



# Friends remember grad as animal lover

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class. "When people asked how we met we would joke that 'we just had chemistry,'" he said.

She was an animal lover, and the couple had a dog and three cats together. Pelton, 24, graduated last

year from UF with a degree in animal biology.

**Local News** Roop said she had been working most recently on getting into veterinary school to pursue her dream of working in a mixed

clinic with both small and large animals.

"She was a very strong person — smart, nice, trustworthy," Roop said. "She loved what she did."

Pelton and Roop's 4 1/2-year relationship ended abruptly Mon-

day night when Pelton was hit by a car on Archer Road.

Pelton had just gotten off an RTS bus and was crossing at the back of a group of other pedestrians when she was hit, said Gainesville Police

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Charles Roop met his long-time girlfriend, Erin Pelton, when they were lab partners in chemistry



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## Snazzy Shoes

UF student Amanda Aschenbrenner paints a new pair of TOMS Shoes at the Reitz Union Colonnade on Tuesday afternoon. About 40 pairs were sold. For every pair of shoes sold, the company donates a pair to a child in need. See story, page 5.

## ON CAMPUS

# UF to give swine flu vaccine to 800 students

UF's Student Health Care Center will start vaccinating hundreds of students against the novel H1N1 flu, also known as swine flu, today at 8:30 a.m.

The center received 800 doses of the vaccine for students Monday afternoon and hopes to administer them all today.

Students who made appointments online will be seen from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and given one spray of the vaccine in each nostril.

As of about 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, all the appointments were filled.

Kat Lindsey, marketing coordinator for the health care center, said she expected all the slots to be filled up by the end of Tuesday night.

If any doses of the vaccine are still available at the end of today, they will

likely be administered another day, Lindsey said.

She said students will be asked to submit their completed medical questionnaire and sign in on the front lawn of the infirmary before their appointments today.

Because of the large number of people being seen in such a short period of time, the University Police Department will be on hand in case there are any problems, she said.

In addition to the 800 doses designated for students, UF was given another 200 doses for caretakers of children 6 months or younger.

Appointments can be made over the phone for students, faculty or staff who qualify, Lindsey said.

— THOMAS STEWART

# College of Engineering receives \$3M grant

## GRANT WILL FUND COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

UF's College of Engineering announced Tuesday it will receive a \$3 million donation from Harris Corporation, a communications and information technology company based in Melbourne.

The money will be used to set up an endowment to fund research projects in the field of computer science and engineering, according to a UF news release.

The types of research it could fund include mobile communications, high-performance computing and the way information is stored and used in the health care fields, the release states.

As a result of the gift, UF will renovate

the third floor of the Computer and Information Sciences building, which houses the engineering college, to make way for the Harris Gateway to Learning and Innovation.

The renovation will begin in the spring of 2010, according to the release.

The donation isn't the first one from the Harris Corporation to UF.

In 2005, the company donated just over \$1 million to fund professorships in the engineering college.

It also funded the creation of an endowment for graduate student fellowships in the college.

The company employs about 850 UF graduates, according to a UF news release.

— THOMAS STEWART

■ Defensive ends Jermaine Cunningham (right) and Carlos Dunlap started slow but have combined for six sacks in the last two games. UF has 23 sacks on the season. See Story, Page 22.



## Police: Man makes up knife attack to miss work

EDGEWATER, Colo. — Police said a man stabbed himself, then said he was attacked by three men dressed in black who were either Hispanic or skinheads, in a ploy to miss work.

Police arrested a 29-year-old man after he allegedly admitted he made up the assault and said he was responsible for the knife wound to his leg and other superficial cuts on his body. He faces charges of false reporting and obstruct-

ing a police officer.

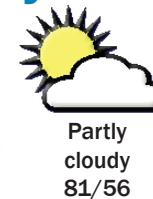
Police said the man reported the attack to the video store where he works on Monday. The reported assault drew five police agencies to the scene and K-9 units.

Police spokesman Steve Davis said the man admitted the story was a lie after repeated questioning from detectives.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Bone Marrow Donor Drive

Today, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Reitz Union Ballroom  
UF and Alpha Epsilon Delta will be holding a drive to register bone marrow donors. Registration involves only a cheek swab, no needles. Help the group save leukemia patients.

### Exchange Study Abroad Fair

Today, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Stuzin Hall, Room 200  
International Exchange business students will be hosting booths to represent their exchange university and country. This social provides an opportunity for UF and exchange students to meet, talk about their country/university, learn about study abroad options and exchange contact information. Please contact international.business@cba.ufl.edu with any questions.

### American Institute of Aeronautics Graduate School Workshop

Today, 6:15 p.m.  
Florida Gym, Room 260  
This workshop will feature Dr. Peter Ifju, who will talk about his research on Micro Air Vehicles and Unmanned Air Vehicles. New and returning members are always welcome, and free pizza (catered by Gumby's Pizza) and drinks will be offered.

### Golden Key General Meeting

Today, 6:45 p.m.  
This is the last general meeting before the induction ceremony, so come out to learn why Golden Key is the world's most prestigious honor society. Come learn about our service and charity projects with free pizza and soda. Please send an e-mail to aagazarm@ufl.edu if you have any questions.

### UF MEISA Meeting

Today, 6 p.m.  
Plaza of the Americas  
Want to learn more about the music industry while meeting other musicians? Come to the sixth meeting of the Music Entertainment Industry Student Association (MEISA). The group will be handing out the first issue of the MEISA PICKS Newsletter, finalizing the benefit show and brainstorming for our radio show.

### IRHA's Urban Art Gallery

Today, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Graham Gallery (Second floor of Graham Hall)

IRHA is hosting its urban art gallery open reception featuring graffiti, stenciling, spoken word, break dancing, beat boxing, hip-hop dance and freestyle hip-hop by artists from around the state. For more information, contact IRHAArtGallery2010@gmail.com

### African Student Union Pageant

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom  
There will be lots of free food, so don't miss out. Penny voting for each contestant will last until Nov. 5.

### Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to 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.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

#### SG president receives oar trophy for UF football win

UF students walked away with more than just a win after Saturday's game. They also got a 10-foot oar carved from a 1,000-year-old cypress tree.

Student Body President Jordan Johnson was presented with the Okefenokee Oar after the game. The oar represents a new trophy presented to the winner of the UF-Georgia game.

"It was so much more than just being able to win a special game," Johnson said. "It was the start of a tradition."

The oar references a rivalry that precedes the battle on the football field. SG Press Secretary Eric Conrad said it symbolizes the historic conflict between UF and Georgia that occurred when the state boundary line was drawn through Okefenokee.

Johnson said he is taking

suggestions from students about where to put the oar. Some suggestions have included a case in the Reitz Union, the Swamp Restaurant and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"But one thing's for sure," Johnson said. "It's not going into my office because it won't fit."

— CAROLYN TILLO

### ON CAMPUS

#### Housing fair helps students find apartments, houses

Students can explore housing options during the off-campus housing fair today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Reitz Union Colonnade.

Ani Sanchez, cabinet director for housing affairs, said the fair will include information from 35 to 40 complexes and companies, including local apartments, condos, apartment management companies and real estate companies.

Sanchez said students can ask questions about leasing, the commute to campus, apartment amenities and parking.

She said the fair also helps students by bringing together all of the representatives in one location.

"Instead of driving to every different apartment complex and sitting there and speaking with them, it's fast and convenient," Sanchez said.

Apartment and condo representatives will pass out brochures with leasing information. They will also give out T-shirts, candy and prizes ranging from iPods to school supplies.

— CAROLYN TILLO

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## LOCAL

# City gives \$50K to shelters

By GAIA BONINI

Alligator Contributing Writer

Warmed by a thin insulation of newspaper on a bed of cardboard, huddled beneath old coats and torn blankets, curled up on icy sidewalks. Too cold to move, but nowhere to go anyway.

This is winter for the homeless.

There are nearly 1,600 homeless people in Gainesville — more than a quarter of whom are under the age of 18 — and only about 350 shelter beds, according to Project Grace, the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness in Gainesville.

But the City of Gainesville and Alachua County have each given \$25,000 to the Cold Night Shelter Program, which funds temporary extra shelter for the homeless when the weather is 45 degrees and below from December to March.

The combined \$50,000 will be divided among local organizations that already care for the homeless. Organizations like St. Francis House and the Alachua County Housing Authority can apply for funding until Nov. 16.

Any nonprofit organization that can accommodate homeless people is eligible for the funding, said Teresa Osoba, Gainesville's housing and development supervisor.

Kent Vann, executive director of St. Francis House, said in the event of a freeze warning, he will never deny someone in need.

"Everyone deserves a place to go on a cold night without being turned away," he said.

Vann is applying for funding from the program for the third year in a row. He has never been denied.

This year, he said, he hopes to get enough money from the program for 60 more cots.

**"Everyone deserves a place to go on a cold night without being turned away."**

**Kevin Vann**

executive director of St. Francis House

Any extra funding would go to blankets, food and overhead costs like heating.

St. Francis House houses about 35 residents at a time but can support an additional 100 if necessary, said Vann.

Vann said on a typical night below 45 degrees, about 60 extra people come to the house. They sleep on cots inside and are given blankets and food during their stay.

He said college towns with sky-high rent for even substandard housing are not good places to live without money.

The Alachua County Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless said on its Web site, "It is sadly ironic that there are people sleeping on the streets, in woods and in parking lots amid a sea of 'for rent' signs."

# SFC rejects smoking ban

■ SMOKING IS PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED 'SMOKING HUTS.'

By JENNIFER BATE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Santa Fe College opted not to follow UF's lead by banning smoking on campus.

SFC's College Senate voted 17-9 against a campus-wide ban during its general meeting Tuesday.

Santa Fe College President Jackson Sasser said he would not enforce the ban unless the Career Services, College Senate and Student Senate are in all in favor of the ban. The College Senate is composed of SFC faculty members, unlike the Student Senate, which voted to oppose the ban last week.

However, all three groups agreed that smoking is a problem at Santa Fe and that regulations must be tightened so people don't abuse the privilege.

Some students voiced concerns that the ban would push all smokers to parking lots, where accidents would be more likely to occur. Currently, smoking is permitted in designated "smok-

ing huts" and in areas away from buildings.

Student Senate Internal Affairs Director and Health Science Senator Eric Florestan addressed the College Senate before the vote. He reminded the College Senate that the Student Senate voted against the ban 42-10 and pointed out that the current rules are not enforced well.

Florestan said the Student Senate would be reviewing the current situation to better enforce existing regulations and expressed interest in working with the College Senate in lieu of a ban.

Many faculty members said they felt that it was better to try to enforce current smoking restrictions before establishing a ban.

While the ban did not pass, members of the College Senate did pass a motion to establish a committee to re-evaluate smoking areas and make recommendations for changes, research the consequences of a campus-wide smoking ban and work with student government to better enforce current restrictions.

For more information and reactions about the voting and smoking ban, visit [Alligator.org](http://Alligator.org).

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# Senators, students discuss controversial UN report



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Unite Party Sen. Jesse Sherman speaks to the Student Senate about an upcoming resolution concerning the Goldstone Report in the Reitz Union Tuesday night.

## ■ A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED SOON.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**  
Alligator Writer

The Senate chambers were a bit more crowded than usual Tuesday night when about 30 students stuffed into rows and crowded the aisles to discuss an upcoming resolution regarding a report on last winter's Gaza conflict.

The resolution, which will be heard by the Student Senate in the upcoming weeks, supports the state of Israel and denounces the Goldstone report, a UN report accusing Israel and Hamas of war crimes during Israel's conflict with Palestine.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a resolution Tuesday night that denounced the Goldstone report because of its bias.

A resolution is a piece of legislation that states the opinion of the Senate or the House, but does not take any action.

Husam Wahdan, the president of Students for Justice in Palestine, said he opposed the resolution because it did not represent an issue that affected UF students.

He questioned the ability of Senators to represent the interests of UF's 50,000 students on an international issue.

"It puzzles me that such a resolution has even been proposed," Wahdan said.

However, Rafael Yaniz, the president of Gators for Israel and one of the resolution's authors, disagreed. He said the Goldstone report would have an impact on UF's about 7,300 Jewish students. The debate lasted about an hour.

Orange and Blue Party Sen. Jonathan Ossip, who represents the Murphree Area, encouraged senators to read the House and Senate bills about the Goldstone report mentioned in the Student Senate resolution before voting.



Ossip

Later on in the meeting, Orange and Blue Party senators and Progress Party senators introduced a bill that would replace "I Voted" stickers with an "I Voted" rubber stamp.

Author of the bill Kevin Seymour said the stamp would make elections more economical.

He said it would save about \$200 in the initial election it was used and then \$400 every semester after that.

Unite Party Sen. Josh Roberts, who represents the college of agriculture, questioned how the bill would help improve the election process. He said stickers are a matter of American pride.

The bill did not pass.

# Interim dean given official title for UF's PPHP college

*Perri has been a member of the UF faculty since 1990*

UF's College of Public Health and Health Professions has decided it likes things the way they are.

After conducting a national search for a new dean, UF has decided to stick with the college's interim dean, Michael G. Perri, who has been a faculty member since 1990, UF announced Tuesday.

Perri, who has been interim dean since June 2007, officially becomes the dean Friday, according to a UF news release.

Much of his research has been focused on the behavioral treatment of obesity.

According to the release, he has served as the principal investigator or co-investigator on \$30 million worth of grants and contracts

from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the private sector.

## UF Administration

As interim dean, he helped gain accreditation for the college's new school of public health and launched the Florida Trauma Rehabilitation

Center for Returning Military Personnel.

He received his doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia and previously taught at the University of Rochester, Indiana University and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

"I am honored and excited about the opportunity this appointment presents," Perri said in the release.

— THOMAS STEWART



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A new dance game, Pump It Up 2 Exceed, sits in the Reitz Union Game Room Tuesday.

## ON CAMPUS

# Students dance to new beat in Reitz

By **JARED MISNER**  
Alligator Writer

Dan Linehan doesn't know any of their names. But after three years behind the desk at the Reitz Union Game Room, Linehan has accrued a slew of nicknames for the Dance Revolution "regulars."

He's seen the dance enthusiasts wait in lines 10 to 15 people long.

And as of mid-last week, UF's DDR regulars no longer have to wait in such long lines to get their platform-stomping, techno-beat hopping dance fix as the Reitz Union Game Room installed its second dance-themed arcade game, Pump It Up 2 Exceed.

"There's this one guy, I don't know his real name, but he plays [DDR] in his socks and he brings extra socks 'cause he burns through 'em," said Linehan, student assistant manager of the Reitz Union Game Room. "He refuses to play in his shoes because he says he can't 'feel the machine.'"

Kurt Folsom, who owns the company that supplies the Reitz Union Game Room with its arcade games, expects the new dance-themed video game to perform just as well or better than the older

DDR game despite the new game's 75-cent-per-play price tag.

The current DDR system costs 50 cents.

"It came out hot, and it's been very consistent," Folsom said of the dance-themed video game craze.

"There's this one guy, I don't know his real name, but he plays [DDR] in his socks and he brings extra socks 'cause he burns through 'em.'"

**Dan Linehan**  
Reitz Union Game Room student assistant manager

Some UF students and Game Room regulars describe the new dance-themed video game as something other than "hot."

"I played [Pump It Up 2 Exceed]. I'm not a big fan of it," said Melinda Hua, as J.P. Ruiz, a biochemistry major, conquered the DDR system behind her. "The music isn't as cool, and it takes away from playing DDR."

The installation of Pump It Up 2 Exceed signals a recent surging trend in the popularity of "exer-

games," video games that engage the player in some form of physical activity, including DDR and Nintendo's Wii Fit.

School systems across the country are even installing DDR systems or other dance-themed video games in their physical education departments as a supplement to childhood exercise programs.

Regardless of the health benefits these dance-themed video games may provide, Charlotte Dare, Reitz Union Game Room manager, foresees increased happiness among exer-game enthusiasts with the decision to install the Game Room's second such game.

"[The regulars] were on the new game until the time we opened until the time we closed," Dare said, referring to Pump It Up 2 Exceed's inauguration last week.

Although Hua and Linehan agreed that some Game Room regulars don't like the new beat-boxing addition to the arcade, Linehan suggested a reason.

"The regulars are so good at the old machine," he said. "They don't want to be caught doing bad at the new one. A lot of them don't like that, but a lot of them see it as a challenge."

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## ON CAMPUS Students use shoes as blank canvases

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ**  
Alligator Writer

UF students and faculty took a crafty approach Tuesday at Style Your Sole, an event organized by the UF Office of Sustainability, where participants purchased and decorated a pair of TOMS Shoes at the Reitz Union Colonnade.

"People think of sustainability just as an environmental issue, but we're looking at social aspects," said Stephanie Sims, program assistant with the UF Office of Sustainability.

TOMS has gained infamy for its charitable mission: For every pair purchased, TOMS donates a pair of shoes to a child in need.

Paint, ribbon and glitter were among the provided artistic media. Innovative students wrapped their canvas sneakers in tape, painting over the lines to create geometrical patterns and designs.

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"People think of sustainability just as an environmental issue, but we're looking at social aspects."

**Stephanie Sims**

UF Office of Sustainability program assistant

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UF sophomore Amanda Aschenbrenner bought her pair of TOMS Shoes at the event, splashing yellow and red paint on the bare canvas and quoting Dr. Seuss' "Oh the Places You'll Go" on the side of the sneakers.

The shoes start at about \$44.

"You spend about the same on a pair of shoes anyway," Aschenbrenner said. "But you're getting two pairs of shoes."

Roberto Evans, owner of The Exchange, an authorized retailer of TOMS Shoes, guided students through the design process. An industry insider, he's ready for a moral makeover in the business market.

"People buy shoes all the time, but they're often not made under very ethical conditions," Evans said. "Our buying practices can make a big difference for others."

And, for now, that change is evolving one shoe at a time.

Evans sold about 40 pairs of shoes.

"We didn't anticipate such a response," Evans said. "It's like, 'Dude, that's a lot of kids that get shoes.'"

## Editorial

## Road Risk

## RTS must act to make crossing streets safer

The death of Erin Pelton Monday night is a tragedy to say the least. A 2008 UF graduate with an animal biology degree, she aspired to become a veterinarian, and friends say she had a promising future.

Stepping off an RTS bus, Pelton followed a group of people crossing Archer road. A driver who was not intoxicated and was following the speed limit swerved to avoid the group, hitting Pelton.

The loss of this young woman follows two similar traffic fatalities that occurred earlier this year, according to the Gainesville Police Department.

Because bus stops are not always placed at or near intersections, but rather are scattered all along busy roads, some students are left to cross three and four lanes to reach their destination. The danger is compounded at night, when poorly lit roads make crossing students less visible.

Expanding driver and pedestrian awareness about this issue is critical to ensuring the safety of UF students and all Gainesville pedestrians.

Also, by identifying stops where people commonly cross busy roads, RTS can adjust routes to provide safer alternatives.

Ultimately, we would like to see RTS place as many bus stops as possible near crosswalks and intersections, while identifying alternative routes specifically aimed at reducing this risk.

The loss of one person justifies a careful consideration of the problem. Three deaths in one year, along with those in years past, demands prompt action.

## Mix It Up

Last month, an interracial couple seeking a marriage license was turned away by a Louisiana justice of the peace on the grounds that their marriage was "mixed." The refusal was met with an eruption of criticism from civil rights groups and public officials, including Louisiana's governor, Bobby Jindal.

Finally bowing to mounting pressure, the justice in question, Keith Bardwell, resigned Tuesday, according to an Associated Press article.

We say good riddance.

When asked about the incident, Bardwell (a white man) admitted that he has a habit of turning away interracial couples because the children of these couples will suffer in life.

It's 2009. We have an interracial president. We are shocked that people like this justice still exist, let alone that they are allowed to hold pub-

lic office.

But apparently Bardwell is not a relic of bad times passed. Rather, he is an example of the work America has left to do.

So, it is without any sense of irony that the liberal-socialist-left-wing-conspirators at the Alligator Editorial Board congratulate Republican Gov. Jindal — gasp — for his outspoken criticism of this man and his ignorant bigotry.

Jindal, an ethnic Indian born and raised in the southern state of Louisiana, likely faced some of the same bigotry that he publicly denounced in the weeks since this issue hit the headlines.

It would have been easy to stay out of the public discourse, or at the very least, make a few passing remarks about the issue. But Gov. Jindal kept the pressure on, with public statements that undoubtedly contributed to Bardwell's resignation.

For that, we thank Gov. Jindal.

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## Column

## IM language doesn't make literature

I don't know when we, as a culture, got this idea that reading in any form is better for kids than watching TV or playing video games.

I got a lot of flak when I made the same point briefly in my column discussing "Twilight." I won't take on vampires again, but I still believe that reading in and of itself is overglorified in our society.

"Ttyl," "tftn" and "l8r, g8r" are my newfound targets — young-adult novels written in instant-message speak. They're old news — the most recent book came out in 2007 — but apparently, they're still popular at the library of the middle school where my mother is a language arts teacher.

I'm not above using "OMG" or "brb" in my texting conversations. I'm pretty sure some of my friends get annoyed by my overuse of "lol."

However, looking over my texts and instant-message conversations with friends, I would never give them to a child as reading material. Sure, most of them have a compelling narrative, but even my grammar-Nazi text ramblings overlap only slightly with the English language as my high-school teachers taught it.

What can teenagers possibly learn from reading books written in text speak? Being generous, I'll say they could learn about plot or characterization. But they can learn those same things from watching a sitcom every night.

Reading is not inherently a good or bad activity. The value in reading comes from the value of the material children are reading. I don't think I gained anything cerebral from reading the backs of cereal boxes as a child.

Growing up, I was an avid reader, and what I took away from the hundreds of books I checked out from the library stays with me today. I became familiar with different sentence structures, with spelling and with vocabulary I hadn't known before. I absorbed history, geography and science



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knowledge as well from books that incorporated those subjects into an overall narrative.

Reading took me out of my comfort zone and made me think.

That's why the defense that "these kids would never pick up a book otherwise" irritates me. Had I grown up only reading books made up of abbreviations, I doubt I could have written an essay coherent enough to make it into UF.

In high school, I tutored middle-school kids who had difficulty both reading and writing some one-syllable words. If I had to hazard a guess, I would say that those same kids are sending hundreds of texts every month now. That won't get them into college. It won't get them a job. They won't learn anything besides the latest school gossip.

Not only are books like "l8r, g8r" not literature — I'd argue that they're more harmful than helpful.

What is the value of the written word over other media if it no longer bears resemblance to real words? Cinema might dumb down "The Great Gatsby" from what F. Scott Fitzgerald put on the page, but at least it has themes, characters, plot and a recognizable vocabulary.

I would rather have kids who watch PBS than read a lot of what's on the shelves of young adult sections in libraries.

The written word is an ancient and noble form of communication, but that doesn't make it inherently stronger than other forms.

And literacy is more than being able to punch out a sequence on a keypad and understand the response.

OMG, 4 rlz.

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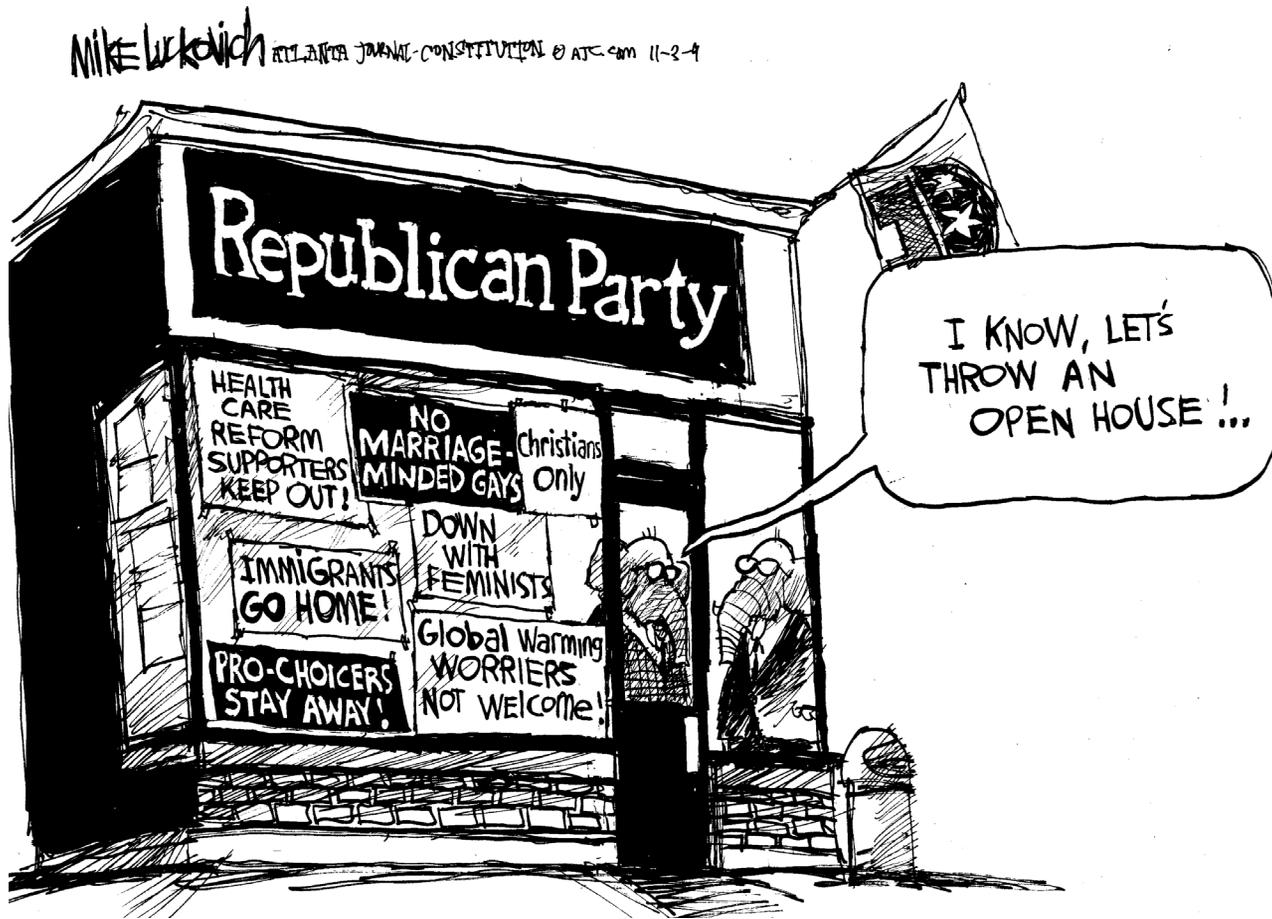
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## Reader response

**Today's question:** Do you think it is dangerous to cross Archer Road?

Tuesday's poll results are unavailable due to technical error.

Vote or post a message at [www.alligator.org](http://www.alligator.org)



## Letters to the Editor

### Murty's statements about Republicans biased

This is in response to Paul Murty's article on Monday that could only be described as a "slaughter of logic." Paul, your article was nothing short of a biased attempt to prove that the Republicans are all evil, racist Halliburton employees who rape women. I am not kidding. At one point in your article, you somehow deduce that U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson was a racist for saying "you lie" to Obama.

Seriously Paul, that's the biggest stretch I have ever seen. Your implied statement was that anyone in disagreement with Obama is a racist. When Joe Wilson said "you lie," did you somehow hear "death to minorities?" Did Joe say that all black Americans are liars during the Obama speech? The fact that you tried to make this connection, in the beginning of your article no less, turned me off to everything you had to say, and made you look like a fool.

As far as the rest of your article, you blasted Republicans for some invented smear campaign against ACORN without rebutting any of the issues. In the very next paragraph, you started a smear campaign of your own by equating Republican representatives with rapists, and what the heck, threw in a Halliburton reference as well. To sum up Paul Murty's argument: Republicans didn't vote for some bill, so they must support rape. And they are racists, obviously.

James G.  
UF grad student

### Machen responded well to rusting bicycle problem

This letter is to commend President Bernie Machen for an extremely prompt response to an e-mail I wrote to him regarding the rusting hulks of bicycles that have dotted campus since I arrived in fall 2008 as a graduate student. I wrote this e-mail Monday afternoon expressing my dismay at having to constantly dodge the rusty carcasses of abandoned bikes, and was pleasantly surprised to receive a personal response that evening. Further, a phone call came from the appropriate person at UPD the next morning, with a pledge that the issue would be handled immediately. When I arrived at ARCH today, the worst of the problem was gone. Kudos to President Machen for making the time to care about the small problems.

James N. Beeler Jr.  
UF grad student

### Library patron should be commended for reporting lewd behavior

I am writing to give my full support behind Tuesday's Alligator editorial, "Public Porn." Reading that a brave patron of Library West had the courage to turn in this "jerk-ing-class hero," Christopher Wallace, did nothing short of erect a smile on my face.

I sincerely hope that this will send a message to all potential library patrons considering checking out their own copy of Moby Dick at our sanctuary of wisdom and humility.

The last thing I want is the phrase "taking out a book from the library" to mean something dirty. A few months ago, I thought "The First Lady Touched the Queen" headline was a euphemism for masturbation, which should be a clear indication that my mind doesn't need a lower gutter to dwell in. But I digress.

Those looking to get their jollies needn't come prematurely to the wholesome library for a quick fix. So, to all those considering committing a similar offense, let this be a warning: Our library is not the place to thrust your "jack of all trades" personality on the student body. That being said, kudos to the student who came forward to report such lewd behavior. You handled yourself well. Library West "patron," not so much.

Kenny Picciano  
UF student

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### Israel not being held accountable for actions

Israel has repeatedly defied United Nations resolutions. What other developed country in the world would be allowed this lawless refusal to abide by UN resolutions? Moreover, since its occupation of the Palestinian Territories in 1967, Israel has not implemented one single resolution stipulating its withdrawal from the occupied territories and refraining from all activities in these territories.

The settlements, the wall, the checkpoints, the bypass roads, the detention of political prisoners, the eviction of homes and other endless measures continue with glaring injustice, while the international community watches, and the US continues to pamper Israel with more funding and more moral support.

No wonder Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thought it was a joke for President Obama to ask him to freeze the settlements and took no heed of it. Why does everyone bend to Israel when it is the aggressor, the oppressor and the only country in the region that has a stock-pile of nuclear weapons, and has not even signed the non-proliferation treaty or allowed the inspection of its nuclear activity?

Yet they have the audacity to divert all the attention from its noncompliance with UN resolutions and its war crimes and violations of human rights, which appear so clearly in the Goldstone report, by focusing on Iran being the threat to the region. Once again, Israel succeeded in pulling wool over the eyes of the international community. I think it is due time for Israel to be held accountable for its actions.

Alex Salam  
UF student

## Guest column

# Column doesn't present all facts

Paul Murty's Tuesday column was so shamefully dishonest that I felt I had to respond. He claims the Republicans are not listening to voters, when it is the Democrats in Congress who have pushed through multiple 1,000-plus page bills they haven't read (and have broken campaign promises by not giving the public time to read them, either).

The latest Pew poll shows only 34 percent support for the new congressional health plan, with an opposition of 47 percent. And the opposition is growing. Mr. Murty, it is not the Republicans who are ignoring the will of the people.

Murty rightly calls out Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., for his indefensible outburst during President Obama's health care speech. Then, he undermines whatever credibility he had by going on to say that it was "racially motivated." How patently ridiculous. But this is the mindset of people like Murty, and race is always at the forefront of their thought. When Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla., has an outburst, and calls a lobbyist a "K Street whore" or claims Republicans want you to "die quickly," race has nothing to do with it. Not so for attacks on President Obama. In Murty's world, no one can legitimately be taking issue with Obama's "brilliant" policies. Therefore, it must be race. I guess the Iraqi who threw a shoe at Bush was just a racist, and had no qualm with his administration. When Bush was interrupted at Monticello, it was because he was white. Obama called Kanye West a "jackass." Is he a racist, too? Murty is simply drowning in Kool-Aid. Hiding behind race is intellectually dishonest and cowardly.

Murty's depiction of ACORN serves to crystallize how far he will go to push an intellectually dishonest viewpoint. The prostitute intending to set up a brothel and import 13 "very young" (underage) girls from El Salvador in as sex slaves is magically transformed, under the lenses of Murty's rose-colored glasses, into "a seemingly poor woman that was simply trying to support herself in life." The pimp helping her? Erased from Murty's narrative.

Murty argues that these two individuals are not representative of the organization. He's either lying or uninformed. From his record so far, I believe the former. In fact, ACORN's actions are systemic. It has been taped helping the undercover pimp and prostitute in Baltimore, Washington D.C., Brooklyn, San Diego, San Bernardino and elsewhere. When ACORN claimed that it had "kicked them out" from Philadelphia, the Philadelphia video was released — proving that ACORN employees were not only willing to help import underage sex slaves, but lie about it. Murty does not tell you this. He does not tell you that the Democratic Congress found it more than convincing enough to revoke ACORN's funding. He does not tell you that they have been disassociated with the 2010 Census. Stop retelling news the way you wish it happened, Mr. Murty, or it won't be long until someone (another obvious racist) screams "You lie!" at you.

*Benjamin Camenker is a UF graduate.*

## AROUND GAINESVILLE

## Santa Fe recycles costumes for kids

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

All around Gainesville, already-worn Halloween costumes hang in closets, waiting to gather dust.

But through the Santa Fe College Office of Community Service, once-worn Halloween costumes don't have to go to waste.

Starting this week, SFC is collecting Halloween costumes that will be donated to families in need. Costumes can be dropped off at the SFC Student Leadership and Activities, room S-147, today through Nov. 13 before 4 p.m.

The costumes will be donated through organizations including the Friends of the Micanopy Library, the Children's Home Society of Florida and schools, said Samantha Rist, an SFC Graduate Assistant.

"It's so easy," Rist said. "All you have to do is drop the costumes off, and kids will have new ones to wear next year." This is the second year the SFC Office of Community Service has held their Halloween costume drive. Last year, they re-

ceived about 100 outfits.

"Sometimes it's hard to motivate people to donate," she said. "But no one really wears their costumes more than once."

Tony Barakat, a graduate accounting student at UF, said people don't like repeating costumes because each year costume trends change.

"I know some people who wore more than one costume this year, and they're probably never going to wear either of them again," Barakat said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they wanted to donate them."

Sally Stein, program director of Friends of the Micanopy Library Tutoring Program, said drives like this mean a lot to their elementary and middle school students. A lot of the students in the program are on free or reduced-price lunches, so their families don't have enough money to buy things that aren't essential, Stein said.

Additionally, many Micanopy residents don't have access to the same resources as people in bigger cities, Stein said.

"For them to be able to look forward to having something to be [for Halloween] next year means a lot," she said.

## Gator alum joins race for governor

## Party leaders back her opponent

By **MATT HARRINGER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Despite opposition from her own party, state Sen. Paula Dockery, a UF alumna, filed paperwork Tuesday to run against Attorney General Bill McCollum for the Republican nomination for governor.

The Republican Party of Florida and most of the party's leadership have already endorsed McCollum, also a Gator. Former Governor Jeb Bush announced his support in a press release Tuesday, and Sen. Mike Haridopolos, a UF lecturer, said he believes McCollum is the best candidate for the Republican Party.

Dockery, who represents Lakeland, isn't deterred by having to face the leadership of her party. She said she believes her underdog status is a strength because Republican voters don't want

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**Paula Dockery**  
State senator

the party leadership deciding for whom they vote.

But Dockery's primary opponent isn't worried.

"This announcement wasn't unexpected and is not of particular concern," McCollum said. "We're focused on our campaign and on the striking contrast between myself and Alex Sink on the issues of great importance for our state."

Alex Sink, the state's CFO, is the Democratic nominee for governor.

Dockery has represented Lakeland in the state's legislature since 1996. The

senator started to make statewide headlines two years ago when she began her crusade against a \$641 million deal with CSX, one of the nation's largest railroad companies, to create a commuter rail system for central Florida.

"I worked very hard. The amount of political pressure on the issue was like none I've ever seen," Dockery said, adding that she was up against 200 lobbyists who supported the legislation.

After winning her battle, people from across the state began urging her to run for governor. Dockery was planning on retiring from politics after she was term-limited in 2012, but when she was still receiving letters in June, she began to change her mind.

"There is only so much I can do as one of 40 senators," Dockery said. "But there's a heck of a lot I can do as governor."

For more information on Dockery's platform and a UF political science professor's take on her candidacy, visit [alligator.org](http://alligator.org).

## SG collects charity change

■ THE MONEY WILL BENEFIT GATORS MARCH FOR BABIES.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Student Government Cabinet is hosting a spare change drive this week to raise money for the Gators March for Babies on Sunday.

A table will be set up every day this week from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Reitz Union Colonnade.

Students can drop off their spare change and pick up a flier with more information on the 5K run, which will start on Turlington Plaza.

Daniela Guanipa, director of the Community Involvement Cabinet, said the spare change drive allows other students who are not involved in the Gator March for Babies to contribute.

"It's something easy," Guanipa said. "They don't have to go out of their way if they're going into the Reitz to get lunch or go into the offices up there. They can just drop off their change."

The Cabinet is also hosting a fundraiser at TCBY from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday.

In addition to the fundraisers, the Cabinet is asking for each SG and Cabinet member participating in the run to donate \$10.

Guanipa said she has hosted spare change drives for other organizations in the past. She said that they can raise as much as \$300 in loose change per day.

"People are willing to give it up, and there are so many people in this school. I think it will be successful," Guanipa said.

Alex Andrade, director of the Research Cabinet said the spare change drive helps raise awareness and money for the event. He estimated that about \$11 was collected Tuesday morning.

"The goal is just to collect as much money as possible for the run," she said.

Students wanting to participate in the run can sign up at [Marchforbabies.org](http://Marchforbabies.org)

## Pelton was hit after getting off an RTS bus

**PELTON**, from page 1

Department spokesman Keith Kameg.

Witnesses said the driver, whose blood test showed had not been drinking, was obeying the speed limit and tried to swerve out of the way. Police are still investigating the cause of the crash.

Officers responded to calls from witnesses at 6:19 p.m., and Pelton was pronounced dead after arriving at the new trauma unit of Shands at UF, Kameg said.



Kameg

Kameg said this is the third traffic fatality of its kind this year.

"Unfortunately, this highlights an issue we have in this community," he said. "We have a lot of people and a lot of cars...trying to occupy the same space."

Roop said that even before the two became a couple, he'd found that Pelton was someone he could approach and talk with about anything.

"She was a very friendly person," he said.

Dr. Ray Sudjak worked with Pelton very closely for the past three and a half years at the Gainesville Animal Hospital on Sixth Avenue and said she'll be missed by everyone at the clinic.

"If I had a daughter, I'd want her to be just like her," he said. "She would have made a difference in the world... she would have been one hell of a vet."



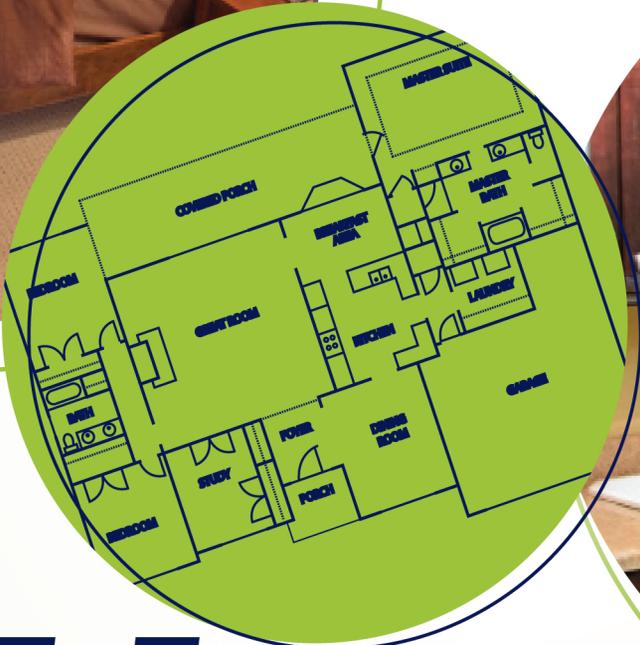
Erin Pelton in St. Augustine, Fla., on March 9.

Courtesy of Charles Roop

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## What is Off Campus Life?

UF's Office of Off Campus Life advocates for your rights in the community and provides support services and education to better your off campus experience with the ultimate goal of helping you develop into a globally-conscious Gator. OCL aims to provide programs and services that will prepare you to be a great Gator neighbor, here in Gainesville or wherever the road may take you.

The Office of Off Campus Life, which is part of UF's Division of Student Affairs, has been providing support services and resources to UF students living off campus since 2004. OCL's support services and resources include:

- **Free Online Housing Locator Service:** Students can find off-campus housing, roommates, and information like rent, room size, location, etc. at this free online site. Go to <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu> to use this resource.

- **Gator Guide to Off Campus Life:** A free publication that provides tips and resources for finding the right apartment, budgeting info, safety tips, keeping your electric costs low, a map of the city, and much more. To get a copy of the Gator Guide, visit OCL's office at 202 Peabody Hall or visit our website at [www.offcampus.ufl.edu](http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu).

- **Monthly Newsletter:** OCL sends a monthly electronic newsletter to all 39,000+ off campus students including topics like free campus resources, roommate pros and flops, time management, safety/crime prevention, upcoming events, and much more. OCL also allows submissions from you—the off campus student. Share your off campus experiences with us and they may be selected for publication in the newsletter.

- **Community Advocates:** A student group that focuses on civic engagement with the greater Gainesville community. Weekly meetings take place at various city locations including city hall, GPD, and the fire station. Local officials and OCL staff lead the class to foster greater awareness of being part of a community. Look out for applications for the Spring 2010 Semester.

- **Monthly Lunch Series:** OCL hosts a panel discussion on various topics such as safe partying, healthy lifestyles, and fun, free things to do in Gainesville, while providing a free lunch to both panelists and audience members.

- **Breakfast Club:** OCL wants to cater their services and programs to your needs. Every month, OCL hosts a free breakfast where you can give us feedback while we feed you.

- **Buzz Events:** Keep an eye out for our office mascot, Buzz. Learn more about OCL's services and events and get free swag like color-changing cups, reusable grocery bags and shirts.

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## INTRODUCTION

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Florida Statutes are also available online through the Florida Legislature's website, ([www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us)). Explanations of the Act have statewide applicability, but any specific references to Gainesville or Alachua County applies only to those areas.

The rental of mobile homes or mobile home lots is not covered in the Act. If you have a problem in this area, you should contact an attorney.

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Full time University of Florida students can receive free legal advice from Student Legal Services. The office is located at 368 J Wayne Reitz Union. Call 392-5297 for further information.

If you are not a full time student, contact the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service at 800-342-8011. They can give you a list of attorneys who can represent you for a lowered fee.

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# GETTING STARTED

## How Do I Find An Apartment?

Check with the office of Off-Campus Life at 352 392 1261 x 214 or their website at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/offcampus> for assistance.

Rental opportunities may also be found in the classified sections of The Gainesville Sun, The Independent Florida Alligator, and bulletin boards around campus.

## Can I Be Evicted If I Pay "My" Rent and My Roommates Don't?

Usually, Most leases provide that the tenants are jointly and severally liable for the entire rent. This means the landlord can evict you unless the full rent is paid.

It is possible for you to sue your roommates in small claims court to collect their share of the rent and utilities. A written roommate agreement will be helpful in proving your case in court.

Given the difficulty of collecting money on a judgment quickly, the best thing you can do is obtain new roommates.

## So What If I Get Sued? I Have No Money!

Any judgment for money damages is enforceable for at least 20 years and earns interest. A judgment may be enforced by seizing your wages, bank accounts, or your personal property. A judgment will also adversely affect your credit rating.

## What Should I Do Before I Sign a Lease?

### DO:

- Read the lease and make sure you understand it.
- Review a copy of the lease with an attorney prior to signing it.
- Expect to pay full rent, not just your share. This is what "joint and several" liability means, a term included or implied in nearly all leases.

- Obtain a copy of the lease and all attachments or addendums to the lease, and put everything with your personal records.

- Have all promised repairs and improvements written into the lease and signed by the landlord.

- Insist on seeing your actual unit.
- Get clear written permission for any pets.
- Check for maintenance responsibilities when renting a house or duplex.

### DON'T

- Do not sign a 12-month lease unless you are willing to pay rent for 12 months.

- Do not sign a 12-month lease with roommates unless all roommates are willing to pay rent for 12 months.

- Do not have your parents signed the lease or a parental guarantee agreeing to be responsible for rent, if possible. See if the landlord will accept an additional security deposit instead.

- Do not sign a lease with automatic renewal clause.

- Do not sign a lease that gives the landlord unlimited access to the apartment without notice or consent.

- Do not sign a lease based upon a model apartment.

- Do not sign a lease before visiting the neighborhood at various times during the day, at night and on weekends.

- Do not sign a lease until all agreements negotiated with the landlord are in writing.

## What Can Happen If I Don't Pay Rent?

Failure to pay rent is the quickest way to be evicted! The landlord will serve a notice demanding payment of rent or possession of

the apartment. If you fail to comply with the demand within three days, excluding weekends and holidays, eviction proceedings may be started. Neither surrender of the apartment or eviction ends your liability for rent! You should contact an attorney immediately upon receipt of a three-day notice.

## Can I Be Evicted For Any Other Reason?

Yes! Your lease can be terminated if you violate any lease terms, rules and regulations, or the Act. If your lease is terminated and you do not vacate the apartment, the landlord may file for your eviction immediately.

Termination begins with a 7-day notice. Your options depend on whether the violations are classified as "curable" or "noncurable".

If you receive either type of notice, you should contact. Neither termination of your lease, nor your eviction from the apartment ends your liability for rent!

### Curable Violations

You will be given seven days to correct a curable violation. Curable violations include unauthorized pets, guests, parking, or the failure to keep the apartment clean and sanitary. If you repeat the violation within 12 months, you will not be given another chance.

### Noncurable Violations

The landlord may terminate your lease with a 7-day notice without giving you a chance to correct a noncurable violation. Noncurable violations include deliberate destruction or misuse of the landlord's property or a continued, unreasonable disturbance.

## What Should I Look For In An Apartment?

**Application Deposits:** Never put down a deposit to hold an apartment unless you have a written agreement indicating whether it is refundable.

**Model Apartments:** Never sign a lease based upon a model. Insist on seeing your actual apartment.

**Cost:** Can you afford it? Even if your roommates leave?

**Safety:** Inspect the locks on the doors and windows – is there a deadbolt on the front door? Do sliding glass doors have adequate locks to deter forced entry? Are the hallways and parking lots well lit? Make sure tree limbs and shrubs in front of the apartment are well trimmed.

You can contact the Alachua County Sheriff's Office or the Gainesville Police Department for information on crime in the area.

**Function:** At move-in, check all plumbing and appliances. Run water in sinks, showers and tubs, flush toilets, and check air conditioning and heating.

**Inventory:** Note all defects on the inventory sheet or check-in list signed by the landlord or an impartial witness. Photograph or videotape the apartment at move-in.

**Appearance:** Is it clean? Do the carpets look worn or smell bad? Has the apartment been painted recently? Do the walls have nail holes?

In some Gainesville neighborhoods, only three unrelated persons may live together. Check with the city if you plan on having more than two roommates.

Retain a copy of the lease and all attachments or addendums to the lease for your records. Have all promised repairs and improvements written into the lease and signed by the landlord.

Get clear written permission for any pets.

### Legal Assistance:

UF Students (full-time)  
Student Legal Services  
368 J Wayne Reitz Union  
352-392-5297

### All others:

Florida Bar Referral Service  
Tallahassee, FL  
800-342-8011

### Local Assistance

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352-334-5030

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## GETTING EVICTED

### What Exactly Is An Eviction?

An eviction is the formal end to your right to occupy the apartment. It does not end your duty to pay rent. An eviction starts with a Summons. You must file an Answer within 5 days. Contact an attorney immediately. If the court rules against you, a judgment for possession of the apartment, unpaid rent, late fees, interest, court costs and attorney's fees will be entered for the landlord. The sheriff will post a notice at the apartment that requires you to vacate within 24 hours. If you do not vacate within 24 hours, the sheriff will remove you and your personal property from the apartment.

### How Do I Find A Good Roommate?

Check the Off-Campus Life website at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/offcampus>. Check bulletin boards around campus and classified ads as additional sources. Discuss with potential roommates preferences in food, music, personal habits, sleeping and study hours, friends and finances. An open and frank appraisal of each other's likes, dislikes, and expectations will increase the chances of an enjoyable shared living experience. A written roommate agreement is advisable.

### Do I Really Need Insurance For MY Personal Property?

Yes. Unless you are financially able to replace all your belongings, you should have insurance. Proper

### What Are My Duties As A Tenant?

- First, last and always, PAY RENT!
- Comply with all other lease terms.
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- Do not damage the apartment.
- Do not disturb your neighbors.

insurance coverage will protect you against the loss of your valuables in most circumstances. Landlords are legally responsible for such losses only under very specific, limited circumstances that may be very difficult to prove in court.

If you are a resident-relative of your parents, your personal property may be insured through their homeowner's policy. Have your parents confirm the coverage in writing with their insurance agent. If coverage is not available through your parents' homeowner's policy, you may be able to purchase renter's insurance. Even with insurance, there are certain precautions you should always take. Always lock your apartment securely even if you are only going next door. Never leave jewelry, cameras, cash, checkbooks, credit cards, electronics, or other valuables in plain view.

## GETTING ALONG

### My Landlord Refuses

#### to Make Repairs, What Can I Do?

You MAY be able either to withhold your rent or terminate your lease if the problem constitutes a material breach of the lease or the Act. You must follow the exact requirements of the Act. You must give the landlord a written notice demanding the repairs be made in seven days. The notice must indicate to terminate the lease or withhold rent if the repairs are not made. This is a complicated process and the legal consequences are very serious. Do not attempt to terminate your lease or withhold rent without first obtaining legal advice.

#### Can I Deduct Repair Costs From My Rent?

No. The Act does not authorize you to make repairs or to recover the cost of such repairs. In fact, most apartment leases prohibit repairs by tenants. When the landlord refuses to make repairs, the Act gives you a qualified right to terminate the lease or withhold rent. As previously indicated, you should consult an attorney before attempting to terminate the lease or withhold rent.

#### Can I use My Security Deposit for the Last Month's Rent?

No. Landlords can legally evict you for non-payment of rent even when your "security deposit" is equal to your last month's rent. The purpose of the security deposit is to protect the landlord against damages to the apartment.

### Does the Law Require Interest Payments on Security Deposits?

Landlords must hold security deposits in one of three methods. Two methods of holding the deposits require interest to be paid. The method which does not require interest payment is the one most landlords use. The landlord is required to inform you in writing how your deposit is being held, where it is held, and whether you will receive interest.

### What Can I Do If My Landlord Doesn't Return My Deposit?

A landlord shall have 15 days after termination of the lease to return the security deposit together with interest if otherwise required, if he or she does not intend to impose a claim on the security deposit. If the landlord intends to impose a claim in the security deposit, he or she shall have 30 days to give the tenant written notice by certified mail, stating how much is going to be deducted and why. You must object to the deduction in writing within 15 days from the date you receive the notice, or the landlord will be authorized to deduct his or her claim from your security deposit.

If the landlord fails to give the required notice within the 30-day period, he or she forfeits the right to impose a claim upon the security deposit.

However, if you damaged the apartment, the landlord can sue you even when the 30-day notice is not given. Because the landlord can also get court costs and attorney's fees, you should consult an attorney before filing any lawsuits.

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# GETTING IT BACK

## What Steps Can I Take To Protect My Security Deposit?

When you take occupancy of the apartment, complete a thorough written inventory of the apartment's condition and have the landlord or an impartial witness sign the inventory. Make sure you keep a copy of the inventory. This helps protect you from the landlord claiming you caused pre-existing damage.

When you move out, clean the apartment completely and thoroughly. Some landlords provide a checklist outlining the cleaning they expect you to do. Keep all your receipts for cleaning supplies and professional carpet

cleaning as evidence.

Before you leave, ask the landlord to inspect the apartment with you. Complete a move-out checklist and make sure the landlord signs and dates it. Use an impartial witness if the landlord is not available or refuses your request. Move-in and move-out photographs or videotape are strongly recommended in case there is a dispute.

## What Can I Do About Noisy Neighbors?

Try to reason with the neighbor to reach an acceptable compromise. Thin walls and conflicting schedules make some amount of noise disturbance an unavoidable reality of apartment living.

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Ask the landlord for assistance. If the landlord refuses to correct the problem, you may be able to break your lease. Because the law in this area is so poorly developed, legal representation is a necessity.

In extreme cases, call the police and report the matter. Unfortunately, this can lead to revenge and reprisals.

## I Can't Stand My Roommate. What Can I Do?

Discuss the matter with your roommate immediately. Don't ignore the problem with the hope that it will go away. A little give and

take may result in a livable compromise.

Under the Act, your landlord is not responsible for most roommate disputes. If your roommate is violating the lease, you should consult an attorney.

## Can My Rent Be Increased During My Lease Term?

Not unless the lease contains a specific provision allowing for a rent increase. From the tenant's perspective, one of the primary reasons for having a written lease is to lock in the rent for the rental period. Normally, you should not sign a lease providing for a rent increase.

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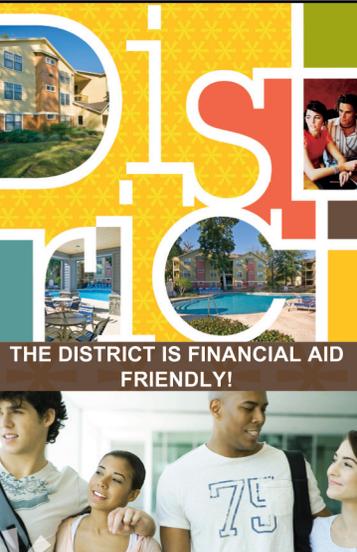
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## GETTING IT BACK

### Can My Landlord Enter My Apartment Without Notice?

No. Unless there is an emergency or you have abandoned your apartment, the landlord must provide reasonable notice and obtain your consent prior to entering your apartment.

You cannot unreasonably withhold consent. If the landlord persists in entering without notice or consent, contact an attorney.

### How Soon Must I Renew My Lease?

There is no time period established by the Act. You should not sign a lease that provides for automatic renewals of requires you to give the landlord a notice of nonrenewal. If you do sign such a lease, you must strictly comply with the notice requirements imposed by the lease.

If the lease does not specify otherwise, renewals are a matter of general contract law. The landlord cannot force you to renew prior to the end of your lease. However, if you do not renew by the landlord's "deadline," the landlord may rent your apartment to someone else.

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### Can I Break My Lease Because...

I am graduating?	No!
My roommate left?	No!
I cannot afford the rent?	No!
I need to work this summer?	No!
The neighborhood is unsafe?	No!

Under the Act, you can only terminate the lease if the landlord is materially violating your lease or the Act. You should obtain legal advice before attempting to terminate your lease. In many cases, the best thing you can do is find replacement tenants.

### Can I Sublet My Apartment?

Usually. The landlord cannot unreasonably withhold consent to an assignment or sublease. The landlord may require potential replacement tenants to submit an application including a credit check. The landlord may also charge a reasonable sublet fee even when you provide the replacement tenants. Normally you remain liable under your lease if the replacement tenants do not pay rent or damage the apartment. Some landlords will release you from the obligations of your lease. If you are being released, get it in writing.

### Can I Just Move Out and Forfeit My Security Deposit?

No. Some tenants will walk out on a lease and receive no adverse action, while others will be pursued to the fullest extent of the law. In Gainesville's current rental market, the odds are that you will be sued unless you supply acceptable replacement tenants.

Your losses in court will not be limited to your security deposit, but will include rent for each month the apartment remains vacant during the term of your lease, plus court costs and the landlord's attorney's fees.

Gainesville has plenty of off-campus housing including apartments, condos, houses, and rooms for rent. Take your time when looking for a place to live. There is plenty of available off-campus housing; don't rush to sign a lease. Even though property managers/owners may say space is limited, chances are there are many vacant properties still available.



### Below is a Top 10 Checklist for finding the right place for you:

1. Use the **Off Campus Housing Locator Service** at <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu>.
2. **Create a priority list.** What do you care about most in a living space? Room size, rent, type of lease, type of community (large undergrad population, graduate students, local residents, etc.), location, proximity to campus or bus route...all these things are factors to consider in choosing a place to live. Write out a list of ideal characteristics you want in your future living space and keep these criteria in mind when selecting a location.
3. **Choose a well-suited roommate or choose to live alone.** Know what kind of person would best compliment your personality and choose accordingly.
4. **Know your budget** and choose a property that allows you to live within your means.
5. Drive around and **visit the place and neighborhood** you are looking to live in. Do not sign without seeing the property first. Pictures can be very deceiving.
6. **Take a tour** of the complexes that interest you and get to know the management. Feel out the vibes the complex managers or staff give you. These are the people responsible for taking care of the property, so if you feel like they take care of you, chances are they also take care of the property. The same goes for the contrary.
7. **Ask your friends for advice on where to live.** Which properties worked well for them? Which didn't?
8. Check with local Law Enforcement for **crime statistics** on the area you choose to live in by calling 352-955-1818.
9. **Go back to the property at night** and make some observations. Is it well lit, do you see the security guard that management promised, is the security gate working, is it quiet enough to study, how close is the bus stop or parking to the complex or house, etc.?
10. Overall, **listen to your heart.** If you have any reservations about a property, do not feel forced to commit. There are plenty of living places in Gainesville. You will find a place even if you let one property go.

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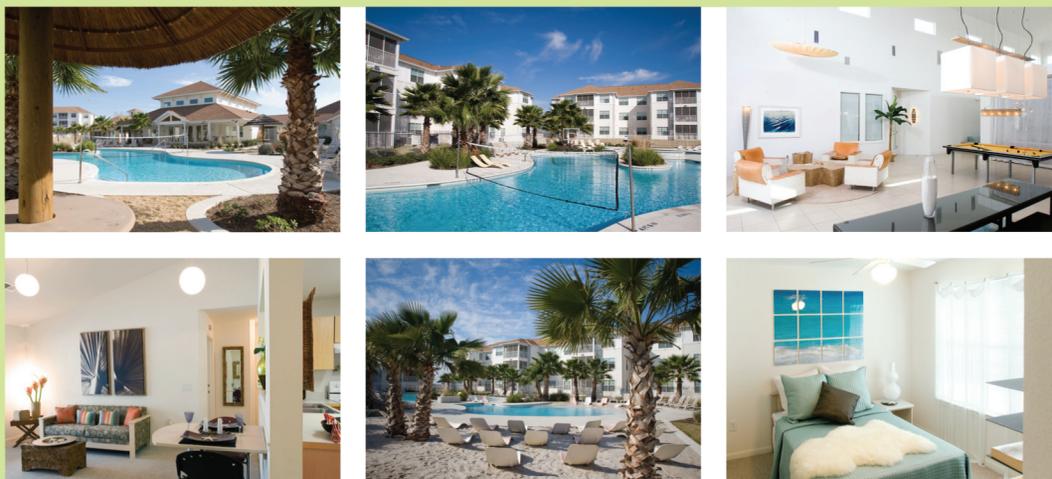
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## Roommates

• Look for roommates on the Off Campus Housing Locator at: <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu>.

• Being friends with someone and living with a friend can be two totally different things. See the Gator Guide to Off Campus Life for some tips on how to stay friends while living together at [www.offcampus.ufl.edu/gatorguide.php](http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/gatorguide.php)

## Safety Tips

Both personal and property safety is important as you search for off-campus housing. Before signing a lease, contact local law enforcement at 352-955-1818 with the addresses of where you are looking to live and they can give you crime statistics for that area.

Below are five tips to use when looking at safety during your apartment search:

1. Go back to the complex at night. How do you feel? How does the environment seem? Is the place well lit and populated or dark and isolated?

2. Does the property have working security gates and/or guards?

3. Check for dead bolts on the outside door, locks for individual doors,

alarm systems, etc. and ask lots of questions about the security. Is there an extra charge for a security system?

4. Has there been crime in the area recently? What actions have been done to prevent crime from happening?

5. Don't forget about purchasing some Renter's Insurance to protect you and your stuff from the unexpected.

Go to the Off Campus Life website at [www.offcampus.ufl.edu/top10.php](http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/top10.php) for more personal and property safety tips.

## Budgets

You can't find the right place to live until you know how much you are able to spend. Here are some budget questions you should think about while touring a property:

1. What is the monthly rent?

2. What's included in that rent? Utilities, gas, water, cable, internet?

3. What's not included in rent? What is the average monthly cost for gas, electric, water, garbage disposal? If management doesn't know, contact GRU at [www.gru.com](http://www.gru.com) and they can give you average costs of utilities for the previous year.

4. Want to have a pet? Factor in the deposit and monthly cost for food, medical, and grooming care.

5. Don't forget the insurance. Before you sign your lease, call your insurance company and see how much it will cost monthly to insure your apartment or house.

6. Are you going to need fuel for your vehicle or are you going to use the bus? Factor in transportation/ car maintenance costs to your budget.

7. How much will you spend monthly

on groceries or on a meal plan?

8. Have some fun! Don't spend so much on rent that you don't have money for leisure time.

9. What do you spend on clothing, shoes, and accessories?

10. How much money can you save every month? It's really good to save some money every month to cover unexpected emergency expenses. Even \$20 a month saved is good. Every little bit counts.

To help you with your budget, OCL has a budget spreadsheet in the Gator Guide that can be found online at [www.offcampus.ufl.edu](http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu).

## Insurance

If you are thinking about renting a house or apartment, Renters Insurance provides important coverage for both you and your possessions. A standard Renter's Policy protects your personal property in case of theft or damage and may pay for temporary living expenses if your rental is damaged (including loss of use). It can also shield you from personal liability. Anyone who leases a house or apartment should consider this type of coverage.

Talk with your parents before getting your own renter's policy. If you are still financially dependent on your parents or a family member and they own a home, they might be able to cover you under their homeowner's policy. Some homeowner policies will cover a dependent's rental property while in college.

There are several types of Residential Insurance policies. Read your policy information carefully and ensure you have full coverage. Policies should include the



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Your living environment plays a major factor in your overall happiness level. Know what you want to get out of your living space and choose your location and roommate(s) accordingly. Don't let anyone else push you into living somewhere or with someone you don't feel 100% right with. Gainesville is home now...so let Off Campus Life help you get the most out of your off-campus experience.

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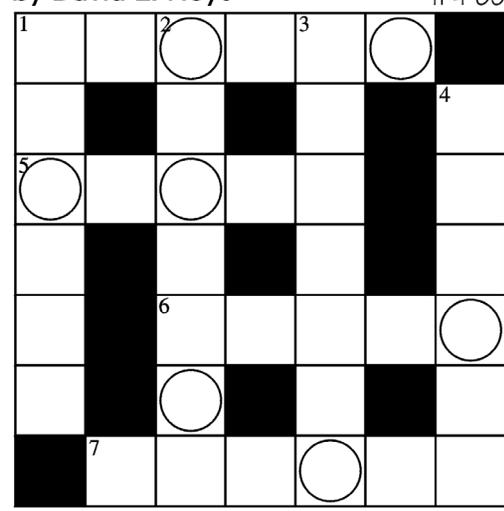
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5. Type of nut      NCPEA  
6. Type of outer garment      RCFOK  
7. Garment part      EEEVLS

**DOWN**

**CLUE**      **ANSWER**

1. Neat, stylish      APEDRP  
2. Diplomatic      FCATLUT  
3. Comfort      ESLOONC  
4. Harass      HCEELK

**CLUE:** This dates back to the early 1800s.

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1 "___ be an honor"	5 Poker payment	45 Mortar and ___	
4 Absurd sham	6 Sac fly stat	37 Draft choice	48 Gave a PG, say
9 Music performance rights org.	7 Approve tacitly	39 Five-star leader	
14 Fizzle out	8 Crowd scene actors	41 Nifty	49 Shade tree
15 Where work may pile up	9 Copycat	42 Low-cost lodging	51 Tolkien tree people
16 Bit of wisdom	10 Furry North Pacific swimmers	43 Coastal irregularities, and word	52 Six-time Emmy winner Tyne
17 Respond to Uncle Sam's poster request	11 Hanna-Barbera output	44 anagrammed in this puzzle's four longest answers	53 Teaching inst.
20 Navajo relative	12 Escort's offer		54 Chit
21 Wood decay	13 Thickness		55 Bigheadedness
22 Tall and long-limbed	18 "Gross!"		
23 Hope/Crosby film title word	19 Jekyll's alter ego		
24 Captured	20 Actuary's calculation		
27 ___-Cat: winter vehicle	25 Cut or scrape, in totspeak		
28 Movieland	26 Lego relative		
30 Eliminate entirely	28 Tic ___: mint		
32 ___, meenie ...	29 Eric the Red's son		
33 Outdoor nap site	30 Loneliness syndrome when kids leave home		
36 Women, in old-fashioned parlance	31 Repetitive learning method		
38 Blow one's top	33 Captain's position		
39 Chasms	34 "Carmen" highlight		
40 "Pay attention!"	35 Like weightlifters		
43 Pesky little tyke			
46 Retailing pioneer R.H. ___			
47 Eternities			
48 Zellweger of "Chicago"			
50 Anxiety			
52 Texas metropolis			
53 Passive-aggressive tactic			
56 Land along the ocean			
57 Two under par, on a hole			
58 Up to, in classified ads			
59 Aches			
60 Father of Beau and Jeff			
61 Go out with			

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- TELEVISION: What comic book superhero is either mentioned or represented in many episodes of the "Seinfeld" sitcom series?
- INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the electric razor?
- MOVIES: What was Forrest Gump's home state?
- MUSIC: What rock group performed the song "Pride (In the Name of Love)"?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element magnesium?
- GEOGRAPHY: What modern European country was called Lusitania in Roman times?
- LANGUAGE: In Latin names for the days of the week, what planet is represented by Wednesday?
- ANIMAL WORLD: Which insect can sting only once?

Answers:  
 1. Use of a repeated consonant, usually at the beginning of a word.  
 2. 2,57  
 3. Superman  
 4. Jacob Schick  
 5. Alabama  
 6. U2  
 7. Må  
 8. Portugal  
 9. Mercury (*Dies Mercurii*)  
 10. Honeybee

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## Cunningham, Dunlap coming on strong

By **MIKE McCALL**  
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It took a while, but Florida's highly touted defensive ends are starting to make their presence felt.

Through the first five games this season, Carlos Dunlap and Jermaine Cunningham had combined for just three sacks, a total linebacker Brandon Spikes equaled in the LSU game alone.

"Those two guys off the edge right now are playing about as well as any pair of defensive ends in college football."

**Dan McCarney**  
UF defensive line coach

They flashed little of the talent and drive that made ESPN's Scouts, Inc. rate them the Nos. 1 and 8 defensive end prospects for April's NFL Draft.

But they've recovered from the slow start, racking up four each in the last three contests.

That's the kind of production that was expected from the duo at the beginning of the season, and if  
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UF defensive end Jermaine Cunningham has been rated the No. 8 prospect at his position for the 2010 NFL Draft by ESPN's Scouts, Inc. Cunningham has five sacks on the season.

## UF takes different mindset to SEC Tourney Gators will face Vols in first round

By **TYLER JETT**  
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Hospitality is overrated.

When Tennessee (8-8-3, 4-5-2 Southeastern Conference) faces No. 8 Florida (14-4-2, 8-1-2 SEC) in the opening round of the SEC Tournament tonight at 6 in Orange Beach, Ala., the Volunteers might find the Gators backline to be less inviting than the last time the two teams met.

When UF traveled to Tennessee on Oct. 16, the Gators blew an early 1-0 lead after defender Lauren Hyde had the ball stripped by Volunteers forward Chelsea Hatcher in the Gators' defensive third.

Hatcher easily scored, Tennessee put another goal on the scoreboard and Florida needed a goal in the last five minutes to escape with a tie.

"Tennessee kicked our butts last time," coach Becky Burleigh said.

When the Gators returned to Gainesville after the match, Burleigh changed the way the team practiced to emphasize defense.

"We're a high-risk team," Burleigh said. "We like to play offense. We play defense because we have to — that's just our philosophy. And so we were relying a little bit too much on our offense and not spending enough time coaching the defense."

The coaches put players through a one-on-one drill to help them focus on pressuring opponents when they are the first to mark an attacking player. The idea is for one player to step up and cut off the opponent's options.

"One-on-one defending is crucial because if you mess up, then that messes up

the whole team," sophomore Sarah Chapman said.

The Gators also practice a half-field drill, where forwards and attacking midfielders approach UF defenders and try to score. Defensive midfielders usually play alongside the backline, but Burleigh sometimes tells them to play behind the attack to practice defending a counter attack.

If the defensive midfielders are tracking back, the backline focuses on containing the attack as much as possible until the midfielders can arrive to help.

During the drill, coaches will stop play when they see the need to instruct defenders on how to react based on the way the offense runs into the penalty box.

By focusing on defense in practice, the Gators not only improved tactically, they also changed their mentality, Burleigh said. The coach wants every player, attacking players included, to be involved.

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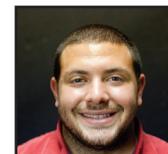
## Glamorous wrinkles not always the answer

Urban Meyer loves adding new wrinkles to his team's game plan.

But the two major additions this season have not been successful.

Sure, the Joker and Banzai packages sound cool, and they were successful in their debuts against cakewalks Troy and Charleston Southern, respectively.

The honeymoon is over, though, and neither has looked as effective since.



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The Banzai was the Gators'

version of a no-huddle offense and was supposed to be a great way to change the pace of the game to better suit their style of play.

All it really did was move the huddle from a couple yards behind the line of scrimmage to at the line of scrimmage.

Often, it seemed the players would hurry to the line just to wait for signals from the sideline, allowing opposing defenses plenty of time to prepare for the next play, which is what this package was supposed to counteract.

At the start of the season, Florida used the offense frequently, but it has been seeing a decreased role in recent games.

Against Georgia, the Banzai was nowhere to be seen as

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### TEeing OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ While many are calling for Brandon Spikes' head for his eye-gouging, there are some that don't think he should have been suspended, including the person who was gouged — Washaun Ealey. Shows how awful Spikes' action was. ... Stephen Colbert has been known for his unwavering patriotism, leading him to have his show, "The Colbert Report," be the main sponsor of the U.S. speed skating team.

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## UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Gators not sure of this year's offensive identity

By EUGENIO TORRENS

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Some days Amanda Butler thinks her team will be a run-and-gun type offense. Other times after practice, she's not so sure the UF women's basketball team will be as outside-oriented as she previously thought.

She may be indecisive about the offensive image of her team, but Butler is sure about two things: her team can shoot, and she's going to make sure the Gators pound the paint this season.

"We've got the potential to put five kids on the floor that can shoot the three," Butler said. "Does that mean that we're going to live and die by the three? Absolutely not."

Last season, the UF women's basketball team averaged nearly two more 3 pointers than its opponents.

The team also shot .365 from downtown — as opposed to the .310 percentage opponents fired.

And while the team is comprised of shooters, Butler listed some of the shooters on her team from memory like reading from a list: Jordan Jones, Jennifer Mossor, Steffi Sorensen and post players Sharielle Smith and Lily Svete.

"We're great shooters, but we have to punish (opponents) in the paint so that they have to worry," Azania Stewart said.

UF may just be able to shoot from beyond the arc all night and day, but the team plans to stick to defense and post play.

Butler has made it clear she's not afraid to tell her shooters when they're trigger happy. But they're not yet. She made that known from the beginning.

**"We've got the potential to put five kids on the floor that can shoot the three."**

**Amanda Butler**

UF women's basketball coach

The Gators will go to the rim first — running until they're stopped — before going to the 3-point line.

"Sometimes they don't hit (threes) all the time, so we do have to go and rebound," sophomore Trumae Lucas said. "We have to pick those points back up that they

don't knock down from behind the arc."

The offense will undoubtedly take a different look with the departure of superstar seniors Marsha Dotson and Sha Brooks, the team's two leading scorers last year with 16.4 and 14 points per game, respectively.

This may raise red flags for outsiders, but Butler points out how she and her coaching staff have known since their arrival that the duo was bound to leave.

"There's a lot of different people that are going to assume bigger roles because there's not a Marsha Dotson and a Sha Brooks any longer," Butler said.

Even without the unmistakable offensive production the pairing

brought, Butler is still preaching of offensive aggressiveness.

Ndidi Madu, who has been singled out by the coaching staff for her higher level of play in the preseason, said being assertive was one of the most pivotal things she learned from Dotson last year.

Madu said she's been working on being more aggressive in the paint and working on her low-block scoring. A player who likes to face the basket, Madu is striving to score in other ways.

But she, like the other post players, feels completely confident about kicking it out if she doesn't have a shot.

"I never have a doubt, if I'm kicking it out — it's automatic, it's going in," Stewart said.

## Florida tied for conference lead in sacks

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it keeps up, an already stout UF defense will be even better.

"Those two guys off the edge right now are playing about as well as any pair of defensive ends in college football," defensive line coach Dan McCarney said. "They need to continue that. They haven't been doing that all year. In the last two or three weeks, I think they have been."

Following the LSU game, the Gators were 34th in the nation for sacks, but they've risen to No. 14 and are now tied for the Southeastern Conference lead with Alabama and Ole Miss at 23.

McCarney said they should have "at least six more," and he's hopeful his unit can add to that tally after regaining some depth on the interior line.

Entering the season, Lawrence Marsh and Jaye Howard were the expected starters at defensive tackle, but injuries have limited Marsh to action in just three games, and Howard has missed two of the last three.

That left Omar Hunter, Terron Sanders and Troy Epps inside, but Epps hasn't seen action in the last four games.

"A couple of games you're just holding your breath, telling them, 'Here's what you have to do, here's what we have

to do to win, and don't get hurt,' McCarney said. "That's a great message from your position coach, 'Don't get hurt.' It was about time for me to go into the game."

The lack of depth didn't allow McCarney to use the kind of rotation he had envisioned to keep his players fresh, and the pass rush suffered.

Justin Trattou played at both end and tackle, and after recovering from a biceps injury, he and the now-healthy Howard and Marsh should change things inside.

"Overall, they're doing a good job, but the challenge is we have to get more out of those inside guys," he said. "There's not going to be five sacks a game by the inside guys, but there has to be lots of pressure."

The increased performance from Dunlap and Cunningham has coincided with a rise in interceptions. The Gators have tallied seven of their 14 picks in the last two games, and being able to rely on the front four to get to the quarterback makes life easier for the rest of the defense.

"That helps us out tremendously," cornerback Joe Haden said. "As a matter of fact, sometimes it's not even about the coverage. Say we have OK coverage, but the pass is a little off because of the pass rush, that makes playing corner a whole lot easier."



## Football

## Change in focus leads to three straight shutouts

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"If you have a player that gets past you, then you have a responsibility to get back and help track that player down, and not just say, 'Oh, it's not my problem anymore, I'll let her deal with it,'" Burleigh said.

The change in attitude has been obvious on the pitch. In UF's three games since the team changed its focus, the Gators have recorded three shutouts.

Even more telling, in games to determine the SEC regular season championship against No. 13 LSU and No. 15 South Carolina, Florida prevented its opponents from getting an open look at the goal.

Anytime a player had room to breathe, she quickly noticed a Gators jersey attached to her.

"In the back of our mind, when we lose the ball, we have to get it back," Chapman said.

Back to Tennessee's side of the field, but not back to Florida's welcoming ways.



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UF midfielder Sarah Chapman (88) and her teammates have put more emphasis on defense recently. It has paid off with six wins in seven matches.

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part of Meyer's plan to fix some of the offensive problems the team has had in recent weeks.

"We didn't audible a lot, we let them play," Meyer said.

The Banzai package probably will linger for the rest of the season and Meyer will try to fix it in the offseason, but it is not going to be the prevalent fixture in the offense as once expected.

The Joker package falls into the same category.

The 3-3-5 defense was supposed to take advantage of the Gators' three great defensive ends (Carlos Dunlap, Jermaine Cunningham and Justin Trattou), the army of quality linebackers and the three "starting" safeties (Will Hill, Ahmad Black and Major Wright).

Although defensive coordinator Charlie Strong knew it would be susceptible against the run, it was going to be effective against pass-heavy teams and on third-and-long situations.

The only problem is that on third and long, teams are usually unwilling to just heave the ball down the field and instead opt to run or throw screens.

Tennessee was the first to take advantage of this formation, breaking off runs of 20 and 13 on third and long and added a 21-yard screen play on another one.

Since then, the Joker has made only occasionally appearances in third-and-long situations, and the Gators have made an increased push to add depth at defensive tackle, so they could play more four-man fronts, despite being plagued by injuries at the position.

If Strong wants to get Trattou and Hill, who are both the third man at their position, on the field, he is just going to have to rotate them in because the joker is barely a viable option.

Just because these two wrinkles have failed that doesn't mean Meyer or Strong have lost their touch. Meyer's past additions have had success and are now staples in the offense, and Strong is directing the nation's best defense.

The Banzai's failure has not kept Meyer down either, because he has already unveiled a new candidate to be added to the offense.

In the last two games, he has added the I-formation to the game plan with much success, but before anyone goes claiming the I-form is here to stay, just wait because a couple more games could expose this too as a fraud.

# Frontcourt struggles against undersized exhibition foe

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As impressive as the Gators' guards were in their first exhibition game Monday night, Florida's front-court play left a little something to be desired.

Praised as being the team's deeper and more versatile unit, UF's big men were mostly outplayed and overshadowed by a two-deep backcourt that features four underclassmen despite facing a team that started no player taller than 6 foot 7.

UF gave up 11 offensive rebounds to an undersized Saint Leo squad in the first half of the 95-46 exhibition victory against the Lions. Although the Gators went on to win the rebounding advantage 51-38, they trailed by one about two minutes into the second half.

UF coach Billy Donovan attributed some of his team's early rebounding struggles to his experimenting with a number of different rotations in his team's full-court press. In addition, the Lions missed 20 threes in the game, which resulted in a lot of long rebounds.

"We weren't boxing out," said junior power forward Alex Tyus, who led the team with nine boards. "They were shooting a lot of threes. We were just running in without touching our men, and the ball would go over our heads."

Tyus started the game at power forward, where he will likely see the bulk of his minutes after having to play out of position at center all last season. The preseason All-Southeastern Conference Second Team selection was also the team's only non-back-court player to score double-digit points, finishing with 10.

Center Vernon Macklin struggled at times in his highly anticipated Florida debut, scoring 7 points, grabbing just four rebounds and recording no blocks in 23 minutes.

Macklin has been viewed as the solution to UF's low-post issues from last year, as his 6-foot-10, 240-pound frame gives the Gators a legitimate big man and frees up players like Tyus and Dan Werner to return to their more natural positions, as they did Monday night.

The junior said he didn't feel any pressure in his first game back after sitting out all last season, but he didn't look or feel entirely comfortable in his first organized game in more than a year.

"I'm sure for him it was a little bit of an awkward feeling, going out there in the starting lineup," said Donovan, who has repeatedly warned against expecting too much out of Macklin. "Probably the last time he started a game was in high school. But I think Vern will continue to get better."

"They were shooting a lot of threes. We were just running in without touching our men, and the ball would go over our heads."

**Alex Tyus**  
UF junior power forward

Coming off the bench to fill in at center and power forward, freshman Erik Murphy showed the potential to be a key role player for the Gators. He put up nine points and grabbed six boards while appearing to already be one of UF's most physical, athletic rebounders.

Sophomore Kenny Kadji also saw time at center, adding six points, five rebounds and a team-high three blocks, but he racked up four fouls and three turnovers in only 14 minutes of play.

"If you look at Kadji, Murphy and Macklin as a committee, in terms of their points, rebounds and what they did, I thought it was pretty good," Donovan said.



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UF center Vernon Macklin had seven points, four rebounds and no blocks in 23 minutes against Division-II Saint Leo on Monday.

# UGA's Ealey: Spikes shouldn't have been suspended RB had his eyes closed during incident

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — A most unlikely person came to the defense of Florida linebacker Brandon Spikes, who was suspended for half a game for apparently trying to gouge the eyes of Georgia running back Washaun Ealey.

Ealey said Tuesday he doesn't believe Spikes should have been suspended.

In fact, Ealey seemed surprised

the play from Saturday's game drew so much attention.

Florida coach Urban Meyer on Monday suspended Spikes for the first half of this week's game against Vanderbilt after the defensive captain stuck his hand in Ealey's helmet and appeared to try to stick his fingers in Ealey's eyes.

Ealey says he doesn't agree with those who have said the suspension was not stiff enough.

"That really didn't matter to

me," Ealey said of the suspension. "That's their decision. He shouldn't, I think, get suspended at all. We were just out there playing football."



Ealey said he had his eyes closed when Spikes stuck his hand in his helmet and he wasn't hurt.

"He really didn't gouge my eyes," Ealey said. "He really didn't get a chance to get close to my eyes."

The freshman said he believes similar incidents happen all the time.

"I'm pretty sure it goes on back and forth," he said. "We probably do it and other teams do too. It's all football. We're just out there trying to have fun."

Meyer said he believed Spikes retaliated after getting his helmet ripped off and eye poked earlier in the game.

Georgia coach Mark Richt said Spikes' "helmet went flying off ... and there was one time he got hit

with his helmet off."

"It was totally unintentional," Richt said. "They were totally just playing ball. That might have got him bent out of shape. I don't know about all of that."

Ealey carried 17 times for 70 yards against the Gators.

"It was just a lot of emotion in the game," he said. "We were out there fighting. It was a big rivalry game. Everybody was just out there talking trash back and forth. ... We were just out there playing football and having fun."

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