VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, offered students a chance to learn about safe sex practices through games and sexy "Jeopardy!"

"Sex on the Lawn is our largest and most visible event to get people interested in sexual education," said Megan Frazier, president of VOX.

"Sexual health is a really important issue. You need to learn about it before you come to college, where, let's face it, there are STDs rampantly running around."

**Gaby Likibi**

UF anthropology student

Though the day started off slowly only bringing in about 20 people during the first hour, by the end of the event, more than one hundred people visited.

The event featured a condom race (where blindfolded students had to put a condom on a dildo), sexy "Jeopardy!," sexy dice trivia game, "Nookie with Natalie," which was a Q-and-A session, and reproductive anatomy coloring pages — a new addition this year.

"Education is our goal, but we take a fun approach," Frazier said. "We play games and engage the students so that they can learn things without feeling like they are being taught."

Visitors received prizes and free food for their participation in the games, and VOX offered free condoms to people passing by.

Planned Parenthood also provided free HIV testing inside the Reitz Union.



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator Staff

Psychology majors Stephanie Pila and Rachel Benjamin and environmental science major David Diaz grab free condoms from the VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood table at the Reitz Union North Lawn on Tuesday afternoon.

# Calif. town rattled by alleged rape of 15-year-old girl

■ AS MANY AS 24 PEOPLE WITNESSED THE RAPE WITHOUT NOTIFYING AUTHORITIES.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Calif. — The gang rape and beating of a 15-year-old girl on school grounds after her homecoming dance was horrific enough. But even more shocking, police say, was that up to two-dozen people watched and did nothing to stop it.

The attack over the weekend rattled this crime-ridden city of 120,000 in the San Francisco Bay area, where one police official called it one of the most heinous crimes he has ever seen. Some students have already left the school in response to the attack.

"It's not safe there at all," said 16-year-old Jennie Steinberg, whose mother let her transfer out of the school Tuesday. "I'm not going back."

The victim, a sophomore, had left the dance and was drinking alcohol in a school courtyard with a group when she was attacked, police said.

Two suspects were in custody Monday, but police said as many as seven ranging in age from 15 to mid-20s attacked the girl for more than two hours at a dimly lit area near benches Saturday night. As many as two-

dozen people saw the rape without notifying police.

Officers found the girl semiconscious and naked from the waist down near a picnic table. She remains hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

"This was a barbaric act. I still cannot get my head around the fact that numerous people either watched, walked away or participated in her assault," Lt. Mark Gagan said Tuesday. "It's one of the most disturbing crimes in my 15 years as a police officer."

Gagan would not comment on rumors that observers took video of the attack on cell phones and may have posted it online.

Manuel Ortega, a 19-year-old former student, was arrested after trying to flee the scene. He is being held on \$800,000 bail for investigation of rape and robbery. Attempts to reach Ortega at the jail Tuesday were unsuccessful.

A 15-year-old student also was booked late Monday on one count of sexual assault, Gagan said.

Late Tuesday, SWAT teams were preparing to make more arrests as police are also offering a \$20,000 reward they hope will bring more people forward with any information.

Even though he said as many as two-dozen people were witnesses, Gagan said officials are still trying to determine the exact number of people involved.

"I'm confident that the list will expand

and at the end of our investigation we will get a clear indication of who was there and who did what," Gagan said.

The attack occurred in a city that has dealt with its share of vicious crimes in recent years, and the school recently approved surveillance cameras after a series of violent crimes. In one case a few years back, a student was shot outside the school, ran inside and died in the then-principal's hands, said Marin Trujillo, a spokesman for the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Richmond is an industrialized conclave near the San Francisco Bay that is known as one of the nation's most dangerous cities. In 2007, Richmond had 47 homicides, and the murder rate led the state for cities with populations of 100,000 or more, surpassing Los Angeles and Oakland.

That number dropped to 27 in 2008 but has spiked to 44 killings so far this year, amid drug dealing and gang activity that has engulfed the town, Gagan said.

Gagan said the girl left the dance and was walking to meet her father for a ride home when a classmate invited her to join a group drinking in the courtyard. The girl had consumed a large amount of alcohol by the time the assault began, police said. Gagan said the girl's father tried to call her cell phone, but no one answered.

Gagan said police received a tip about a possible assault on campus from a young woman who heard two males bragging about it. She was found nearly an hour after the dance, which more than 400 people attended, had ended.

Neil Smelser, a professor emeritus of sociology at the University of California-Berkeley, said Tuesday that the incident could be categorized as "bystander indifference."

"The questions become, 'Why didn't they do something moral to stop an immoral situation? Why didn't they behave morally by calling the police, telling school officials?'" said Smelser, who has written extensively on collective behavior.

"It's very likely that they didn't have any emotional or social ties to the victim," Smelser continued. "If they had any linkage to her, then maybe we'd have a different outcome."

Trujillo said there were four police officers and 15 school site supervisors monitoring the dance. He said there were no problems during the dance inside the school gym, calling it "a success." He said two site supervisors were allowed to leave because they felt they had enough security inside.

But Trujillo called the rape outside on school grounds a "tragic incident."

"We wished this had never happened. This was such a heinous crime," Trujillo said. "We are all going to learn from this."

## Editorial

## Cold Shoulder

### City shouldn't put a limit on holiday meals

The Gainesville City Commission's choice to enforce a 130-meal limit for St. Francis House this Thanksgiving shows how disconnected it is from many of Gainesville's residents.

While City of Gainesville spokesman Bob Woods cites the rights of neighboring property owners as the main reason for enforcing the limit, he admits that he was unaware of the large number of holiday meals served until last week.

This is because the neighboring property owners have not complained in the past. In fact, after years of holiday meals, a single e-mail complaint that the city received may force St. Francis to turn hundreds away.

Whose property rights is the commission concerned about? St. Francis is bordered by the Civic Media Center, an Italian restaurant, a few homes and some empty lots.

If the commission does not change its stance, we wonder how St. Francis should determine who gets fed. Maybe the commissioners can come out and decide who looks hungriest.

While additional sites might be found, and other local organizations might be able to pick up the slack, we believe that enforcing this arbitrary limit is outrageous.

If the commission faced a line of 400 active voters waiting in the cold lines outside St. Francis, the situation would be vastly different.

But because the homeless don't show up in voting lines like they do in food lines, it's easy to turn a cold shoulder.

## Button Battle

An Okeechobee man said he was fired from his cashier job at Home Depot for wearing a pin that read, "One nation under God."

Trevor Keezor wore the pin on his work apron for more than a year before he was fired Friday, according to an Associated Press article.

Home Depot representatives said Keezor was fired for violating the company's dress code, which only allows employees to wear company-provided pins. Expressing such personal beliefs is not allowed.

When Keezor began bringing a Bible to read during his lunchbreak earlier this month, a manager asked him to take off the button. He didn't and was fired.

It's true that Keezor broke company rules by wearing a pin that Home Depot did not

approve. But the pin was a direct quote from the Pledge of Allegiance, not a Bible verse.

Keezor, whose brother is in the National Guard and has already served one tour of duty in Iraq, said he was wearing the pin to support his country and brother.

The man meant no harm and got away with wearing it for more than a year. We understand the need for rules like this, but we believe in applying common sense in all situations.

Keezor's pin didn't have a hateful or patently offensive phrase on it. It was a simple, unobtrusive personal expression.

We doubt that The Home Depot lost any customers over the piece of flare in question.

Dress codes are necessary in any workplace, but having rules for the sake of rules is just silly.

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## Column

## Being eco-friendly isn't always easy

Maybe it's selfish, but I like to believe that humanity has evolved to the point that allows me to have a few modern mechanical luxuries.

In this Sunday's New York Times, there was a special opinions section with contributions from students, environmental activists and regular citizens on why more people should use clotheslines instead of dryers.

There wasn't a single anti-clothesline voice — it was all, "clotheslines are like modern art! They save energy! They're so convenient!" So, I'll take this opportunity to come out of the pro-dryer closet.

I do believe in being eco-friendly. I'm pretty good about recycling, and I try to minimize my consumption of meat. But some choices are more feasible for my lifestyle than others, and for me, using a clothesline is not one of those choices.

I barely do laundry now, and my washer/dryer are outside my bedroom door. One of my biggest fears post-graduation is living somewhere like New York where I would have to take all my clothes to the laundromat. That would never happen. I would rather buy new clothes every day than drag a hamper several blocks. Add a clothesline to that, and forget it. I'll just walk around in a Snuggie.

I also happened to notice that none of those New York Times opinions writers are from Florida. I'm not surprised; people who don't have to deal with humidity would advocate clotheslines. It's tedious enough getting my hair to dry in Gainesville, much less a pair of jeans.

I admit that this sounds obnoxiously lazy and American. But there's a trade-off for our hectic lifestyles. We can't work 50 hours a week, cook every meal from organic food that we bought at farmers markets, bike to and from work and hang out our clothes to dry. In Europe, where clotheslines are the norm, attitudes about everything are



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more laid back. Sure, they hang out clotheslines in Spain, but they also take two months of vacation a year and have a scheduled afternoon nap.

You won't hear me claim that global warming doesn't exist or that we shouldn't do anything about it. But what about things like solar

panels that enable us to use current technology at less of an energy cost?

Plus, it's hard to make a case for giving up dryers when the most eco-conscious among us still uses twice as much energy as a person in a developing country. In one of my environmental science classes, we had to calculate our carbon footprints. The girl who would theoretically have the best footprint was a vegan, made her own clothes, rode her bike and recycled, but if the entire global population had her lifestyle, we would still need more than two Earths to sustain that type of living. I don't necessarily trust estimates of how much energy would be saved by giving up dryers when our energy consumption is astronomical simply by virtue of being American.

I would take the bus, carry around water bottles in my purse until I came to a recycling bin, take two-minute showers and compost my food before I would give up my dryer. All I'm asking for is a shirt that I can wear within two hours of putting it in the washing machine.

I know we only have one planet. I respect that. I don't want to cause starvation in Third World countries with my actions. But I've got one life to live, and there are so many things I would rather be doing with it than laundry.

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

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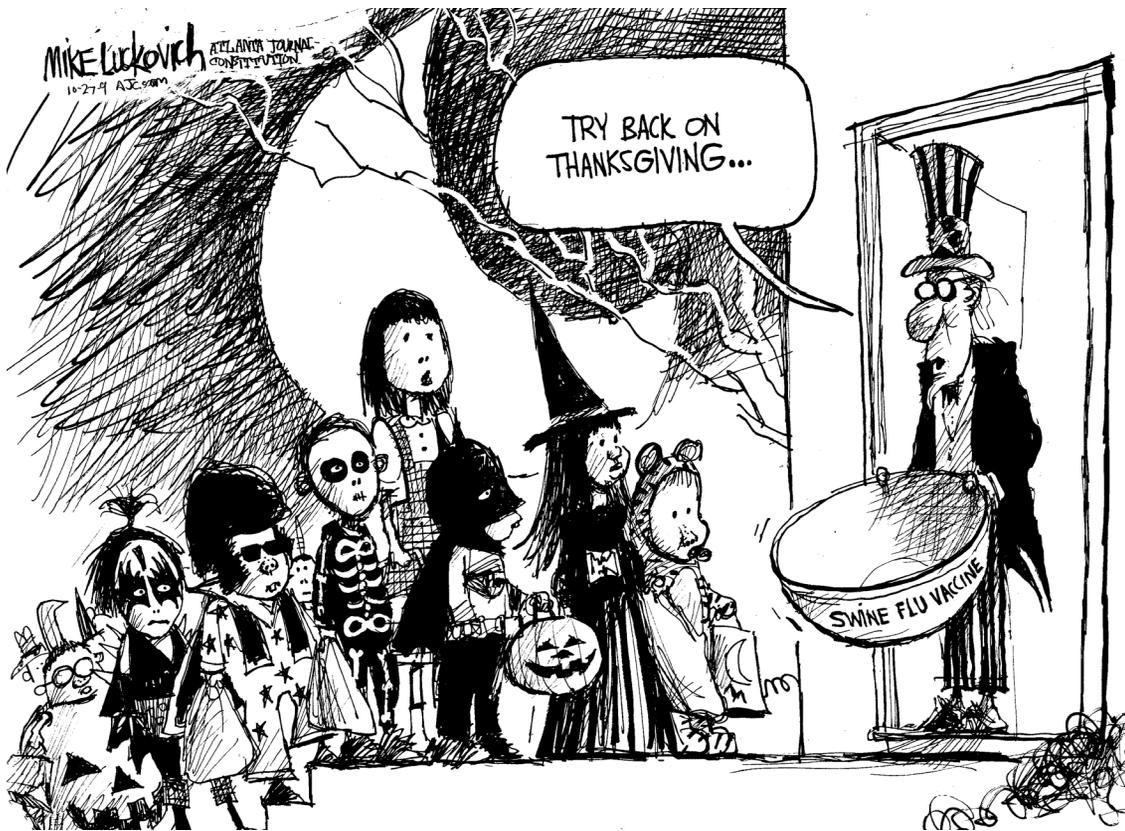
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**Letter to the Editor**

**Weather too hot for fall**

Today's date? Oct. 27, 2009. The season according to any 5-year-old that you ask? Fall. The temperature as of 4:54 p.m on this day: 82 degrees.

Why is it that there are still summer temperatures when it is technically fall? Why is it that we are cursed with eternal humid summer and denied the rouges and oranges in the trees and frosty excuses to wear the one sweater we own? Why, Florida, why?

I do not sweat easily. It takes a good two hours in the gym for my shirt to get decently damp. Yet today I got a continent-sized sweat mark on my back walking from Turlington Plaza to Little Hall. Most students are giddy at the fact that they can

showcase their buttocks in their micro-mini shorts or flex those hard earned biceps for another month but not me.

Regardless, this is FALL! Where is the chilly evening gust that has you scrambling for some loafers and a mug of hot chocolate?

Where are the reds, oranges and yellows on the trees to distract you from a mundane lecture? Is it asking too much of Mother Nature to dip the weather to a nice 55 degrees at night?

I guess for now I can dig up my copy of "A Nightmare Before Christmas," make some peppermint tea and dream of a white, well at least cold, Christmas.

Alejandra Toledo  
UF student

**Guest column**

**Exclusive Greek-only event furthers negative stereotypes**

When we were in middle school, stuck in an awkward stage wearing bowl cuts and braces, not getting an invite to the coolest party in town could've crushed some of us. Now, however, we're all grown up, and exclusive guest lists don't move us to tears.

Apologies go out to whoever planned tonight's Greek Only Halloween Party at XS because your uber-elitist rosters don't make the Greeks look any cooler. They simply add on to the far-too-long list of reasons why most people don't like Greeks in the first place.

As a member of the Greek community, I'm appalled that a group of individuals felt it necessary to plan a party with the intention of making other people feel left out.

May I add, on that note, that there are even people who planned this super-upscale-for-popular-people-only party who aren't in the Greek system and don't even go to UF.

Not to mention the fact that the Panhellenic Council and IntraFraternity Council, those students who oversee the Greek

**Ashley Ross**  
Speaking Out

system, have nothing to do with the event and don't condone it either.

The Facebook event reads: "If you aren't in a fraternity or sorority, don't

waste your time because we have the greek rosters at every door to XS (yes, even the ones connecting XS and GatorCity) and only the people on those lists will be allowed in!"

Newsflash people, very few Greeks actually want to come to your snobbish party. We'd rather pay a few dollars for all-you-can-drink at Grog or Balls. We'd rather go to Swamp's Halloween party where happy hour specials will apply all night and there's a chance of running into (gasp!) non-Greeks who we like hanging out with, unlike those who think they're too cool for anyone who doesn't have a couple Greek letters tied to their name.

Furthermore, absolutely no one is going to try and sneak into your silly event because it's not going to be that fun.

Although this party may have the intention of getting peo-

ple together for a good time, its execution exudes an arrogant mentality.

The Greek system, which is only about 15 percent of UF's 46,000 undergraduate population, already has a bad enough reputation; everyone looks at us as people who pay for our friends, binge drink on a nightly basis and sleep around. So, now there's an event to showcase slutty sororstitute Halloween costumes and frat-tastic creepsters who are just trying to get laid, which is everything we don't want to be known for. Great, way to take one for the team.

Instead of focusing time and energy on promoting ridiculous events, perhaps this egotistical group of people who think a Greek-only party is a good thing for the Greek community should consider dedicating your time to philanthropy, leadership and academic success: the facets of the Greek system that seem to get lost in a haze of drunken, pompous assholes.

Ashley Ross is the Freelance Editor of the Alligator and a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

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# Former UF student arrested for threatening roommate

## He said he would cut off his finger with garden shears

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Studying criminal justice didn't do much to keep one former UF student out of trouble.

Seung Yong Lee, 23, has been arrested for theft, drug dealing and, most recently, aggravated assault and burglary after threatening to cut his roommate's finger off with a pair of garden shears, according to police.

Lee's troubles with the law go back at least two years, when he was picked up in Tampa for allegedly stealing a \$660 cashmere shirt from Neiman Marcus.

Lee admitted to stealing the shirt, according to a police report, and said if had he known it cost that much he would've stolen

one worth less than \$300 because he had just learned the amount that resulted in felony theft in a criminal justice class.

In May of 2008, Lee was video- and audio-taped selling hundreds of dollars worth of oxycodone, hydrocodone, cocaine and marijuana, according to police reports.

Later, when police searched his home, they found almost 8 ounces of marijuana, more than an ounce of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and two guns. Police also seized 20 \$100 bills they found in a red cooler during the search. He told police the money was his mom's.

Lee, who was a UF student at the time, told police he didn't sell drugs to make money and that he had scholarships.

In April, Lee gained police attention again when he was pulled over for a traf-

fic violation on campus and police found almost 12 ounces of marijuana, two ecstasy tablets and drug paraphernalia in his car. He faced a total of 18 drug-related charges, including five felonies and was banned from campus.

The charges were dropped, however, after the State Attorney's Office decided a judge would likely dismiss them, spokesman Spencer Mann said, adding that he didn't know why the office thought the charges would be dismissed.

On Oct. 6, Lee was arrested on charges stemming from his alleged drug deals in 2008. Two days later, on the day he bonded out of jail, he was arrested after police said he forced his way into his roommate's bedroom and placed one of the roommate's fin-

gers in a pair of garden shears, threatening to cut it off.

A third roommate – another former UF student – told the victim he would cut his body up with a saw and dump it in the swamp, according to the police report.

Lee was still in jail on a \$35,000 bond as of Tuesday night.

Lee's lawyer, Joshua Silverman, said the incident was simply a disagreement between roommates and said Lee denies making any threats.

Silverman said he wasn't familiar enough with Lee's drug charges to comment.

Lee was last registered as a student in fall 2008, according to the UF Registrar's Office.

As a result of his recent arrests, Lee was banned from campus again last week.

He told the officers who served the notice that he planned to contact UF about re-enrolling at a later date, according to a police report.

## STATE

### Man says Home Depot fired him over God button

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A former cashier for The Home Depot who has been wearing a "One nation under God" button on his work apron for more than a year has been fired, he says because of the religious reference. The company claims that expressing such personal beliefs is simply not allowed.

"I've worn it for well over a year and I support my country and God," Trevor Keezer said Tuesday. "I was just doing what I think every American should do, just love my country."

The American flag button Keezer wore in the Florida store since March 2008 says "One nation under God, indivisible."

Earlier this month, he began bringing a Bible to read during his lunch break at the store in the town of Okeechobee, about 140 miles north of Miami. That's when he says management told him he would have to remove the button.

Keezer refused, and he was fired on Oct. 23, he said.

"It feels kind of like a punishment, like I was punished for just loving my country," Keezer said.

A Home Depot spokesman said Keezer was fired because he violated the company's dress code.

"This associate chose to wear a button that expressed his religious beliefs. The issue is not whether or not we agree with the message on the button," Craig Fishel said. "That's not our place to say, which is exactly why we have a blanket policy, which is long-standing and well-communicated to our associates, that only company-provided pins and badges can be worn on our aprons."

Fishel said Keezer was offered a company-approved pin that said, "United We Stand," but he declined.

Keezer said he was working at the store to earn money for college, and wore the button to support his country and his 27-year-old brother, who is in the National Guard and is set to report in December for a second tour of duty in Iraq.

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## Passed resolution supports pay increase

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increase of one penny per pound of tomatoes purchased would not affect Aramark food prices. He said workers are taken advantage of by their employers.

"No matter their skin color, no matter what wages they get, they are human beings," Blake said.

Unite Party Sen. Andy Mason, who represents District D, discouraged senators from voting in favor of the resolution. He said it was based on opinions from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Mason cited statistics from the Agriculture Institute of Florida and said that, despite the claims of the resolution's authors, the wages of

the workers have increased during the past 30 years.

"However, when you only receive facts from one side of the argument, you only receive a biased viewpoint," Mason said.

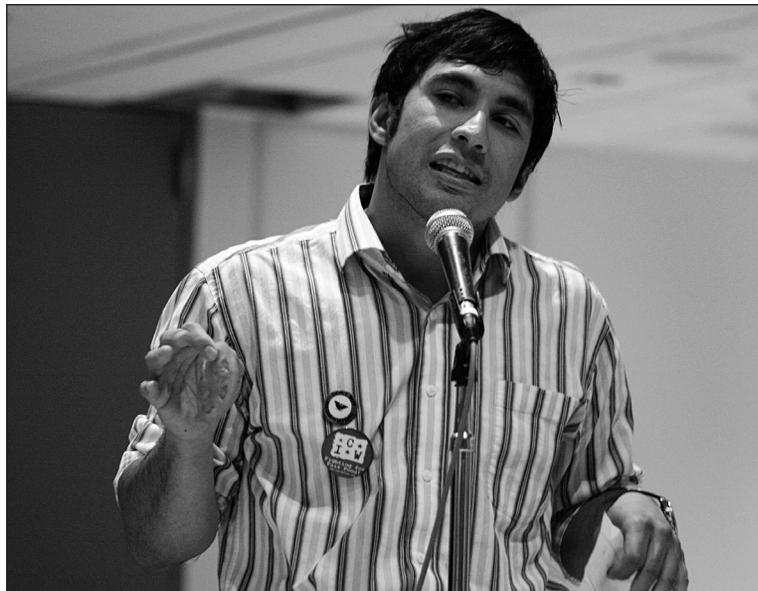
Senators also dished out \$510 to Students for Justice in Palestine. Husam Wahdan, the organization's president, said the club's goal is to educate students about the Palestinian conflict and promote peaceful solutions.

Senators questioned members of the organization about their opinions of Israel.

**"No matter their skin color, no matter what wages they get, they are human beings."**

**Richard Blake**

Student Farmworker's Alliance member



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Food and resource economics Ph.D student Jose R. Soto uses a tomato slice from a Cheeburger Cheeburger hamburger to stress the importance of the Immokalee workers resolution at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday night in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

## City received anonymous complaint

### ST. FRANCIS, from page 1

Woods said that the Gainesville city staff has been working in cooperation with St. Francis House to resolve the issue.

He said a recommended action plan has been created and forwarded to the City Commission and will be discussed at the Nov. 5 commission meeting.

Woods couldn't discuss the contents of the plan until it is reviewed by the City Commission, but he had an idea what the next step may be.

"In the short term, I think the city will work with St. Francis House to try to figure out how to observe the 130-meal limit in the downtown location but still get everyone a meal who needs one," Woods said.

He also believes that more responsibility will fall to local religious organizations.

"We need more faith-based institutions to step up to the plate. It is not fair that St. Francis House should bear this burden alone," Woods said. "Some do consistently provide assistance, but we need more."

But Vann said he there's no easy way to limit people, and he isn't comfortable with lowering the number of meals.

The holiday meals, which are served by about 200 volunteers, usually consist of turkey, dressing, cranberries, vegetables, dessert and other traditional holiday foods, and on Christmas, stockings and toys are also given to children.

Vann hopes St. Francis House can compromise with the city and the holiday meals will be allowed to continue as before.

"Our holiday meals have become something of a family thing," he said. "It would be a shame to lose that."

## Police blame crime on recession

### BURGLARY, from page 1

UPD officer Pablo deJesus added the burglars could have gained entry by following people into dorms, or by entering a door that was left open, neither of which would show forced entry.

"The economic strain and the recession are two reasons that there has been an increase in these burglaries," deJesus said. "Because people are finding it harder to make ends meet, they turn to other modes of financial gain, such as crime."

However, the increase in burglaries in 2008 is not cause for alarm. Reports show 17 burglaries have occurred since January 2009, six of which happened in parking garages.

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"UFPD sees that although burglary rates have tripled, they were so low to begin with in 2007, with only 13, that 41 total for all of 2008 isn't a huge amount for one whole year," Wagner said.



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1 MONTH FREE RENT  
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**HISTORIC DUCKPOND**  
2BR/1.5BA, 1200 sq ft twnhse in heart of  
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available \$750 per month. Call 317-5060  
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2 br,2.5 bathroom townhome. within miles  
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09-5-2

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Two Bd with Two Full Baths, new carpet, just  
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\$550 Roomy 2/1.5 townhalf, Shands  
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lv msg. 10-28-09-10-4

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10-28-09-5-4

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Alumni Hall (203 NW 20th Ter)- Currently 3  
males, all students, 2 in Graduate School.  
Pets are welcome. Large house with fenced  
yard. Call or text (941)374-1515 for more in-  
formation. 10-28-09-5-4

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ba \$525.Sue 305-785-7733 10-30-09-5-4

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renovated. \$200 dep. Call 352-843-0220 to  
see. 11-25-21-4

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Fenced back yard. 395/mo. Washer/dryer.  
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2-09-5-4

**450/mo + utilities (negotiable). At the**  
house we have all modern working applian-  
ces, a fenced-in backyard, a car overhang,  
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**ACROSS**

**CLUE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson
- Confine
- City in Iraq
- European country

**ANSWER**

KIECAJ  
RPCMA  
BRAAS  
ECGERE

**DOWN**

**CLUE**

- Yellow \_\_\_\_\_
- Move with difficulty
- Deadlock
- Anger

**ANSWER**

CJETAK  
ALCBMRE  
SIAMSP  
RGEENA

**CLUE:** This musical superstar was knighted by Prince Charles in 2003.

**BONUS** ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

**How to play** Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Jacker 2D-Clamber 3D-Impassé 4D-Enrage B-Mick Jagger  
1D-Jacker 2D-Clamber 3D-Impassé 4D-Enrage  
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# Harvin scored 10 of his 17 touchdowns last season from inside red zone

## FOOTBALL, from page 15

Addazio said the Gators still work from under center in practice, but they're reluctant to use it in place of their usual spread attack.

"I've been an I-formation guy most of my life, so I think it's terrific," Addazio said. "We just don't do it a lot. When you get down there, you want to do what you

think you do best. In that game, we made a decision at that point that we wanted to have a change."

What the Gators did best in the red zone in years past was run Tebow up the middle and get the ball to receiver Percy Harvin. Ten of Harvin's 17 touchdowns last season came in the red zone, and without him in the lineup, UF has struggled to impose its will near the goal line.

Five-receiver formations have just left

the passing lanes too crowded, and Tebow hasn't been able to either find open wide-outs or scramble for scores.



## Football

Timing routes like the five-yard quick slant to Riley Cooper that iced the SEC Championship last season haven't been used at all, and running back Emmanuel Moody—the toughest inside runner among UF's backs—has hardly touched the field inside

the 20-yard line.

On the positive side, it's clear to the coaches that the red zone has been a problem, and after plenty of time seeing what doesn't work, Addazio is confident they'll straighten it out.

"The obvious phases that aren't where they need to be are turnovers and the red zone," he said. "We haven't gotten it corrected yet, but we're working really hard at it. Trust in that, right there."



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF guard Erving Walker played off the ball last year at shooting guard. Now, Walker is taking over as the starting point guard with Nimrod Tishman expected to provide depth.

# Walker still expected to play bulk of minutes at point guard

## HOOPS, from page 15

At the team's media day on Oct. 15, Donovan said he did not expect Tishman to play more than a minor contributing role this year, but his clearance at least gives the Gators another option behind guards Erving Walker, Kenny Boynton and Ray Shipman.

Boynton has shown the ability to move from his natural spot off the ball to the point in practice, but Walker is the only true point guard on the roster other than Tishman and will be expected to spend most of his time on the floor at that position.

Donovan said he has no concerns about Walker playing the bulk of the minutes at point guard, but having a reliable backup fills a need the Gators had since former Florida point guard Nick Calathes announced his decision to play professionally in Greece.

"Playing a lot of minutes, I wouldn't

consider that as pressure," Walker said. "That's good for foul trouble or, God forbid, an injury or whatever – we have more backup for things like that."

Walker said Tishman has been better than expected, adding that his passing and size are similar to those of Calathes.

Forward Chandler Parsons said Tishman's 6-foot-5 frame allows him to see over defenses in much the same way the 6-foot-6 Calathes could at UF.

Although Tishman is comparable physically to Calathes and possesses a similar skill set, it will still take time for him to adjust to the American style of play and develop into the consistent player Calathes was in college.

"I wouldn't compare him to Nick, but I would say he has some flashes of Nick," Parsons said. "He makes some really nice passes like that, plays really unselfishly and he can knock down open shots."

## DIFER, from page 15

where he was open and didn't get the ball, Thompson was seen making hand gestures at Tebow.

Thompson had just one catch for 19 yards and was visibly frustrated.

"I'll have a little chat with Deonte about that," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "Because we don't

need that. We need to go as hard as we can, and that's what we do right now."

Thompson has every right to be upset, though.

Tebow's lack of trust in his receivers has gotten to the point where if Cooper and Hernandez aren't open, that's it. Game over. It's time to tuck the ball and run because he trusts himself more than anyone else.

Tebow opted to run the ball,

throw it away and even forced it into double coverage several times against the Bulldogs when he had wide open receivers.

These are the kind of mistakes that he prided himself on not making the past three years. The one thing you could always count on was that Tebow was going to make good decisions. He was going to protect the ball. But so far this season, that hasn't been the case. So what's the problem? Is Tebow

starting to crack under the pressure of expectations?

He came into the season being heralded as possibly the greatest college football player ever. But through seven games, he has only hurt that argument.

"I don't think it's getting to me," Tebow said. "Do I have a lot of pressure on me? Do I put pressure on me? Yeah. I put a lot more pressure than y'all could possibly put on me, so I don't think that's getting to me.

I think just wanting to excel, wanting everything to be right. Yeah, that is frustrating not doing it, but I think that would have been every year, not just this year."

Tebow has made no secret about his goal of leading the Gators to their first perfect season in school history. But has the pursuit of perfection taken too great a toll?

Tebow might have finally found the one thing he can't overcome: his own legend.

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## Gators looking for solutions to red-zone problems



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UF quarterback Tim Tebow lines up under center and hands the ball off to Chris Rainey for the Gators' second touchdown in their last 15 red-zone trips in the fourth quarter against Mississippi State.

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Call it the "dread zone."

One of the main reasons No. 1 Florida has fallen off the blistering scoring pace it set last season is its lack of production in the red zone.

The Gators are No. 76 in the nation for red zone scoring (80 percent), and in Southeastern Conference play, they've come away with just seven touchdowns on 25 red zone trips.

Fixing UF's offense near the goal line has been a focal point for coach Urban Meyer following a 29-19 win against Mississippi State in which the Gators managed one touchdown on six visits to the red-zone.

Meyer said after the game he'd start working on it during the flight home, and he and the other offensive coaches spent a rare late night in the office Sunday.

"We watched every red-zone snap of the year, evaluated every snap," Meyer said. "What we're finding is, in our opinion, it's not the play-calling. We have to hold to the plan. Sometimes we're making a call that's not on the call sheet, and that's my fault. We're going to stick to the call sheet and

do a better job."

Breaking away from the call sheet did produce the Gators' lone red zone touchdown, though. Using the I-formation for the only time during the game, UF got an eight-yard touchdown run from running back Chris Rainey, fueling speculation that the package will be used more often.

"I doubt [MSU] practiced that one time all year in thinking about us, seeing us do a fake counter play to Rainey under center," quarterback Tim Tebow said. "You could see as the play developed that they were like, 'What? What is this?'"

"I doubt [Miss St.] practiced that one time all year in thinking about us, seeing us do a fake counter play to Rainey under center."

**Tim Tebow**  
UF quarterback

The I-form may have worked well with the element of surprise, but that may be the extent of its use.

Offensive coordinator Steve  
**SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 14**

## UF MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA clears Tishman to play

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Florida's backcourt just got a little deeper.

Freshman point guard Nimrod Tishman was cleared by the NCAA to play for the Gators this season, UF coach Billy Donovan said Tuesday. The clearance brings an official end to a process that had been hanging over the program since the freshman decided to sign with UF.

"That's good news for him and our team, and at least that's something that's behind us right now," Donovan said.

Donovan learned about the decision from the NCAA late Monday night and let Tishman and his father know, but the turnaround was so quick that Donovan announced the clearance to reporters before he was able to relay the information to some of his players.

In his first 10 days of practice, the native of Tel Aviv, Israel, impressed his new coach and teammates with his passing ability and court vision. In addition to the transition from the slower European game to a more fast-paced style of play, Donovan said Tishman still has "huge adjustments" to make before he's ready defensively.



Tishman

"In our style of play, when we're trying to run and press, conditioning always becomes a factor, and you're always worried about how a guy at that position can handle that," Donovan said. "But he's picked up things very well. He's got a very high basketball IQ. He's a very good passer. He's going to be able to give us minutes in the backcourt."

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## What's wrong with Tebow?

What happened to Tim Tebow?

The Heisman Trophy winner has thrown just eight touchdowns in seven games.

He already has four interceptions, which matches his total from all of 2008, and has thrown multiple touchdown passes in just one game this year. He threw four against Troy.

After seven games, the Gators are ranked No. 80 in the nation in passing offense. And that includes games against Charleston Southern and Troy.

Tebow has accounted for just 14 total touchdowns this year. At this pace it looks unlikely that he'll get anywhere near the 55 scores he had



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as a sophomore in 2007 or even the 42 he had last year.

Has Florida actually gotten to the point where it is winning in spite of Tebow and not because of him?

Mississippi State's defense focused on Aaron Hernandez and Riley Cooper, leaving David Nelson and Deonte Thompson open on several plays Saturday night.

After a failed third-down play

**SEE DIFER, PAGE 14**

### TEERING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ New Indians skipper Manny Acta, who was fired as the Nationals' manager after a 26-61 start last season, had to make a choice between Cleveland and Houston. Apparently, neither considered past experience. ... RB Larry Johnson was sent away from the Chiefs after insulting his coach, which he only did to promote his dad's coaching career. Remind me not to hire Johnson as my publicist.

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** How has Tim Tebow affected his legacy with this season's play?

### GATORS IN THE NBA

■ The NBA season tipped off Tuesday with nine former-UF players on a roster. Mike Miller was the only one in action on opening night, finishing with 6 points and eight boards in the Wizards win over the Mavs.

## UF SOCCER

## Townsend rejoins Gators after three-game absence

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While members of the UF soccer team traveled to familiar Southeastern Conference destinations like Athens, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., Tricia Townsend was exploring Budapest.

Townsend, a graduate student in the International Business program, was required to travel with about 100 other students to Budapest, Hungary from Oct. 15-23 as part of a course this semester.

Townsend, a senior and three-time member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll,

only needed three years to earn a degree in marketing.

"I had a lot of credits coming into school," Townsend said. "They just piled-up and it just ended up that I was graduating in three years. It came kind of unexpected."

Townsend realized she would have to miss three games this season when she was accepted into the graduate student program last spring. Townsend and the UF coaches tried to find a way for her to stay in the program without making the trip.

There was no alternative.

"If she didn't go, she would have failed," coach Becky Burleigh said.

Mindy Kraft, UF director of the

Master of Arts in International Business program, said athletes are discouraged from taking a full graduate student course load, as sports and advanced studies can make for a difficult balancing act.



Townsend

she landed before being driven to Budapest.

The goal of the trip was to give students experience in another

country with a controlled environment, Kraft said.

During the day, Townsend attended lectures about Hungarian history and the country's economy. Students also visited different companies in Budapest to see how they operated.

At night, Townsend was able to explore Budapest, notably the many Turkish baths and the castle district.

"The architecture is amazing," Townsend said.

But even with a new city to explore, Townsend said she couldn't stop thinking about soccer and was upset to leave the team in the middle of its conference season.

"It really helped me refocus on

the season and know that I want to win really bad," Townsend said.

Townsend arrived back in Gainesville Oct. 24 at 2 a.m. She slept for six hours, then did laundry and packed again.

At noon, the Gators flew to Fayetteville, Ark., for a game against the Razorbacks. Townsend played 34 minutes in her return to the field.

Going on little sleep and adjusting to a six-hour time difference, Townsend was rusty, but Burleigh suggested that Townsend's travels might help her.

"It's kind of good because it gave her a built-in break," Burleigh said. "We wish all our team could take a week off and come back and play."

## Men's team ends fall schedule with highest finish

■ UF FINISHED ITS THIRD EVENT OF THE SEMESTER IN SECOND PLACE.

By KELSIE HOECHERL

Alligator Writer

Five strokes separated the Gators from a first place finish at the Isleworth Invitational, their last tournament of the season.

Florida's men's golf team finished its season in second place — the best finish of the team's three fall events.

The squad carded a total of 886 (292-292-302, +22).

With two golfers left on the course, Florida

was tied with Oklahoma State, but was unable to beat the Cowboys.

"Consistency [was the biggest factor in this tournament]," senior Tyson Alexander said. I feel like we were never four-legged, we had everyone playing well each day and I think that in college tournaments especially if you have consistency you're going to be successful."

Alexander finished in a tie for seventh place with 220 strokes (74-73-73, +4), the best finish on the squad. This was Alexander's first top-10 finish of the season.

Battling until the end, freshman Phillip Choi tied for 16th, carding a 222 (78-69-75, +6) overall. Choi collected four birdies Tuesday

and finished with a double bogey on his 18th hole.

"He [Choi] played pretty poorly in the first round and as a freshman bounced back and shot 69 which is low round," Alexander said. "He was struggling early in today's round and on a stretch and birdie four of eight holes. Especially coming from a freshman in a big time event like that, that's the guy I was most impressed with."

Junior Andres Echavarria finished with a total of 224 (75-74-75, +8) in a tie for 20th. Echavarria was followed closely by senior Tim McKenney who finished in a tie for 22nd.

Junior Robbie Wight rounded out the line up with a tie for 50th finish.

In Nevada, the Florida women's golf team continues to compete in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown.

The squad jumped three spots to fourth on the leader board Tuesday, with a team score of 586 (289-297, +10).

Freshman Isabelle Lendl is taking the lead for the Gators, carding an even-par 72 for a total of 145 (73-72, +1) after two rounds, good for a tie for ninth.

Lendl's older sister, sophomore Marika Lendl, tied with fellow teammate freshman Amelia Lewis in 15th. Both have a 36-hole score of 147 (+3).



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