



**LOCAL**  
**Vets honored at memorial**

By **OLGA VELEZ**  
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About 2,000 people gathered with umbrellas and ponchos at the Kanapaha Park memorial to celebrate Veterans Day Wednesday.

The celebration was held to honor the veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, said James Lynch, director of Alachua County Veterans Services.

Capt. Jonathan Pruden, a wounded veteran of the Iraq war, spoke of the sacrifice veterans and their families made.

"Whether during war or peace, all veterans sacrificed their personal freedoms," Pruden said. "I can tell you story after story of families who have given up homes, jobs and communities to follow their loved ones to trauma centers at Walter Reed."

A Walk Through Time Memorial was unveiled to honor six Alachua County residents who died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The families of four of the men — Christopher Neiberger, Donald Vincent, John Rivero and Jeffrey Wershow — solemnly unveiled the memorial. The other two men — Tomorio Burkett and Raymond Jones Jr. — were not represented because Veterans

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Retired Col. John Price, right, and retired Sgt. Domenick Moretti accept the French Legion of Honor medal from retired Army Lt. Gen. John LeMoyné at the Veterans Day ceremony at Kanapaha Park Wednesday morning.

**Locals organize to defend arrested Fest partiers**

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Following a Fest-weekend clash between house partiers and Gainesville Police Department on Halloween that led to five arrests, a local group has formed with a

message: Drop all charges.

The Alachua Committee Against Brutality announced Tuesday at a press conference that it plans to help two of the five, Ryan Clarey and Douglas Demarest, fight the charges against them.

"We ask our fellow citizens

not to fall for the divide-and-conquer tactics and the smoke-and-mirrors strategy that

**Local News** [GPD spokesman] Keith Kameg and GPD are deploying to try to cover up their culpability in this incident," said committee spokesman James Schmidt.

Clarey was charged with violently resisting arrest and aiding an escape, while Demarest is charged with resisting without violence.

The incident began as two GPD officers attempted to clear Northwest Eighth Street, which was crowded by partiers, accord-

ing to Kameg.

The partygoers were drawn by a house show where bands were scheduled to play later that night, an event tied in spirit to Fest 8, a punk music festival.

As officers tried to clear the street using horns and sirens, one

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**UF names location for new 24-hour study center**  
*Stimulus funds will cover most renovation costs*

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
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The almost-100-year-old Newell Hall will likely be the location of UF's 24-hour study center.

Built in 1910, Newell is one of the four oldest buildings on campus and is in need of renovation.

It's also centrally located and close to food venues, all of which made it a prime candi-

date for the new study center, which is being built to give students an all-day study option and to take pressure off Library West.

The renovation, which could start in June or July and be finished in the fall of 2011, will be paid for mostly by \$12 million in stimulus funds.

Because UF is using stimulus funds, the money cannot be used for new construction, so an existing building must be modified.

And because the building is in the National Register of Historic Places and its his-

toric look must be preserved, officials said they will try to secure extra funds in case there are any surprises, said Ed Poppell, UF's vice president of business administration.

As an example, Poppell noted that when UF had to replace the windows in Tigert Hall, another historic building, it cost hundreds of thousands of dollars more than expected



Poppell

■ South Carolina QB Stephen Garcia is leading the SEC's second-best passing attack while turning the ball over less than last year. Now, he faces UF's pass defense, best in the SEC. See Story, Page 17.



**Former FSU linebacker jailed for "bad-idea prank"**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A former Florida State linebacker has been jailed for what his attorney is calling a prank gone awry.

Bradley Fanelon Jennings faces an aggravated assault charge in connection to the Oct. 30 incident at a Check 'n Go store. Records indicate he was released of Duval County jail on \$10,003 bond Tuesday.

According to a police report obtained by The Florida Times-Union, authorities

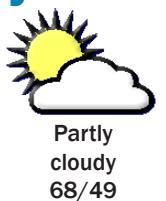
believe Jennings walked into the store wearing a white mask and black clothes.

The suspect was wielding what appeared to be a shotgun and demanded money from the clerk. He later took off of his mask and said the incident was a joke. He left the store but came back later to apologize.

Jennings' attorney, Reginald Estell Jr., told the newspaper that the ordeal was a "bad-idea prank."

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Heroic Monumentalism: The State and its Architecture in the 1930s

Today, 6 p.m.

Harn Museum of Art auditorium  
This talk by Dietmar Schirmer for Museum Nights answers the question "Is there a fascist architecture or has it only to do with mass society and culture?"

### History and Practice of Ottoman Miniature Painting and Illumination

Today, 7:30 p.m.

Harn Museum of Art auditorium  
Come to this Museum Nights talk by Sermin Ciddi to learn about ancestral painting styles in Turkey.

### RUB Entertainment presents: Beatles Bonanza

Today, 8 p.m.

Orange & Brew  
RUB Entertainment and EA Games present local superstars The Shoddy Beatles and a chance to play "The Beatles: RockBand." "The Beatles: RockBand" will also be given away at the event.

### Israel Week Kickoff: A Night of Fun and Laughs with Benji Lovitt

Today, 8:30 p.m.

XS, 1728 W University Ave.  
Entrance to the club and beverages are free.

### "Clean Energy: When & How"

Today, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Dynamo, [www.thedynamo.org/blog1.php](http://www.thedynamo.org/blog1.php), UF's only student think tank, will be hosting a discussion on clean and sustainable energy. It is free and open to the public and will be paneled by three to six prominent speakers in academia, business and government.

### IDEAL Fall Open House

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

Do you have what it takes to be an official ambassador for the Reitz Union and Center for Student Activities and Involvement? Come to the IDEAL Fall Open House in the Arredondo Room and meet current members who love helping students on campus find where they belong in involvement. Become a part of the IDEAL family and become an involved leader on campus. Make sure to be there for the presentation at 8 p.m.

### American Solar Energy Society meeting

Today, 7 p.m.

Rinker 230  
During this general body meeting, the group will discuss the upcoming SolarCycle event. They will then visit the Solar Research Park to work on various ASES research projects.

### Fall of the Wall symposium: "Good Bye DDR: Memory and Material Culture"

Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, 2 p.m. to

## FORECAST

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5 p.m.

Dauer Hall, Ruth McQuown Room

### KMonth Asian Arts and Entertainment Festival/Closing Ceremony

Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Reitz Union Amphitheater  
This year Kaleidoscope Month is holding the Second Annual Asian Arts and Entertainment Festival (AAEF) with the closing ceremony. This event is free and open to the public.

### Camp Kesem and AED Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Flavet Field  
Come out and play Ultimate Frisbee while helping families affected by cancer. The cost is \$5 per participant. There will be at least seven players on each team. Coed intramural rules apply. E-mail Carly Blustein at [carlyb28@ufl.edu](mailto:carlyb28@ufl.edu) to sign up for the tournament. Visit [www.campkesem.org/uf](http://www.campkesem.org/uf) for more information about Camp Kesem.

### Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to [bkelly@alligator.org](mailto:bkelly@alligator.org) with "What's Happening" in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-sentence synopsis of the event. Make sure all submissions are formatted properly.

### CORRECTION

It was reported in Tuesday's edition of the Alligator that UF has laid off nine faculty members and 32 staff. UF has actually sent layoff notices to nine faculty and 34 staff.

### LOCAL

#### Orange & Brew to host 'Beatles Bonanza!'

The Beatles will be causing a crowd to come together tonight.

Reitz Union Board Entertainment will be hosting "Beatles Bonanza!" today at 8 p.m. at Orange & Brew.

It will feature The Shoddy Beatles, a local Beatles cover band, "The Beatles: Rock Band" competitions and giveaways.

The free event is co-sponsored by Entertainment Arts (EA) Games, who will raffle off two "The Beatles: Rock Band" games.

Bailey Parke, a RUB Entertainment Bands Committee co-director, said she was approached by the UF EA Games representative about doing an event featuring "The Beatles: Rock Band."

Parke said she thinks the combination of the two elements will make this event one of RUB Entertainment's most successful.

"For some reason, people love 'Rock Band' competitions, and people love The Shoddy Beatles," Parke said. "So, it's a perfect combination. It's going to be big."

— NATASHA SCHOULTZ

### UF alumni among speakers for Florida Writers' Festival

Three UF alumni authors will visit UF this weekend for the 2009 Florida Writers' Festival.

The festival, organized by the English Department's Creative Writing Program, is in its 25th year and brings famous authors, poets and writers to UF.

"The festival gives students a chance to meet the writers they have been reading in the undergraduate program," said David Leavitt, a co-director of the festival.

Four authors are visiting this year: Chris Adrian, Chris Bachelder, Chris Tusa and C.D. Wright. Adrian and Bachelder are novelists, while Tusa and Wright are poets.

"[Bachelder and Adrian] are both innovative, adventurous writers on the cutting edge on today's fiction," Leavitt said.

Adiran, Bachelder and Tusa have all earned either bachelors or masters degrees at UF.

"We liked the idea of having them because they're all UF alums and they're all named Chris," Leavitt said, adding they would inspire students who plan to become writers after graduation.

The authors will each be doing a reading Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at the Alachua County Public Library and Smathers Library East.

There will also be an informal talk with Bachelder, Adrian and Wright at Smathers Library East Saturday afternoon.

Each event is free and open to the public, and food will be provided.

The festival is being held in conjunction with Smathers Library and the Alachua County Library system. The authors are being paid about \$2,500 each for the visit.

— ANDREW WYZAN

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# Air Force ROTC runs to remember war veterans

■ 131 CADETS ATTENDED THE RUN WEDNESDAY.

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ** and **MEG WAGNER**  
Alligator Writers

The light sheet of rain was enough to remind them why they were there.

It misted the cheeks of the 131 cadets who gathered Wednesday at 6 a.m. for Run to Remember, an event coordinated by the UF Air Force ROTC to commemorate

Veterans Day.

While it wasn't enough to soak through their uniform gray T-shirts, it formed trails of dew-drops in their hair.

Air Force ROTC Cadet Lori Bowen said the rain was a symbol of wars previously fought.

"It gives us a certain sense of remembrance," the applied physiology and kinesiology senior said.

Tyler Holley, an Air Force ROTC cadet, coordinated the event in an effort to pay homage to American veterans.

"I think Veterans Day is a day you can recognize and honor the people that have come before you," Holley said.

Participating cadets ran from University Avenue to Fletcher Drive, trailing west on Stadium Road and looping back on Gale Lemerand Drive.

The runs were spread throughout the event in groups of 15 to 20 cadets. Between laps, groups performed routine exercises, such as push-ups and sit-ups.

The cadets were also given free time to play football and Ultimate Frisbee with their flight mates.

But at 6:45 a.m., everyone stopped.

The cadets gathered in a horseshoe formation for a vigil, observing a moment of silence just as the sun peaked through the rainclouds.

Maj. James W. Bodnar, an ROTC Air Force instructor, stressed the importance of respecting veterans as war wages on in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We have two wars going on,

and a lot of people forget that," he said. "People forget that they're out there every single day in some pretty austere conditions, often fighting against a hidden enemy."

And as wars persist around the globe, Jenicia McFadden, a UF sophomore and Air Force ROTC cadet, sees something worth fighting for.

"I think it's just important to remember that somebody has to fight for our freedom," she said. "If we didn't fight for our freedom, we wouldn't be where we are now."

## ON CAMPUS

# Director discusses success through perseverance

By **BRANDON BRESLOW**  
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Director Brett Ratner credits his success to not taking no for an answer.

From convincing the dean of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts to accept him when he was only 16 to pleading with Universal Studios to let him direct the comedic drama "The Family Man" in 2000, his life story is one of determination and triumph.

Ratner, 40, shared stories of some of his biggest career challenges with a crowd of about 250 people in the University Auditorium Tuesday night at a presentation sponsored by Accent.

"I'm here to tell you that if I can do it, anybody can do it," Ratner said.

Ratner, director of the "Rush Hour" trilogy, "X-Men: The Last Stand," "The Family Man" and more than a 100 music videos, said he knew he wanted to be a director and attend NYU's film school after he watched Martin Scorsese's "Raging Bull" when he was 10.

Ratner was accepted to NYU after meeting with the dean and showing him less-than-admirable grades but a lot of passion. He made connections allowing him to swiftly enter the entertainment industry.

Among those connections were director

Steven Spielberg, who financed one of Ratner's student films and eventually became a mentor to him, and hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons.

"It's important to have mentors in whatever area you study," Ratner said. "Get someone who will let you pick their brain."

It was soon after Simmons held a premiere of Ratner's student film that Ratner got the opportunity to network with artists and start directing music videos.

The Miami native went on to direct videos for Madonna, Mariah Carey, Diddy, Jessica Simpson and the Wu-Tang Clan.

His big break came in 1997, when he was asked to replace the original director for "Money Talks," a feature film starring Chris Tucker and Charlie Sheen.

Ratner told the audience one of his biggest challenges came after he read the script for "The Family Man."

He pleaded with Universal Studios to let him direct the movie, but that wasn't the hardest part of his project.

Ratner wanted Nicolas Cage to play the leading role, but he was told it would never happen. Still, he continued to pursue Cage.

As a result of Ratner's passion, Cage eventually signed on to do the movie.

Ratner was paid \$24,000 to attend the event, according to UF's Student Government Finance Office.



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Director Brett Ratner recalled life stories and gave advice to UF students in the University Auditorium Tuesday night. He was brought by the Accent Speakers Bureau.

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# Fraternities charged with providing alcohol to minors

## The three fraternities face possible sanctions from UF

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
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Three UF fraternities are facing possible sanctions from the university for allowing underage drinking at events over the summer and early fall.

Lambda Chi Alpha, Theta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon have all been charged with providing alcohol to minors.

In perhaps the most serious case to involve an actual charge against a fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon is accused of providing alcohol in late July to two 17-year-old girls — one of whom was transported to the emergency room after she vomited inside of a Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol, or SNAP, vehicle near Fraternity Drive — and one 18-year-old male UF student.

The student told police he and

the two girls had been at a party at the fraternity's house, where they had been drinking.

Brock Hankins, Sigma Phi Epsilon president, said that wasn't the case at all. Hankins said the student and his two friends followed several residents into the house and began taking beers from various refrigerators.

They were in the house for two to three hours, Hankins said, before they were asked to leave.

He said the fraternity views the incident as a case of breaking and entering, but chose not to file charges against the student because he meant no harm.

In recognition of the seriousness of the event, he said the fraternity installed electronic padlocks on all its doors and unanimously voted to become alcohol-free for the rest of summer until early September, when fall rush ended.

Chris Loschiavo, director of UF's Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, said while the fraternity may not have encouraged the behavior of the individuals, it has a responsibility to make sure everyone who is drinking alcohol on its property is of age.

"Even though he got in, that doesn't change the fact that they were still providing alcohol to a minor," he said.

He also noted the underage drinkers were in the house for quite a long time.

"If someone walked into your house and started helping themselves to your bar, you would probably kick them out right away," he said.

In relation to another incident in early September, Theta Chi is accused of hosting an off-campus

keg party with underage drinking.

A UF student pledging the fraternity held the party at his house and told police after he was arrested he felt he shouldn't get in trouble because the fraternity forced him to throw the party for other pledges, according to a police report.

Ryan Mills, president of Theta Chi, disputed that version of events. Several new members of the fraternity decided, on their own, to host the off-campus party, he wrote in an e-mail.

The members involved were suspended, he wrote, and the fraternity's international headquarters and regional counselor also instituted sanctions.

Loschiavo said there is no evidence to suggest the student was forced to hold the party and that he told police the story to try to get out of trouble.

The student could not be reached for comment.

In the third incident that resulted in charges against a fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha is accused of providing alcohol to minors after several students were found smoking marijuana from an empty beer can in the woods near the fraternity house in late August.

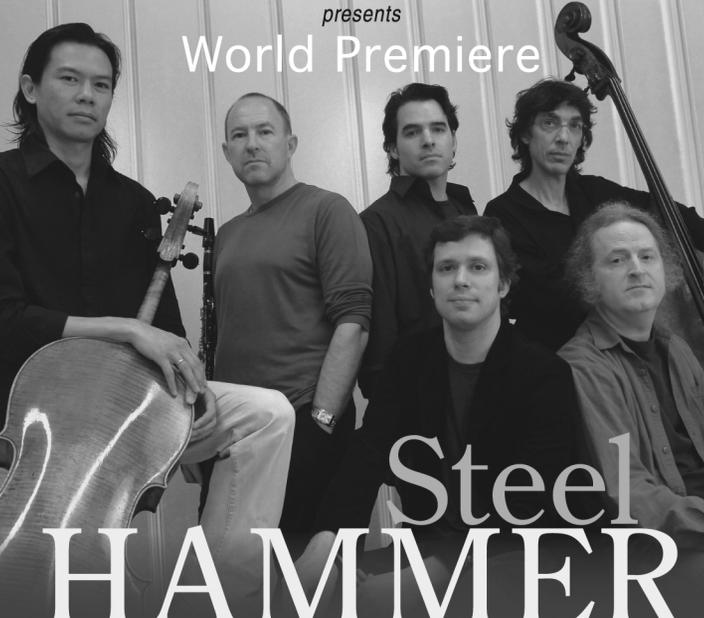
The underage students told police they had been drinking at a party at the fraternity.

Lambda Chi Alpha president Cameron Heard wrote in an e-mail that the fraternity did not want to comment.

If found responsible for the charges, the fraternities face a number of possible penalties.

In a similar incident in April involving the Inter-Residence Hall Association, the group was given a written reprimand and executive members were required to attend an educational seminar.

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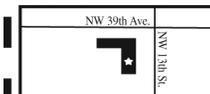


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By **CAROLYN TILLO**  
Alligator Writer

The Reitz Union's facelift may be funded through the help of a student fee.

Jaleesa Joseph, chairwoman of the Reitz Union Board of Manag-

ers, stopped by Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting to give a presentation encouraging senators to support a student fee that will raise money for its renovation and expansion.

She said the Reitz Union was built for 19,000 students in 1967 and is now overcrowded and ill-equipped to handle the needs of students.

Joseph said the renovations

would cost about \$42.5 million. She said some of the building's flaws include an aging air-handler system and an inadequate electrical system.

**Student Government** Unite Party Sen. Sadie Dean, who represents District D, questioned how students would be able to afford the fee.

Joseph said the Reitz Union Board of Managers would try to

keep the fee as low as possible because they understand that these are tough economic times.

"We're not trying to break anyone's back, by any means," Joseph said.

Senate also passed an amendment to the Activity & Service Fee Budget that will transfer about \$150,000 from Accent and Student Government Productions budgets to the budgets of special events groups

responsible for organizing heritage and awareness events of campus.

IRHA also uses the funds for its Residence Hall Week.

Unite Party Sen. Virlany Taboada, the chairwoman of the budget and appropriations committee, said moving the money to the organizations' own budgets will allow the groups to have more say in the speakers and performers they bring to UF during their events.

## Two WWII vets got Legion of Honor award

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Services was unable to contact their families in time for the ceremony, Lynch said.

Two veterans from World War II were also honored. Col. John Price and Sgt. Domenick Moretti were given Legion of Honor awards for their assistance in the liberation of France on D-Day.

According to Lynch, Price and Moretti were not able to make it to the official ceremony in South Florida because of their health, so the French government was going to mail the awards to them until Veterans Services acted.

"We thought they deserved more than that," Lynch said.

Price stood silently and Moretti sat patiently in his wheelchair as the awards were presented to them.

Although the event focused on past achievements, Sgt. James Brown got to show heroism when a brown Humvee military vehicle began to roll downhill with a 9-year-old inside.

Irena Melvin was in front of the vehicle to take a picture of her son, Kile, when she realized it was heading toward her.

"I looked up, and his eyes were wide open," Melvin said. "I don't even want to know what happened."

Brown jumped inside and quickly pulled the break to prevent a catastrophe.

"I am thankful that the soldier was able to hit the break in time," Melvin said.

Others stayed safely on the ground as they looked up and pointed to the three World War II vintage aircrafts, which flew over the audience in a triangle formation before the start of the celebration. Everyone at the celebration joined in for a moment of silence in honor of the Fort Hood victims.

Organizations like the American Red Cross, the Young Marines and the U.S. Army pitched tents around the park to provide more information about those organizations. Gainesville High School had tents to fundraise for their programs by selling hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments.

## LOCAL

# Failed world record attempt still 'a party'

By **DAVID TINTNER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

While the rain may have been a pain in the neck for some people Wednesday, others spent the afternoon getting the pain massaged away.

About 240 people gathered at University House apartments on Northwest 13th Street to break the world record for the longest massage chain — nearly 200 people short of the current record of 430.

In order to comply with the Guinness World Records standards, participants had to form a single-file line and give and receive a three-minute massage.

Although it was drizzling and new arrivals were slowly trickling in, participants were enticed to continue waiting by scantily clad Hooters waitresses with prizes and giveaways. Students and employees of the Florida School of Massage also set up chairs and gave back and neck massages.

After about an hour, despite frantic

mass text messaging attempts, the organizers realized they would not be able to muster up enough people to break the record.

"I'm a little disappointed we didn't break the record, but I'm still going to get a massage," said Jessica Castillo, a UF senior.

**"We just turned it into a party in the rain instead of the world record."**

**Rachel Kihn**  
vice president of marketing for Inland American Communities Group, Inc.

The herd of participants was steered into the apartment complex courtyard for the after party. Employees from Kiss 105.3 FM blasted music as the remaining rain-soaked crowd climbed a rock wall and waited in line for free massages.

The event was used to promote the

student-apartment community to UF and Sante Fe College students, said Rachel Kihn, vice president of marketing for Inland American Communities Group, Inc., the parent company of University House.

"We just turned it into a party in the rain instead of the world record," Kihn said. "We're a little disappointed we didn't make it, but we're excited everybody came out."

Steven Goonen, a University House employee, said the team tried to think of a creative way to market the apartments.

"We started researching records that would be possible to beat," Goonen said. "It was between this and the world's largest Jello fight."

The organizers of the event originally expected more than 500 people to attend.

"We wanted to do it on a day when there were no classes, but I think because everybody treated it as a holiday a lot of people went out last night, and that probably hurt us a little bit," Kihn said.

## The Hub will keep extended hours through January

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end of January, by which time the Student Senate will have decided if it wants to continue

the program.

The extended hours were made possible this semester by \$30,000 in student funds, and a similar, but slightly larger, subsidy will be required next

semester, said Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

Last week, the Hub averaged about 50 people at night, though in mid-October the traffic peaked at about 130 people

overnight, according to records Johnson provided.

SG will lobby to have the hours at the Hub and Library West extended again during finals this semester, he said.

## GPD calls for witnesses

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costumed partier refused to move, Kameg said in a Nov. 2 Alligator story.

While officer Steve Jones was arresting the unidentified man, Ryan Clarey, 25, allegedly interfered by trying to free the man and telling him to run, according to a report.

Jones then moved to arrest Clarey, while the costumed partier escaped.

Clarey allegedly tried to punch Jones in the head, and the officer Tasered him and "took him to the ground," according to the report.

**Local News** About six people then attacked Jones with kicks, punches and thrown objects.

Two other officers called for backup and fought the attackers until 20 more units arrived, according to Kameg.

Two YouTube videos have surfaced detailing the conflict.

The first clip shows the attempted arrest of the costumed man who disobeyed officers, and the second clip opens with people attacking Jones as he kneels on top of Clarey. So far there is no footage of the initial interaction between Jones and Clarey, and GPD and the committee are calling for witnesses to step forward.

GPD plans to make additional arrests if more of Jones' attackers can be identified based on the video, Kameg said.

The committee seeks witnesses to build its case, Schmidt said.

To view the arrest videos, please visit [Alligator.org](http://Alligator.org).



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Ryan Clarey, 25, who was Tasered during a clash between partiers and Gainesville police officers on Nov. 1, talks to a reporter Tuesday night about the incident at a house five blocks north of where the fight happened. He is charged with resisting an officer with violence and announced Tuesday that he plans to fight the charges in court.

## Editorial

## Take It Easy

Police, partygoers should think before acting

"They think Gainesville is their personal toilet... coming from behind shows what kind of garbage they are." These are the words that Gainesville Police spokesman Keith Kameg used to describe five individuals arrested for attacking police at a Fest after party on Nov. 1. He went on to describe these individuals as a "fringe element" who only visited Gainesville looking for a place to stay.

For the five men arrested, though, it may not be as cut-and-dry as Kameg makes it out to be.

Kameg's bitter remarks were made while many of the details surrounding the incident remained murky. The Gainesville Police Department initially described the individuals as men from out of town; as it turns out, two of the men arrested live in Gainesville.

Those accused of attacking the police claim that they did not participate in the attack at all. Rather, they were picked out of a massive crowd as additional police dispersed the estimated 500 people who filled the streets.

The only sure fact about this incident is that an attack took place. Video available on the alligator.org Web site shows that a handful of people hit and kicked police as they Tasered and held down one man accused of interfering with an arrest and of resisting arrest himself.

Unfortunately, the faces of those involved in the attack are not clear. If the identities of these individuals are discovered, we believe they should be prosecuted, and we encourage any Alligator readers who can positively identify them to do the right thing and rat them out — because that's what they deserve.

But the video does seemingly support the defendants' claim that it would be difficult to pick the attackers out of a crowd of 500, especially after the fact. Police reports describe the attackers as returning to the crowds before being arrested. We hope that the police have positively identified the three who were arrested for the attacks, rather than pulling innocent (well, mostly innocent) partygoers out of a massive crowd and charging them with serious crimes.

To the question of excessive force raised by multiple Alligator readers in letters and Internet comments, the videos miss a few crucial moments that would be necessary to make that determination. Witnesses claim that by Tasered this person multiple times, the police crossed the line. But when faced with what is fairly described as a "mob" of angry partygoers, the pressure placed on the police must have been intense, and they will undoubtedly argue that such a response was necessary.

We feel that a better question, and one we can reasonably address with the known facts, is why the two officers chose to engage a crowd of 500 without waiting for sufficient backup. Simply driving through the crowd with horns and speakers in attempts to disperse them is one thing.

But when some partygoers decided not to move, and the crowd became more confrontational, the choice to make arrests and deploy a Taser without waiting for more officers undoubtedly emboldened violent elements among the crowd.

The decisions that face police in stressful situations like this are difficult to question, especially after the fact and without all the evidence. But as a matter of policy, when faced with crowds of this size, the police should refrain from acting until enough officers are present to ensure the safety of not only the police, but the crowds as well.

Because sometimes people need to be protected from their own destructive tendencies.

As another matter of policy, Gainesville Police Department should refrain from throwing around phrases like "garbage" until all the the facts are known (well, even then it's probably not the best PR move).

In murky situations like this, it's best not to rush to action — or to judgment.

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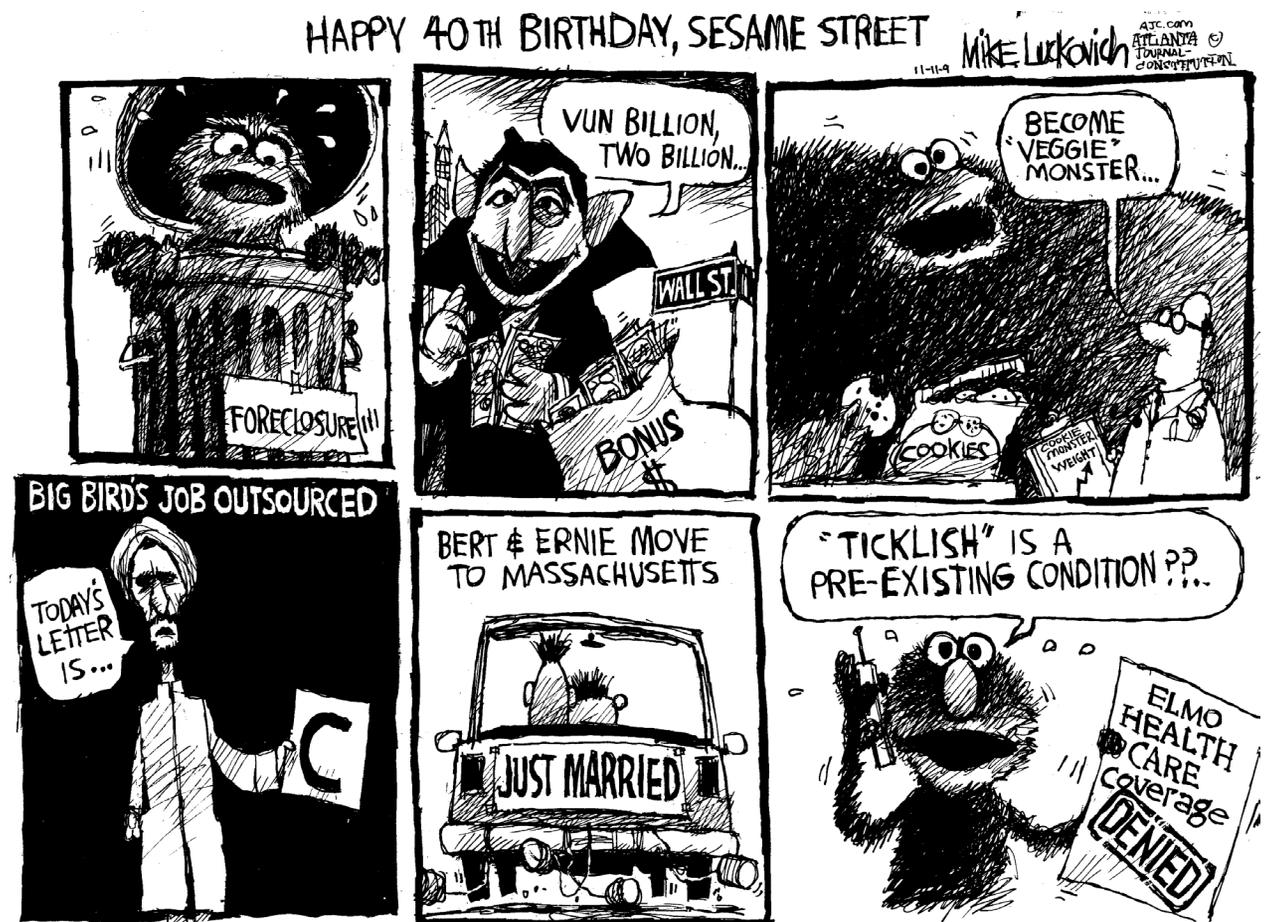
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## Column

## New policies could cut Web freedoms

First they came for the digital pirates, and I did not speak out — because I was not a digital pirate.

Under the auspices of "copyright protection," 40 countries met last week in South Korea to continue writing the obituary of digital freedom. The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, spearheaded by our president, is so completely secret that only bigwigs at the top of the world corporate structure are allowed to see what is going on — and even then, only after signing a confidentiality agreement and promising to say nothing to the public.

Get on the Web while you still can and read about ACTA and the next big meeting in January. A few bloggers are fighting the good fight on this and following what could be the biggest story of the digital age, especially James Love from The Huffington Post. Were it not for what already exists of the many noodly appendages of the Internet bringing truth to power, this top-secret global business agreement would never have seen the light of day.

Our Congress seems to be lying down on this one, so it is up to other free countries to enforce their own constitutional law and protect the avenues of free speech on the Internet.

Obama is going above American law and trying to make your Internet service providers liable for content that some soulless corporate lawyer decides is infringing on their copyright.

It's sort of like holding I-75 accountable for speeding cars, but much more damaging.

On top of that, Obama and ACTA want to hold Web sites legally responsible for user-generated content. Vaya con Dios, YouTube.



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This has been an absolute wet dream of the powerful vested interests of big business since the Web began a few decades ago, but it has also been the defining hallmark of the Obama era.

Senate bill 773, The Cybersecurity Act of 2009, was introduced in April and goes even further than

this ACTA mess.

Under the traditional American power grab of protecting the "free flow of commerce," S.773 wants to give the president total power to completely shut down the Internet for a vague "national security emergency" with no limitations or timelines for removal.

The Patriot Act seems like a pinprick compared to Obama and his Freddy Krueger fingers slashing up communications freedoms.

We are living in the Golden Age of the Internet. The Web will never again be as free as it is right now, nor will it be as explosively evolving. Don't get used to the way ideas flash across the world in an instant, or to the speed that life seems to rocket along at in a spectacular upward spiral.

The kind of power the Internet now holds scares the real powers that control the world. If Facebook were a country, it would be the fourth largest in the world. Not that long ago, standing armies would be dispatched to tear apart a group even a fraction of that size. Nowadays, we have politicians and lawyers butchering behind closed doors.

Tommy Maple is an international communications graduate student. His column appears on Thursdays.

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## Reader response

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## Letters to the Editor

### Republicans aren't actually conservative

In response to Tuesday's letter to the editor "Republicans aren't too conservative," Ms. Kilic really drops the ball. She says Mr. Christ "attempts to pigeonhole" Republicans by claiming that they are all "Bible-thumping, overzealous patriots." She further claims that Republicans are hurting for straying from party principles. Well, what are those principles? What goals does the Republican party have? Banning abortion? Keeping gays out of the military? Making sure that Obama fails, no matter what he is doing?

Let's imagine a fantasy world where Republicans only care about conservative values: They would fight to end Medicare, Social Security, welfare, minimum wage, Bright Futures and the public school system in general. All public spending is pork, so forget about the government building and maintaining roads. To top it off, they wouldn't care one way or another about abortion or rights for gays.

So please, Ms. Kilic, let's not kid ourselves. Perhaps 40 percent of Americans think they're conservative, but how many do you think would support a Republican Party that was actually conservative?

Frederic Spieler  
UF student



### Florida teens should get life in prison

This letter is in response to Tuesday's editorial, "Cruel Courts." The teens in South Florida who threw rubbing alcohol on a young boy should not only be tried as adults, they should be put in prison for life without parole. These teens knew exactly what would happen when they threw the match: extensive physical and psychological damage and, most likely, death.

The Editorial Board is treating the three

teens as the victims, not the boy who may die from the attack. If these teens were able to think up an act so heinous, then they should be tried as adults. No "child" with a conscience would be able to carry out such an act.

The victim did not deserve to be set on fire. At what point do we, as a society, punish equally those who commit the crimes?

Kathryn Beaty Ivey  
UF staff



### Teens knew what they were doing

I'm writing in regards to Tuesday's editorial, "Cruel Courts." While I agree that the judicial system should rethink how it tries teens for certain crimes, I was shocked that you defended the three teens charged as adults for lighting another on fire.

The whole argument is that life sentences are cruel and unusual for non-homicide crimes. How is lighting someone on fire not homicide-related? This wasn't a fight that got out of hand and went too far.

These guys planned out an attack with intent. They sought out their victim. They brought the alcohol and matches. One of them poured the rubbing alcohol on the victim and another lit the match and threw it on him.

There was plenty of opportunity for someone's conscience to kick in. And do you honestly believe that in just two or three more years these guys would know better? Or would they then be beyond rehabilitation?

Maybe your Editorial Board needs some "serious psychological rehabilitation" because any 15-year-old knows what's wrong with that.

Abigail O'Connell  
UF student



### Proposed public option destined to fail

This letter is in response to statements made by the UF College Republicans' chairman, Bryan Griffin, and the Florida College Democrats' president, Ben Cavaturo, in Tuesday's article "Locals react to House vote."

Mr. Griffin, it is true that Speaker Pelosi did not listen to the people, but she ignored conservatives, progressives and moderates alike. The vocal conservative opposition is well known. What hasn't been widely publicized is that nearly 60 percent of Americans want a government-run health care option. Where is their representation in Congress?

The public option in HR 3962 is a sham. It will only please the ill-informed Democratic base and anger the ill-informed Republican base. The biggest problem is that this government program will not be available to all. In addition, the rates are not tied to Medicare. The implication is that the government program will have to negotiate rates like any other insurer. The catch is that when the plan opens, it will have no enrollees, meaning health care providers will have little incentive to offer the volume discounts available to other insurers.

Another problem is that subsidies will be available to citizens not enrolled in the public plan. With this mechanism, the situation above turns out to be a Catch-22. As the government program is unable to control prices, very few people will enroll in it, leaving it perpetually weak and unable to compete in the market. So no, Mr. Cavaturo, the public option will not help control costs.

With the inclusion of mandatory insurance requirements and the Stupak-Pitts amendment, I think that I would be OK if Sen. Joe Lieberman filibustered the bill. And, as a progressive who believes in the social safety net and Keynesian economics, that hurts to say.

Clay Hughes  
UF grad student

### Public must take interest in polluted site

The Cabot-Koppers Superfund site is at the corner of Northwest Sixth Street and Northwest 23rd Avenue. For those of you who don't know about this, let me enlighten you. This property has been used since 1916 for wood treatment. Chemicals from this site have been found seeping into the groundwater and surface water, including arsenic, copper and nine other chemicals found to cause cancers and other health problems. According to EPA testing in 2006, harmful chemicals have already started reaching the upper portion of the aquifer (not good, considering nearly 100 percent of the drinking water in Florida comes from the Floridan aquifer). As bad as all this sounds, it might surprise you that nearly 19 years after a cleanup approach was signed, no action has been taken besides a few trenches being dug.

As an environmental engineering student, it is discouraging to see that people don't take an active interest in issues like this, but when they are diagnosed with cancer they go complain to public works. I don't know why I am wasting my time doing water treatment research if the citizens will ignore what is seeping into the water around them.

All I know is that the longer the issue is left unresolved, the larger it becomes.

Joseph Delfino of the UF Environmental Engineering Department labels this as "an uncivil inaction," commenting that "this has been a disgrace from the local, state and national politics and agencies. No one wanted to take leadership. Only now are the residents feeling more empowered [to act], but they cannot get it done without political strength and the politicians' willingness to act rather than preserve their reputations."

Chris Moody  
UF environmental engineering student



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Roommates Jake Skolnick, 19, and Sami Greenberg, 21, recline and sip Kava while waiting to order a hookah at Kava Lounge, located on University Avenue.

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Check out the Avenue blogs for interviews and photographs with Bayside, who will be performing for free on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Reitz. Also, follow us on Twitter for the chance to win prizes from the upcoming film "The Lovely Bones."

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## health & wellness

# Kava offers medicinal effects, soothing social atmosphere

By **REBEKAH GEIER**  
avenue writer

Not often do people come across an herbal medicine that works against stress, calms nerves and "creates a general feeling of well-being" without it being illegal. But the drink Kava, an ancient beverage crop from the South Pacific, legally holds all of those characteristics.

Kava is a plant with roots that are used around the world for medicinal effects such as sedation, muscle relaxation, pain relief and diuresis, excess urination. It's also used as a remedy for anxiety, nervousness and insomnia.

"Some people call Kava the drink of peace," said Dr. H.C. "Skip" Bittenbender, an extension specialist for Coffee and Kava at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

He has been growing, drinking and researching Kava for about 11 years.

Bittenbender said Kava originated from the area of Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. The crop has been in cultivation for thousands of years and is older than coffee or tea.

Kava's botanical name, *Piper methysticum*, means "intoxicating pepper," according to [kava.com](http://kava.com).

"We drink Kava because it makes us more calm and gives us a better outlook on life," Bittenbender said.

Instead of traveling to Hawaii or Papua New Guinea to sample this "South Pacific treasure," Gainesville residents can sip some Kava on University Avenue.

Mo Ellithy, 23, opened Kava Lounge, 1007 W. University Ave., nine months ago after moving to Gainesville from Cairo, Egypt. Kava Lounge serves its customers hookah and Kava drinks in a relaxed social setting.

Ellithy, a UF biochemistry senior, was inspired to open the lounge after his friends from Papua New Guinea opened one without hookahs in Boca Raton, he said.

"Kava is more of a social thing," Ellithy said. "People come together and try it together."

Ellithy picks up Kava for the lounge every couple of months in Boca Raton once it gets there from Papua New Guinea. The Kava is organically

grown by the Vanuatu tribe and tested before it comes into the states, Ellithy said.

Kava Lounge serves two types of Kava drinks in half of a coconut shell — Shaman, \$3, or Fire Island Kava, \$4, which is more concentrated and has a stronger taste.

**"Kava is more of a social thing. People come together and try it together."**

**Mo Ellithy  
owner of Kava Lounge**

Ellithy said that the lounge sees a mixed crowd.

"After 2 a.m., it is only the kids," Ellithy said about the lounge, which is open until 4 a.m. "But between 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., we see all types of people — neurosurgeons, lawyers — coming in just to drink Kava and unwind."

Kava's mellow effects take about 10 to 15 minutes to kick in, but depend on the person and whether he or she has eaten, Ellithy said.

Most of Ellithy's customers don't expect it

to taste as earthy as it does and for it to have a slight numbing of the mouth. He said that the people who say they do not like Kava attribute the reason to its strong taste.

Ellithy said there are ways to dull the strong flavor, such as adding citrus fruits to the drink.

Many first-time Kava drinkers have a hard time putting their thoughts about Kava to words.

"Drinking Kava tastes like if you were to drink a rainforest," said Jake Skolnick, 19, a communications major at Santa Fe College, after his first taste of Kava.

Skolnick and his roommate Sami Greenberg, 21, come to Kava Lounge to relax, order hookah and enjoy the atmosphere.

"It's a perfect place to come with friends to recap the night after going out," Greenberg said. "It's soothing...good music, low lighting and you have the choice to lounge back or sit on the floor."

Whether "drinking the Earth" is a pleasant or unpleasant experience, Ellithy leaves it to his customers to decide.

"You either like it or you don't," he said.

# Local DJ BBP stays true to his music, Miami influence

By **JON SILMAN**  
avenue writer

Disk jockey BBP's Friday night lights are green lasers and strobes. Behind the booth, he is seven caged tigers condensed into one man. He plays music out of a classic Buick cut in half behind a bar at club SpannK. Completely in control of the massive, pumping sound and the young, hot partygoers, he can turn the crowd

from a breeze to a sandstorm in about a half-second. In his nondescript black "BBP" cap and shirt and with neatly trimmed facial hair, he punctuates every collision of hand to button with a full body thrust.

A Miami native since he was 2 years old — after he moved from Cuba — Peter Pancho is the consummate self-made man. He plays house music, a style of electronic dance music with heavy bass

breaks and rolling changes, every Friday night and packs the place. Things were not always so easy, though.

As a teenager in Hialeah, Pancho fell in love with the South Beach electronic music scene. He started working clubs when he was 17, and he got good gigs in Miami clubs playing popular music, but he felt he was wasting his life

away.

"I came up to Gainesville for Gator Growl one year, and I just fell in love with the place. It's the perfect party town. Exactly the scene I was looking for," Pancho said.

Pancho struggled and hustled his way up to Gainesville, saving up the money he made from those Miami gigs. He got an associate degree from Santa Fe College and studied for one semester at UF before dropping out to pursue his music career full time.

"School is not for me, bro. Music is my passion," he said.

Pancho made a name for himself as a DJ at club Boutiq. He worked there for a year and a half but had to leave after a disagreement over the type of music he should play.

"They wanted more top 40 stuff. I wasn't feeling that. I wanted to bring the house music that I heard in Miami here to Gainesville," he said. "At the end of the day, I can't do music that I don't like."

He was back at square one. After a few months with no work, he ran into a promoter for the newly opened club SpannK, and he pitched the idea of an all house music night at the club. It was a rocky start.

"At first, no one was showing up. Over the course of a couple months, it really started to get hot. By three months, it was a revolution. The club is always packed with a good crowd, and I can bring in artists from all over to DJ here," Pancho said.

In addition to working at SpannK, Pancho also remixes tracks and sells them online at ratedh.net. One of his

signature remixes is of the Gators fight song with snippets of Tebow's famous "you'll never see anyone work harder" speech.

Pancho is passionate about working hard and chasing his dreams.

"Anything that you love or want to accomplish, you can, no matter what anyone says. Don't listen to the negativity or the naysayers," Pancho said. "It doesn't matter if it's house music or Chemical Engineering, just give it your all and don't let anyone stop you."

All of Pancho's hard work has recently paid off. He's been invited to play Ultra Music Festival in Miami, the biggest electronic music festival in the world with more than 85,000 people in attendance in 2009.

"Eight years ago I went to Ultra for the first time, and I knew that I would work my ass off to get to that stage. It's an honor," he said.

During his set, Pancho frequently builds his songs into crescendos, and it's like being on a perpetual roller coaster. The rise is slow and dreamy. There's a pause at the peak just before the explosive drop that you can feel in the pit of your stomach.

At the end of the night, when the crowd is filing out toward the door, a young Spanish man in a nice button-up shirt leans over the bar toward Pancho and yells,

"You are the best f\*\*\*ing DJ I have ever seen, bro. Thank you so much."

DJ BBP puts his hands together and does a short bow.

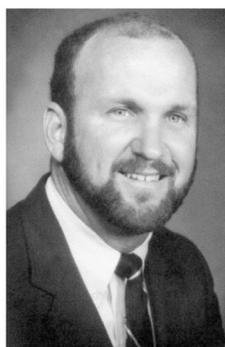
"No bro, thank you."



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Peter Pancho, also known as DJ BBP, spins at club SpannK and remixes tracks that he sells online. Pancho has been invited to play Ultra Music Festival in Miami.

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## on CD

# Local act The Rooze releases new CD

By **MEAGAN MCGONE** avenue writer

Take one part Beatles, toss in the sounds of Phish and garnish the mix with a tad of '80s rock. What do you get?

The Rooze's new CD, "The One for Everyone."

The Gainesville band, consisting of drummer Greg McCracken, guitarist Brandon Cook and singer/bassist David Farb, released its second album last week. The members have been playing roots rock together for more than a year around Gainesville and various cities throughout Florida and the Atlantic.

"Our music is pretty danceable and pretty upbeat," Cook said. "A lot of people tell us it's not like other music out there, in a good way."

Cook said that the sound of The Rooze is different than other bands because each band member has dif-

ferent tastes that contribute to the music they play. While Cook listens to rock bands like the Foo Fighters, Farb brings his love for indie music to the table and McCracken's passion for '80s hard rock shines through his heavy drum beats.

"Take all of those [tastes], jumble them together, then take the best parts of each, and that's what we sound like," Cook said.

He also said that The Rooze strives to bring live music back to Gainesville hangouts, as more clubbers prefer to listen to DJs these days. The band play at clubs and bars such as Market Street Pub, Common Grounds and the Atlantic.

The Rooze will perform its next show at the Deland Music Festival on Saturday. The festival is the biggest one-day festival in the Southeast with over 100 independent acts playing on 21 different stages, according to its Web site.

# Adding shine to holiday outfits

By **KARINA GALVEZ** avenue writer

'Tis finally the season to bring out your holiday best for every cocktail party and family gathering. When picking the perfect outfits for the holiday season, think versatility and embellishment with key accessories to create looks that will transition between friends and family.

The season's most popular accessories can add holiday sparkle to dresses already hanging in your closet. Last year's New Year's Eve black dress can become this year's Thanksgiving or holiday office party frock by pairing it with a jewel-toned cardigan, animal print or faux fur cover-up. Wear your dress to a funkier gathering by pairing it with a full neck of jewels or a feathered hair piece.

When shopping for new pieces to add to your holiday wardrobe,

keep trends and wearability in mind. If your celebrations take you south, a thin, animal print scarf may be a more sensible option than a fur collar. The heat will force that fur collar to stay in your closet and you to make an unplanned trip to the mall. If you're headed north for the holidays, keeping your legs warm under a cocktail dress has never been more fun. Patterned tights add an interesting accent to plainer dresses while lamé or sequined leggings make a bolder statement. Minimize accessories by focusing on one trend and carrying it through the entire look. A sequined dress or animal print silk top is enough to make a statement without overdoing it.

The holiday season is by nature full of light and glitter. Accessorize smartly to avoid the risk of being confused for an ornament.

## Holiday Dress Tips

- ♦ Add a new look with a cardigan or fur cover-up
- ♦ Accessorize with statement necklaces or jewel headbands
- ♦ Layer simple dresses with outrageous leggings to add a little sparkle to your look
- ♦ Don't combine too many trends — focus on one key element to make your ensemble pop

## pop culture

## November dos and don'ts

By ALEX ORLANDO  
avenue writer

Gentlemen, start your follicles.

As we near the end of the second week of No Shave November, thousands of men are taking it upon themselves to deter women, cleanliness and job applications in the month-long event that supposedly separates the men from the boys.

For those of you who don't know what No Shave November is, it's the month where men, and sometimes women, forgo the act of shaving, trimming or any other sort of shearing of their facial hair to show hypermasculinity.

But be warned no-shavers, in addition to catching disgusted looks from women and scaring small children, you may come home for that relaxing Thanksgiving break to get the ass-whipping of a lifetime from your dad, who thinks the hairier version of you that just walked in the door in the middle of the UF v. FSU game is really a blood-thirsty hobo looking to crash dinner.

By the way, it would probably be a good idea to stay away from playgrounds or to keep from buying white vans from the '70s during this time. You'll already look creepy enough.



If you want another way to put a strain on romantic and otherwise friendly relationships for the sake of exhibiting your manliness, you can always try what Robert Clarkson of Queenstown, New Zealand, did.

This innovative man decided to stray from the doldrums of typical suburban living by turning his house into a pirate ship.

When he proposed the idea to his then-sensible girlfriend, she scoffed and made an outlandish deal with him in which she would only concede if he were able to raise a Facebook group of one million people in support of the pirate house idea.

Well, she shouldn't have underestimated the will of a pirate-at-heart combined with a bunch of

people who will back whatever they find interesting.

After two years of gathering members, Clarkson's Facebook group, "If 1m people join, girlfriend will let me turn our house into a pirate ship," reached its goal Oct. 29 of this year.

Now, the 26-year-old Clarkson just has to figure out how to raise funds and tell the neighbors what he's up to. Fortunately, his girlfriend has since warmed up to the idea, so this pirate is still going to be getting booty. You didn't really think I'd be able to get through this without such a pathetic pun, did you?



Here's something for the more feminine readers, if you're still with me. I'm sure most of you have heard about Aerosmith's frontman, Steven Tyler, leaving the band.

Apparently, the old fogeys all just got so pissy with each other that he up and quit just before their 40th anniversary next year. But, the band thinks, for some reason, that they'll be able to move on without the raspy-voiced lead singer.

Those dudes need to swallow their pride and realize what their band's all about. And I know a lot of you girls are solely attracted to that lanky guy who has better highlights than your mom but is old enough to be your father. You are the reason I throw "Aerosmith's Greatest Hits" into my car's CD player when I go on dates.

Someone needs to tell those guys that Aerosmith can't physically continue without Steven Tyler.



The week-long anticipation to find out who would be involved in the threesome on Gossip Girl turned out to be not so hot. Don't worry, I won't give too much away. It's bad enough that Hilary Duff is on the show, but Lizzie McGuire in a threesome? I don't want to think about that.

## Small roles still allow for humor, revenge

By ERIK VOSS  
avenue writer

My first acting role was in a third grade Valentine's Day-themed play called "Princess Lonely Heart." It was one of those low-budget cafetorium shows for parents to waste their camcorders' batteries on their child's struggle to remember lines.

The show's director was an old, cranky Australian woman named Mrs. Kelly. On the surface, her goal appeared to be fostering the theatrical arts in young people, but only I knew her true plan: to manipulate the casting process to reward the students who adored her most.

"Good morning, Mrs. Kelly!" we cheered in our conditioned Australian accents upon her arrival every Wednesday morning.

"Good morning," she'd reply. "It's nice to see you all."

"And it's nice to see you, Mrs. Kelly!" lied Tommy.

That stunt landed Tommy the part of Cupid.

I was denied all the big roles and instead cast as Cupid's fourth messenger. It was an insignificant role with few lines, redeemed by the fact that I got to carry a bow and arrow, which Mrs. Kelly confiscated when I tried to assassinate Cupid.

Mrs. Kelly did not trust boys. To her, we were thugs who refused to memorize lines and shanked one another with pencils. The only way to protect the fairer sex was to con-

fine boys to walk-ons and characters with lines like "Yes, sir" and "Hooray!"

Her suspicions were partly valid, however. Every time she snapped at the boys to speak louder or smile, we'd visualize her being mauled by kangaroos.

"Oy, mate!" she'd wail. "Help me!"

"I'd love to help, Mrs. Kelly," I'd respond, "but someone took my bow and arrow."



Still, as much as I hated the woman, I couldn't help trying to win her affection. On the day of the show, I prayed a

meteor strike or a group of loose kangaroos might take out Cupid and his first three messengers, allowing me to ascend into the spotlight and reveal my superior talent.

"Brilliant! You're way better than Tommy!" Mrs. Kelly would shout from the back of the cafetorium. "Here's your bow and arrow back."

Such a miracle never happened. Instead, my mother's old VHS tape shows Cupid's only unarmed messenger mutter his one line:

"Hooray."

In that one, poorly delivered word, I brought down the whole system. Cupid's Fourth Messenger did not smile. What now, Mrs. Kelly?

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 24 Deeply ingrained habit  
 28 TV sched. notation  
 31 Most piquant  
 32 Extremely cold  
 34 Birthplace of "Wayne's World," briefly  
 35 Cheese in a ball  
 39 Shanghais  
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 44 "The Time Machine" leisure class  
 45 Org. with the blog Greenversations  
 47 Further off the beaten path  
 48 Convenience store  
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 53 Cuba or Puerto Rico, e.g.  
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 55 "Faust Symphony" composer  
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South Carolina quarterback Stephen Garcia is averaging 242.1 passing yards per game, good for second best in the SEC. He split time with Chris Smelley last year against UF.

## Garcia stepping up in first year as sole starter

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Last year, Stephen Garcia was splitting time with Chris Smelley at quarterback for South Carolina when the Gamecocks traveled to Gainesville.

Smelley's transfer to Alabama to play baseball left Garcia as the team's only option for the starting quarterback job, and Garcia has grown from the lost player who was just 6-of-13 passing for 28 yards and an interception in the Gamecocks' 56-6 loss to the Gators in 2008.

"He has a pretty good idea of what's going on now," South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said. "We asked him the other day if he knew what was going on in The Swamp last year, and he said 'I had no idea what was going on.' He was a lost Gamecock down in The Swamp last year."

Garcia will face his biggest challenge this season against Florida's pass defense, which ranks first in Southeastern Conference and second in the nation. The Gators' 134.4 pass yards per game are about 25 yards less than the next-best team.

UF coach Urban Meyer has taken notice of the Gamecocks improved aerial attack, though.

"They aren't running the ball quite as well, but they are throwing it much better," Meyer said.

Garcia has increased the team's passing average more than 20 yards per game to 246, good for second in the SEC, and a

big reason has been his decision making. The redshirt sophomore has thrown just six interceptions this season in his 341 attempts compared to eight interceptions in 2008 in just 122 passing tries.

Although the Gamecocks were third in the SEC in passing yards per game last season, they were the worst in the nation in interceptions thrown with 27.

Garcia and Smelley combined to toss three picks in South Carolina's last meeting with Florida.

Spurrier knows that number will have to stay down against the top interception team in the conference if his Gamecocks will have any chance of pulling off the upset.

"Hopefully, he goes out there and makes good decisions and takes care of the ball,"

Spurrier said. "He has done a good job of taking care of the ball this year. Our turnovers are way down from where we were this time last year."

Spurrier said Garcia's improvement is largely because of his year of experience and not having to share reps this season.

Even though Garcia has made strides this year, he is still far away from being a premier quarterback in college football.

"He needs to continue making the commitment to learn the game, learn how to play, learn how to audible here and there and get out of a bad play and get to a good play," Spurrier said.



Spurrier

## Meyer will unseat Spurrier as best coach in Florida history

It's time to start the debate again. As Urban Meyer-Steve Spurrier IV is set to kickoff Saturday, discussion over who is the best Florida coach will ensue.

At this point, it's really an argument over what means most to you.

Spurrier built the Florida football program, on and off the field, from 1990-2001. He is the old guard.

On the gridiron during his reign, UF had never-before-seen success.

The Gators won nine games in every one of Spurrier's 12 seasons



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(a feat no other SEC school has achieved). They had previously done that only eight times in their first 83 seasons.

Florida is one of only two schools (Nebraska) to finish in the top 15 of the polls during that time pe-

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## Tide get taste of spread

■ ALABAMA FACES DAN MULLEN'S OFFENSE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE.

By **MIKE MCCALL**  
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Florida coach Urban Meyer said this week his team won't start preparing to face Alabama in the Southeastern Conference Championship until the week of the game, but the Crimson Tide will get a feel for the Gators this week.

No. 3 (AP)/No. 2 (BCS) Alabama (9-0, 6-0 SEC) will travel to Mississippi State (4-5, 2-3 SEC) on Saturday to face former UF offensive coordinator Dan Mullen's offense, giving the Tide a preview of what to expect on Dec. 5.

"I think their offense is similar in some ways to Florida in terms of how they can run the ball," UA coach Nick Saban said. "I think

they're very effective running the ball, and I think the No. 1 objective we're going to have is to try to stop the run.

"It's a challenging offense to defend. I think coach Mullen has done a great job over there installing the offense and teaching it, and the players are doing a wonderful job of executing it."

The Bulldogs boast the nation's No. 12 rushing offense and a talented running back in Anthony Dixon, but Saban's defense should be up to the task.

Alabama is ranked in the nation's top six in four defensive categories (rushing, passing efficiency, total and scoring) and can rely on playmakers like cornerback Javier Arenas.

In his second season as a defensive starter, Arenas has shown himself to be much more than just a deadly kick returner. Arenas aver-

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### TEERING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ Brady Quinn should start, Derek Anderson should start, Quinn should start, Anderson should start, Quinn should start! I'm pretty sure Eric Mangini chooses his starting QB the way a young girl decides whether her crush loves her. ... Chad Ochocinco's most recent ingenious attempt to piss off the NFL was foiled by his coach. The WR wanted to send boxes of mustard to the Steelers, whose stadium is named Heinz Field.

### UF WOMEN'S HOOPS NEWS

■ The Gators have signed four recruits to National Letters of Intent: G Jatterra Bonds, G/F Kayla Lewis, G Brittany Shine and F Deandra Young.

### alligatorSports FANTASY CHALLENGE

■ Reader Ben Volin routed writer Kyle Mais-tri last weekend, keeping Volin in first place at 8-2. Writer Bobby Callovi sits one game back at 7-3 with two others at 6-4. Check out our Web site for a recap.

# Cusack interns with UAA

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**

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There is no secret to senior libero Elyse Cusack's success.

"She is determined, she is punctual, she is extremely thorough, she double checks everything to make sure it's right, and she's always asking if she can help out more."

But this quote isn't from coach Mary Wise. Instead it came from Cusack's boss, Samantha Scales, the coordinator for baseball complex & operations.

The attributes that have made Cusack successful on the court have translated to an internship opportunity with the University Athletic Association's Baseball Operations.

In her senior year, Cusack is not taking any classes in order to focus on the internship. Some of the things she works on include recruiting questionnaires, helping to schedule recruiting visits and writing the contracts that were sent out to next year's visiting baseball teams.

Cusack takes her work seriously, especially because of the desire she has to become a coordinator of operations.

"We have a person, Kelley Kish, who is our director of operations, and I was able to see what she does for us from planning our team's travel, traveling with us and working with our camps," Cusack said. "I just thought it would be a fun job and a great way to stay in sports."

She is not the only volleyball player working with the UAA, however.

Former UF opposite hitter Amber McCray works directly for Lynda Tealer, the senior associate athletic director for women's sports.

Both interns believe their experience as athletes has helped them thrive in their positions.

"I knew that was a huge asset that I would use in my interview," McCray said. "Being an athlete and knowing what an athlete goes through is just always a good asset to have on a support staff because you will have that perspective."

While Cusack admitted it was weird to go from work to practice at first, she has gotten used to working for a team and playing for one at the same time.

As her time as a collegiate athlete is winding down, she hopes her career in sports is just getting started.

"Sports is something I've known my whole life, it's something that I enjoy and I would love to have a career in sports later on," she said.

**GATORS LAND TWO TOP RECRUITS:** The Gators may have found a replacement for their senior libero as they have received a letter of intent from libero Taylor Unroe.

Setter Chanel Brown has also decided to sign with Florida. Both players will be eligible to compete in 2010.



## Volleyball



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UF libero Elyse Cusack is currently interning with the UAA's Baseball Operations during her senior year.

## Kiffin credits recruiting coordinator Orgeron; Saban talks about movie appearance

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ages more than six tackles and more than one tackle for loss per game, and Saban believes his playmaker has shown enough to warrant a high selection in the NFL Draft.

**KIFFIN CREDITS COACH O:** Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin and defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin garnered

most of the attention during the Volunteers' coaching shakeup last year, but Lane believes another coach should be getting spotlighted for his efforts as well.

Defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator Ed Orgeron, who formerly coached at Ole Miss, hasn't just been an invaluable tool in recruiting and coaching, he has also been the go-to assistant when it



Kiffin

comes to keeping players in line.

"He deals with a lot of our discipline and has done a phenomenal job with that," Kiffin said. "Our first semester here we have our highest GPA, I believe, in five years.

"We've had zero arrests in 11 months here."

**SABAN A MOVIE STAR?:** Saban plays himself in "The Blind Side," a movie about Baltimore Ravens tackle Michael Oher's journey from poverty to Ole Miss, and he had no problem being directed around instead of calling the shots.

"It's easy to take orders when

you don't know anything about what you're doing," he said. "In fact, I was seeking guidance from everyone there who would give me any."

"I don't think I need to switch professions or get rid of my day job to [act], but it was a wonderful experience."

The film, which also stars Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw, hits theaters Nov. 20.

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# Meyer not worried about Strong's head coaching offers

■ **STRONG HAS BEEN A COORDINATOR SINCE 1999.**

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As the season draws to a close and coaching vacancies open up, Florida defensive coordinator Charlie Strong's name is sure to

be associated with head coaching jobs.

But UF coach Urban Meyer isn't worried about it being a distraction.

"Every year we go away on a retreat as a coaching staff, and I always talk about how when you're at Florida, that's part of the deal," Meyer said. "However, the loyalty is to this football team,

these players and this program. Once the season is over, then let's handle this professionally.



**Football**

"I did talk to him over the summer in a brief conversation. And the best thing is, he mentioned to me that

the focus is through December when the season is over."

Strong reiterated those thoughts after practice Thursday.

"I just have to work and continue this job right now," Strong said. "This is my whole focus, just making sure our defense goes out and performs."

Meyer has said multiple times

that Strong, a defensive coordinator since 1999, deserves a shot at a top position. He said he hopes race won't be a factor, as Strong, a black man, said last January that his interracial marriage had harmed him in the job market.

"I would hope not, but I don't live that," Meyer said. "I know it certainly plays no part at the University of Florida."

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riod.

The Ol' Ball Coach won the 1996 national title as well as six SEC titles.

When he had arrived in Gainesville, there were no SEC titles. Zero.

He finished with a 122-27-1 record (.819 win percentage).

He even gave Ben Hill Griffin Stadium its more common nickname, The Swamp.

Now let's take a look at Meyer's marks.

In four-plus years, the 45-year-old has won two national titles and might have another this January.

He has two conference championships and will be playing for a third in December.

His current record at UF is 53-9 (.855 win percentage).

He, too, has won nine games in each of his full seasons so far as Florida's coach. A win Saturday will give him his first 8-0 SEC year, something Spurrier did in 1996.

I know it's early, and it's easy to get swept up in the present when comparing it to the past.

But when I sat down to dwell on this topic, two things became clear to me:

If Meyer wins another crystal ball in Pasadena, he will immediately surpass

Spurrier.

If Meyer isn't feeling confetti in January, he will probably still end up passing Spurrier.

What's the biggest thing holding Meyer back? Time.

Spurrier's marks are so impressive because he sustained his success, something not very easy in the business of college football coaching.

But while Meyer certainly didn't have the work ahead of him in 2005 that Spurrier had in 1990, Ron Zook didn't exactly leave the program in great shape.

And the Gators have won 19 games in a row. One more victory and they'll tie Au-

burn's 1993-94 streak for third-best in the SEC since 1960.

Even more impressive is the fact UF has won 18 of those 19 games by 10 points or more.

That's a pretty good feather in Meyer's cap.

Meyer won with defense and special teams in 2006.

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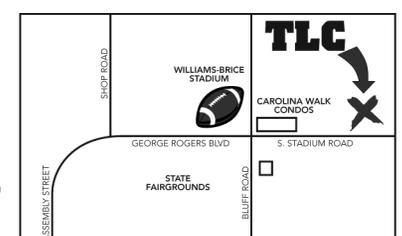
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