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Students, SG take sides over expansion fee

USF, FSU have enacted similar fees

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
 Alligator Staff Writer

At the Reitz Union students can gather together, but discussions of a proposed student fee to fund its renovation, repairs and expansion are dividing students and Student Government senators.

The proposed fee would include

a \$20 flat fee for each student in addition to a \$3 fee per credit hour, according to Student Body President Jordan Johnson. He said the estimated cost of the renovation and expansion would be about \$70 million to \$80 million.

About \$56 million would come from student fees, while the remainder would be paid through Capi-

tal Improvement Trust Funds and alumni donations, Johnson said.

Out of the \$56 million from student fees, about \$42.5 million would help fund Reitz Union repairs while the remainder would fund the expansion, Johnson said.

Some suggestions for the renovation and expansion include making the building Leadership in Energy

and Environmental Design certified, expanding student organization space and adding a 1,500-seat theater for dances and events, according to a presentation by Johnson.

Johnson said other state schools, including University of South Florida and Florida State University, have used a similar student fee to fund their student unions.

Eddie Daniels, the executive director of the Reitz Union, said repairs are necessary regardless of

how they are funded.

He said the Reitz Union requires \$42.5 million over the next 15 years for repairs involving air handling units, plumbing and electrical systems.

Daniels said architects met with students, organizations, faculty and staff Nov. 2 through Nov. 5 to take suggestions about what they would like to see added to the union, but

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Rayiaz Khan / Alligator Staff

Secret Smackdown

Jarrold Carmody, top and Trey Tucker grapple with each other on a mat in their garage Wednesday. The duo started an open fighting gym as a way to train and meet both of their schedules. See Story, Page 3.

ON CAMPUS

Improv group will compete in Chicago

By **NICOLE LYNN GREINER**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Theatre Strike Force doesn't need scripts to get a laugh.

About 250 people attended the group's performance of "Unscripted" Wednesday. The show was a celebration of the group's first-place win in the southeastern regional round of the third annual College Improv Tournament.

Another performance of "Unscripted" will be held today at 9 p.m. in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

The tournament took place in Atlanta on Saturday. Theatre Strike Force sent five of its members, known as the Sunday Group, to compete against eight other southeastern colleges. The group will go to Chicago for the tournament finals on Feb. 6.

"I want a national championship for UF in improv," said Jennifer Francis, a senior telecommunication

major and member of Theatre Strike Force.

In the competition, the group performed two 25-minute improvisation sessions. The group won the first session and went to the final round.

Last year the Sunday Group placed second in the regional round.

Saturday's performance was similar to the show "Unscripted." The show includes a cast of nine members, three of whom were also members of the Sunday Group.

Guest speakers in "Unscripted" were asked random questions about their lives, experiences and dreams.

Among the speakers were entomology professor Carl Barfield, former UF track star and Olympic gold medalist Bernard Williams, and Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

The show was sponsored by Theatre Strike Force, Reitz Union Board Entertainment and SG.

Political science office closes after professor's arrest

■ **HE WAS ARRESTED ON DOMESTIC BATTERY CHARGES.**

By **THOMAS STEWART**
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The office of UF's political science department was closed for about three hours Fri-

day due to safety concerns after a political science professor was arrested on a domestic battery charge the day before.

"Because this individual has threatened violence in the past, it was decided that the best thing would be for the political science office to close early — which it did, shortly after 2 p.m.," an e-mail from department chairman Stephen Craig reads.

Richard Conley, 42, was arrested Thurs-

day night after an argument with his wife, according to a police report.

Conley grabbed his wife's wrist while trying to take their son away from her, according to the report. He also threw a wine rack to the floor and challenged his wife to call 911.

Conley's wife was not injured, and she demanded the police leave, according to the

report.

Conley, reached by phone, said his lawyer advised him not to comment on the arrest.

Paul D'Anieri, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said Conley was placed on paid leave Friday afternoon until UF has assessed the situation.

"We're in an environment where one is

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■ Freshman Kenny Boynton (right) scored a team-high 22 points, including 15 in the second half, to help Florida pull away from Georgia Southern. The Gators shot just 33.9 percent. See Story, Page 19.



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■ IRHA hosted an urban art exhibit that showcased graffiti from student artists and artists from around Florida. See story at alligator.org.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JAMSA "Temptation Island"

JAMSA Fall Week 2009
Today through Nov. 23
Come join UF's Jamaican-American Student Association and experience the wonders of Jamaica. Enjoy events of free food, games, parties and community service. For more information visit our JAMSA group on Facebook and join our JAMSA Fall Week 2009 event page.

School of business faculty lunch

Today, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Stuzin Hall, Room 200
Come for a great opportunity to talk to professors and advisers in the business school and get advice on classes for next semester. All business and accounting majors welcome. There will be free food.

"Church and State since 1989"

Today, 7 p.m.
Pugh Hall Ocora
Talk by Anna Grzymala-Busse, of the University of Michigan, for the Center for European Studies series "From the Iron Curtain to the EU." The speaker argues that churches rely on indirect political influence and the historical resonance they have cultivated from the communist era.

Miss UF contestant's meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
Alpha Delta Pi Sorority house
The first contestant's meeting for the Miss University of Florida Pageant will be held Thursday. Please e-mail missuf-director@gmail.com or join the Miss University of Florida 2010 Facebook group for more info.

Great American Smoke-Out

Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Turlington Plaza
Colleges Against Cancer, the Alachua County Health Department and GatorWell will be providing you with the necessary materials to stop smoking. For more information, visit relayforlife.org/uffl.

**Free Concert at
Pascal's Coffeeshouse**
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
SUNNY 79/54	SUNNY 79/57	THUNDER STORMS 78/61	THUNDER STORMS 79/58	PARTLY CLOUDY 78/55

Pascal's Coffeeshouse and Gallery 112 NW 16th St. (inside the Christian Study Center)
Join us for our first Friday concert series featuring local artists Andrew Duran, Sally Privette and Nathan Beam. Music starts at 7:30. This event is free and open to the public.

Start and end Shabbat at Hillel

2020 W University Ave.
Friday, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 5 p.m.
Hillel will have Shabbat services on Friday at 7 p.m., followed by free Kosher dinner at 8:30 p.m. On Saturday at 5 p.m., students can choose between a yoga class or a learning discussion and Ma'ariv service. A community Havdallah service and song session will follow at 6:15 p.m.

AEPH Afterdark

Friday night, 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.
Party and philanthropy at the AEPH house. Enjoy DJ Red Alert and food. Tickets are \$5 presale and \$7 at the door. All proceeds go to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Check AEPH Afterdark Facebook group for more info.

Alpha Zeta Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Applebee's, 1005 NW 13th St.
Enjoy a pregame breakfast at Applebee's while supporting the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' co-ed honors fraternity. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased presale or at the door.

RUB Entertainment presents "Julie & Julia"

Saturday, Reitz Union Auditorium
Meryl Streep stars as Julia

Child, and Amy Adams stars as Julie Powell. The film, directed by Nora Ephron, brings to life Child's novel, "My Life in France" and Powell's novel, "Julie and Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen." For more information, visit union.ufl.edu/rub.

Lakeside's First-Ever Culture Clash

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Come out and enjoy performances, games and free food as Lakeside Residence Hall and Graduate & Family Housing take you on a journey through the countries of the world.

Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to bkelley@alligator.org with "What's Happening" in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-sentence synopsis of the event. Make sure all submissions are formatted properly. Space in this section is limited, and inclusion of event postings is up to the discretion of the Editorial Department.

CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's Alligator, an article incorrectly reported that a student fee to help fund Reitz Union renovations would include a \$1.50 fee per credit hour. The fee would actually be \$3 per credit hour.

An article in Tuesday's Alligator misspelled the name of Accent Speakers Bureau chairman Jason Attermann.

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Santa Fe College students create amateur fight club

■ MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB IS FREE.

By **JOHN J. BOOTHE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The first rule about fight club is you do talk about fight club.

As mixed martial arts — MMA — continues its fight to become America's No. 1 televised violence supplier, so does the desire of its viewers to learn the secrets and techniques behind every guillotine choke and armbars submission.

But the increase in popularity also comes with an increase in demand for training.

So, two Santa Fe Community College students are offering an affordable training price for even the tightest budget: free.

Amateur kickboxers Trey Tucker, 20, and Jarrod Carmody, 19, started Gainesville Fight Club as a way to teach each others MMA style combat in between their full-time school and work schedules. The two of them meet several times a week in Carmody's garage where Tucker has \$500 worth of mats,

gloves, bags and Thai pads.

Both fighters describe the club as a cooperative, where each fighter contributes something, whether it is equipment or training techniques, to the group.

"If you're poor, we don't care," Tucker said. "Come in, man. You can use our gloves, and we can work something out. We can do car washes or sell GFC T-shirts. The whole point is to show there are other ways to do this than having to charge money."

Tucker said his training suits

the college lifestyle more than a professional system. Most professional training is geared for people who want to make a career out of MMA.

Jason Dolder, head trainer of the F2 Fight Team in Gainesville, said that while it's admirable that Gainesville Fight Club is trying to offer free MMA training, his gym is far from ripping people off.

"There's a reason why you pay professionals to teach you this stuff," he said.

F2 Fight Team offers training for \$55 a month, which, according

to Dolder, is very affordable when compared with other MMA gyms.

Tucker thinks that even though he and Carmody are relatively new to MMA — their first organized fights in the discipline will be January — the training necessary to start out isn't complicated.

Ninety percent of MMA training is relatively simple, he said. For the other 10 percent, such as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and boxing technique, he said the group will pitch in money to hire a professional to lay the groundwork for that month's training.

THROUGH THE YEARS

- 1947**: UF is co-ed
- 1953**: Gator Party started
- 1970**: SG suggests UF use course evaluations when considering tenure
- 1971**: The Athletic Association begins to charge students for going to games—\$5
- 1972**: Sam Taylor is elected the first black president, and Linda Gloeckner is the first female VP
- 1977**: Charlotte Mather becomes the first woman to be elected president
- 1983**: Pamela Bingham becomes the first female black president
- 1986**: SG President Edward Scales, who pledged never to raise the activities and service fee unless God came to him, is approached at a budget meeting by a man dressed as God. Scales raised the fee.
- 1990**: SG brings Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers to UF
- 1996**: SG lobbies in Tallahassee to maintain autonomy and control over budget

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Programming Trivia

ACCENT, SG Productions, STARR and AAREST are the four programming departments that offer speakers, productions, education on racism and education about sexual assault and exploitation.

Student Taking Action Against Racism (STAAR) has existed for 10 years.

Gator Nights is the program that provided to students on Friday nights in the Reitz Union and Southwest Recreation Center.



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator Staff

Alicia Marie Rodriguez, an advertising and theater major, auditions for "The Vagina Monologues" in the basement of the Reitz Union on Tuesday night.

Group calls for 'Vagina' roles

Auditions continue tonight

By **JULIE UNGER**

Alligator Contributing Writer

When she was 11 years old, Lorraine Wheat stood in the middle of a bookstore and said, "Guess what, Mom. My vagina is angry."

Wheat's mother was familiar with the book her daughter was imitating and calmly explained to her daughter a little bit about the play.

Eight years later, Wheat once again announced that her vagina was angry — this time during a play called "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler.

This year, Victory Over Violence, a UF anti-domestic violence organization, will put on its fourth annual production of "The Vagina Monologues" as a fundraiser for organizations like local domestic violence victim shelter Peaceful Paths.

"Any woman who wants to be proactive and to fight for human rights, who wants to do great things, wants to be like [Ensler]," said Wheat, an advertising senior and Victory Over Violence public

relations officer at UF.

Auditions for the 2010 performance began on Tuesday and will continue from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. tonight in the Reitz Union basement, Room 60.

"I don't think this is something you can get involved in and it not become your heart."

Lorraine Wheat
UF student

Twenty-eight women auditioned Tuesday, and more are expected to audition tonight.

"There are 33 monologues, and we offer anyone that auditions that doesn't get a monologue a spot in public relations, advertising or something else so they can still be involved in the production," said Jenna Calton, Victory Over Violence president and a psychology junior at UF.

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Peaceful Paths provided services for 1,260 new

clients, helped house 128 adults and 90 children and provided 11,701 services, according to the Peaceful Paths 2009 fact sheet.

The monologues deal with the pain and shame that women face, whether it's because of their bodies, experiences or surviving abuse.

"Eve Ensler uses the work to inspire a grassroots movement which started anti-violence and abuse networks. Vday.org showcases all of the movements and all of the things they're doing. It shows that she's using her work and art to give women who wouldn't be able to express themselves a medium to talk about their pain," Wheat said.

She added that her part in the play inspired deep conversations with women who sought her out afterward to say they wished they could express themselves.

"After you do this play you feel, 'Why not? Why should I feel ashamed for being a woman?'" Wheat said. "I don't think this is something you can get involved in and it not become your heart."

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1,500 students signed petition in support

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design drawings based on these needs will not be available until February.

He said some suggestions included adding more student organization office space, more performing space and more meeting rooms. Daniels said UF has outgrown the union.

"So, my hope is we'll be able to somehow get a facility that will better meet the needs of our current student population," Daniels said.

Senators passed a resolution supporting the Reitz Union expansion and student fee at Tuesday night's

Senate meeting.

But some senators and graduate students at the meeting said students should have a chance to vote on the student fee in the spring SG elections.

Orange and Blue Party Sen. Jon Ossip said he was not against the fee or the expansion but wanted to make sure the majority of students approved of the ideas.

"I would support whatever the students choose on the ballot," Ossip said.

But according to Johnson, having students vote on the fee would

delay its journey to the Florida legislature and Gov. Charlie Crist, who would ultimately decide whether it would be put into effect. If it were approved, Johnson said UF would then lobby for capital improvement trust funds and private donations as well.

He said about 1,500 students have signed a petition supporting the expansion. In addition, about 3,600 students were surveyed, and Johnson said he plans to have a town hall forum in early December to continue discussions with students.

For more student opinions expressed at Tuesday's meeting, visit alligator.org.

PROPOSED Reitz Union

Repairs and Expansions



\$70 million to \$80 million

Total cost of necessary repairs. The payments would be spread over 15 years.

REPAIRS INCLUDE:

- inefficient lighting system
- aging air-handling units
- bat infestation
- problems with plumbing and electrical systems

IDEAS FOR NEW REITZ UNION

- LEED certified
- student organization space
- multicultural space
- retail/restaurants
- meeting space
- possible new building across from Reitz on Museum Road

Jessica Warshaver / Alligator Staff

Dean: Closure justified

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expected to...take any possible indication that something is out of order very seriously, and that's what the chair did," D'Anieri said.

"I actually don't think it's that big a deal," he said of closing the office. "I don't think it caused a big disruption and if it helped people feel better, then that's fine."

Conley's lawyer, Thomas Edwards, said the closure of the office was unwarranted. Edwards said Conley had made no threats to anyone at UF and that the closing was likely influenced by a strained relationship between Conley and Craig.

"There was no connection between what took place between he and his wife and the department chair closing down the department," he said.

He said the reference to past violent threats in Craig's e-mail likely alluded to allegations made by Conley's ex-wife during divorce proceedings that began in 2006.

According to Edwards, the allegations, which Conley said are untrue, were made to gain leverage in a custody battle.

Craig referred comment to UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes, who said her ability to comment was limited because the issue was a personnel matter.



Conley

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Editorial

Fee-for-All

SG should get student input on new Reitz fee

Tuesday's Student Government vote on the proposed Reitz Union expansion has stirred up almost as much interest (and as many impassioned letters and Web site comments) as SG's pending decision on a resolution denouncing the Goldstone report, the controversial UN report alleging Israeli war crimes.

For those of you somehow not already offended by the Alligator's coverage of this report — and we know there must be a few of you left out there — look to future issues.

But this week, rather than grandiose matters of war and peace in the Middle East, SG tackled a subject that it may actually hold some influence over... unfortunately.

This resolution, which supports a student fee for the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union (and effectively endorses the expansion itself), passed 67 — 10, despite fierce debate.

The fact that letters to the Alligator describe this debate as "grad-student whining" underscores how differently some parties view the proposed fees. A \$20 dollar flat fee plus \$3 per credit hour might sound like chump change. But if it does, you're likely not one of about 75 students who appeared to voice concerns about rising student fees.

These whiners, many of whom are grad students without Bright Futures or Florida Prepaid to help ease costs, pay significant amounts out of pocket toward student fees. One graduate assistant in the English department says her student fees account for up to 10 percent of her salary.

Another \$100 dollars a year might not mean much for SG senators or persistent, anonymous letter writers, but to someone on a razor thin budget, it can make a difference.

The fact that SG is voting on how to pay for a renovation and expansion before it determines whether the Student Body even wants — or needs — these changes leaves us with the same look of shock and bewilderment that uninformed students will have if slapped with new fees.

SG members cite a petition signed by 1,500 students as evidence that UF wants (and needs?) a new and improved Reitz Union. We can picture how that went down almost like we were badgered outside of Library West ourselves: grand promises without a complete explanation of the financial impact on all students.

As for the argument that student organizations desperately need more office and meeting space, we still wonder how the empty halls and meeting rooms that make the Reitz look like a ghost town factor into SG's assessment. If the Reitz wants to "better meet the needs of our current student population," as its executive director Eddie Daniels described the expansion's goal, why not first focus on making maximum use of the current facilities.

UF can accomplish this goal by involving students (other than a few SG members) in the process, receiving feedback along the way to make better informed decisions. Daniels said that architects tasked with planning the proposed expansion met with students, organizations, faculty and staff earlier this month; we wonder what limited group of students these architects met with. We didn't receive an invitation. (Go figure.)

UF and SG's lack of transparency in planning Reitz changes merely aggravates all of these issues. Student fees, determining critical needs... whether changes are necessary at all; we need public discussion on these key points.

UF is a learning institution; it is ironic that we simultaneously cut dozens of faculty and staff members while constructing new and possibly unnecessary buildings. Students need a voice in this decision, especially if millions of dollars are involved.

Fortunately this resolution does not take any action. It merely reflects the opinion of the Senate. We're not quite sure that it reflects the opinion of the UF Student Body, though.

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Column

Pray for less fortunate at Thanksgiving

While driving Oprah to her highest ratings in two years, Sarah Palin asked that we cast aside our petty sociopolitical differences and as a united country pray for the everliving soul of Levi Johnston.

Pray for Levi.

While my main gripe with Sarah Palin is her wanton disregard for the tradition of giving children sensible names, her advocacy of Levi Johnston as worthy of prayerful worship seems a negligent reading of Heavenly duties. Prayers showered upon the healthy, virile white teenager swimming in pistachio money surely fall upon deaf ears.

Perhaps she is emboldened by a reading of some more vengeful God, more of an Old Testament deity. This God surely would read our prayers as time to test the faith of young Levi and arrange a severe comeuppance full of wrath and afflictions.

This same God has infected the mind of Goldman Sachs Chief Executive Officer Lloyd Blankfein, who in a long London Times interview snidely remarked that earth-shatteringly horrible banking of the last derivative decade is "God's work."

Pray for Levi. Pray for Lloyd, too.

Pray that we get some follow-through of good Ole' Testament rocket sauce from these mournful missives. Lloyd and his like-minded accomplices surely do their bidding tempting the good graces of Genesis god, a holy figure always ready with a good hard smiting. Some bloodfire, maybe a few public stonings — our prayers do not ask for much.

We should keep optimism up that our prayers shall not be in vain once sent to the correct sacred source. Based on their conscienceless money grubbing, our economy got circumsized last fall with no anesthesia. Old Testament God



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must appreciate this surprise bris and may recognize our rightfully embattled banking sector as true believers.

Americans were certainly complicit in conjuring up the subprime bomb that inflated our net worth and our sense of ideological imperviousness, but the capitalist class raging

out ahead of us deserves scorn and scrutiny for this nuclear economic winter. We fought the battles and lost much of our livelihoods, but they seem to have somehow won the war and rocketed off in a billion-dollar escape pod.

Pray for Lloyd. Don't forget to pray for Levi, though.

I prayed for Britney back in the day, and she got through her bald tribulations relatively unscathed. Britney Spears is a hard-working girl who loved that spotlight so badly that she sacrificed a few sham marriages to the fame game. Levi may not be able to sing as of now, but even the least-accomplished fame whore knows a good vocal coach.

My own prayers for Levi are centered around his inevitable marriage to Britney Spears and the creation of a band starring his kids and Britney's kids. Made for MTV and the accompanying decades of televised group therapy, this superband could single-handedly rewrite the scale for total awesomeness.

Levi won't stop at just one illegitimate child, mind you — but the Partridge family wasn't created in a day. Be patient, my fellow terrestrial transgressors, and just send your prayers out to Lloyd and Levi this Thanksgiving.

Pray for Levi.

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

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

Reader response

Today's question: Should UF implement a student fee to pay for Reitz Union renovations?

Monday's question: Do you think people share too much on the Internet?

88% YES
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Letters to the Editor

Senators disregarded students' wishes

I'd like to express my utter disgust at the student senators who completely disregarded their student constituents last night. More than 70 students attended the Senate meeting in opposition of a resolution that would support UF administration charging all students a fee for the expansion and renovation of the Reitz Union. Majority party senators approved this bill while simultaneously rejecting a proposed amendment that would bring it to a Student Body referendum. It is understood that the repairs are necessary. The expansion, however, is debatable pork.

Although the majority party senators were quick to vote for this resolution, they were not so quick to provide us with concrete estimates of the costs students would have to shoulder.

In fact, many of the estimates completely ignored the additional millions of dollars in costs that would be the responsibility of the Student Body (more than \$120 million). Yes, everybody wants the luxury of a beautiful union, but should it be at the expense of other students' groceries, gas and ability to continue their education at UF? With such a controversial issue, students should have spoken out, and they did — only to be told their opinion was irrelevant. Instead of participating in debate, most senators were busy texting on their BlackBerrys and iPhones. Senators, it would be nice if you considered the people who originally gave you authority.

Karla Rowe
UF student

Reitz Union needs renovations

The Alligator never seems to disappoint. Wednesday's article "Senate approves Reitz Union student expansion fee" left out some important facts in the case for the Reitz Union renovation and expansion. For instance, a petition was signed by about 1,500 students in less than 24 hours in support of the renovation and the student fee to pay for it. That would seem to outweigh the 70 or so graduate students who attended Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

The Reitz Union is in dire need of renovation and expansion. It was built in 1967

for 19,000 students, and UF now has more than 50,000. Many of the systems, including the electrical and air conditioning systems, are original to the building's construction. If those systems fail there is not nearly enough money in reserve to fix even one of them.

Not to mention the asbestos in the walls and ceilings and the energy inefficiencies of the 1960s-era equipment. If we delay further, the cost of the project will increase, leading to a further increase in the student fee.

This would place even more of a burden on students, undergraduate and graduate alike. The question has never been should we renovate and expand the Reitz Union, it's just when. That time is now.

Severin Walstad
UF freshman and Springs Area Senator

Current students won't see benefits of Reitz Union expansion, renovation

The Student Senate should not have approved the resolution favoring the implementation of a new fee to pay for the proposed expansion of the Reitz Union.

The proposed fees would (I believe) take effect before the completion of renovation of the Reitz Union. Few, if any, current UF students would still be here when the renovation is complete, yet we would not only have to put up with the inconvenience of dealing with the construction work on the union, but also have to pay fees for a renovation that doesn't benefit us. I frequently attend the free movies at the union (yea, RUB).

There might be a period where we have to go without free movies while the cinema is renovated — and Senate wants us to pay a fee for that inconvenience. Eating at the food court will be more difficult while the renovation takes place — and Senate wants us to pay a fee for that inconvenience. If the union must be renovated, and if the renovation must be paid for with student fees, then those fees should not be implemented until the renovation is complete. The students who actually get to enjoy the (supposed) benefits of the expanded union should be the ones to pay for it.

Finally, I don't even think the union needs to be expanded. I can see that the asbestos

needs to be removed. By all means, please remove the asbestos from the union. That shouldn't cost enough to warrant a new fee, though. The Senate bill repeatedly mentions UF's more than 900 student organizations, many of which do not have office space in the union.

But how many of them really need office space? I've held three different officer positions in the Linguistics Society in my time at UF, and we have never had or needed any office space. I can say confidently that no more than 10 percent — and quite possibly no more than 5 percent — of UF's student organizations would actually use office space. I say, just remove the asbestos and leave the rest of the union as it is.

Zoe Ziliak
UF PhD candidate in linguistics

Renovations will improve quality of UF

In response to the expansion and renovation of the Reitz Union, I would like to express support, despite the objections raised concerning extra fees. Another beautiful and utilitarian building on the UF campus further fortifies the quality and progress that distinguishes Florida from other higher learning institutions.

In a true Burkean sense, the pride and usefulness from the expansion will far outweigh the cost. So while we may be a bit lighter in the pocket, we will have another quality addition to our already noble campus. Florida's rise to a premier university has always had costs. This is no different.

Zack Faza
UF student

US efforts against terrorism are war

This is in response to Wednesday's letter to the editor "War on terror" not a war." I must disagree with Patrick Poage's position that calling our "global effort to eliminate terrorists" a war allows al-Qaida and others to justify their actions against our country and our soldiers.

Poage, like many others, seems to have forgotten the terrorist attacks happened prior

to our terming of the effort to prevent them a "war." In the cases of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole and the Sept. 11 attacks, among other incidents, the terrorists didn't wait for us to "justify" them before attacking us.

Poage also noted that the Obama administration dropped the term "war on terror." In response, I ask: If our leaders are unwilling to use strong language to describe this "global effort," how can we assume that they will take strong action to succeed in this conflict?

John Colby
UF student

Preachers shouldn't mask messages

This morning, while I strolled through Turlington Plaza, I was delighted to see that people were handing out copies of "The Origin of Species" by Charles Darwin. This seemed a vast improvement over coupons and fliers. Then I opened the book and found the "special introduction" urging me to accept an intelligent designer and "receive the gift of eternal life."

Like any article wishing to spread doubt, it did not state its true intentions up front. Gradually, selective quotations were used and unscientific (but reasonable-sounding) arguments were made against evolution until the reader reached the Living Waters' true message: Jesus.

Evolution is a fascinating process that ties together and enforces every biology course I've taken at UF. As it says on a door in Bartram Hall, it's very gradual change that you can believe in. I urge any students genuinely interested in evolution to either ignore the slander against Darwin and evolution or, even better, to find out for themselves.

This isn't a matter of Christianity versus evolution, as if people can't believe both. It's possible. However, if you're going to try to convert people, Ray Comfort, you shouldn't hide your religious tract behind a book praised by scientists all over the world. Preach out in the open or don't preach at all.

Rebecca Theobald
UF student

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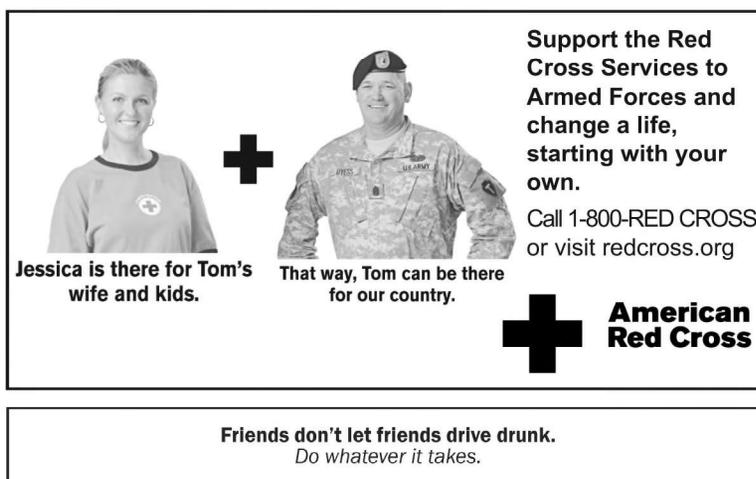
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Music: Hawthorne Heights



Hawthorne Heights will perform at Common Grounds during the Never Sleep Again Tour Sunday with Just Surrender, Punchline, Monty Are I and Night Beast. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 the day of. Doors open at 5 p.m. The band is reviving with its fourth album "Skeletons," which will be released early next year.

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awards

MtvU Woodie Awards recognizes popular, new artists

By **ALEX ORLANDO**
avenue writer

What does it take to gain Woodie status?

Bands will compete at the 2009 mtvU Woodie Awards, a showcase of performers made popular on college campuses. Performers will include Asher Roth, Death Cab for Cutie, Matt and Kim, The Dead Weather and 3OH!3 this year.

The awards show, now in its sixth year, aired live Wednesday at the Roseland Ballroom and will air on MTV on Dec. 4 at 10 p.m. EST. The Avenue participated in a college conference call on Nov. 10 with artists who are nominated for the award.

"We think it's a way for us to call our artists that are having a huge impact in college campuses and respond to the attention that

the artists are getting from the college audience," said Eric Conte, the executive producer of the Woodie Awards, during the conference call.

Conte also said he sees college audiences as a "crystal ball as far as music prediction."

Bands such as Fall Out Boy and The Academy Is have been nominated for Woodies in years past, on their way to larger crowds and more recognition. Newer musicians note the Woodies as a landmark on their music careers.

"It's really been a journey," said Asher Roth, known on college campuses for his song "I Love College." "Being nominated for Woodie of the Year—it's really kind of remarkable to see and step back and watch it all happen."

Some of the artists say putting on a better live show has helped them gain a solid college fan base.

"We try to adjust the show and make it a little bit more epic for a bigger crowd and have fun in different ways," said Nathaniel Motte of 3OH!3, nominated for Best Performing Woodie.

"It's really been a journey. Being nominated for Woodie of the Year—it's really kind of remarkable to see and step back and watch it all happen."

ASHER ROTH
musician

Other artists attribute their stunning and relatable videos to their success on college campuses.

"It's more about everybody, you know?" said Roth, who noted the importance of relating to all crowds on campus with his music.

"I think it forces you to think a little harder," said Matt Johnson, of Matt and Kim, who said he had to beg his bandmate, Kim Schifino, to appear naked with him in Times Square to shoot a music video for their song "Lessons Learned." The video is nominated for Best Video Woodie this year.

The video is relevant to college students who are generally "more open to doing wild things" at that time of their lives, according to Johnson, who refers to American colleges as "communities of taste." Matt and Kim will likely be performing a clothed version of "Lessons Learned" at the Woodies. Other performers include The Dead Weather, also up for Best Video Woodie, and Death Cab For Cutie.

Death Cab For Cutie is scheduled to perform "Meet Me on the Equinox" at the Woodies, which appears

on the "New Moon" soundtrack. The Dead Weather has not released which song they will perform.

However, the Woodies are not meant to be a "march to the mainstream," Conte said.

Still, Conte said he doesn't think artists should limit themselves just to stay out of the limelight.

"[The artists] want to continue making music for themselves," he said. "As long as there's an appreciation going back and forth, I think that's what the ultimate goal is for someone."

Even artists who have gained mainstream recognition see the Woodies as an easier alternative to winning the music industry's more prestigious awards.

"Tony Bennett wins Grammys," said Chris Walla, guitarist for Death Cab For Cutie. "It just doesn't seem like it's our job to win Grammys."

Hawthorne Heights reborn

By **NICOLE LA HOZ**
avenue writer

The members of Hawthorne Heights have always been driven to form a solid band. It doesn't stem from a hunger for success, though. To the Dayton, Ohio, rock band, playing music is a therapeutic escape.

While the band battled lawsuits and countersuits with Victory Records Inc., the ultimate tragedy struck them in 2007: Guitarist and longtime friend Casey Calvert was found dead on the band's tour bus from accidental mixture of prescribed medication.

"The one thing that got us through was music," drummer Eron Bucciarelli said. "That was the one thing that wasn't dependent on waiting on a lawyer's phone call or anything else."

The band members penned down thoughts, strummed out emotions and pounded out troubles. Bucciarelli said music "was one sort of safe place we could all go and meet up."

Through instrumental remedy, Hawthorne Heights rose above its adversities. "Skeletons" is the fourth release from the band due early next year.



During the Never Sleep Again Tour, Hawthorne Heights will stop at Common Grounds on Nov. 22 with Just Surrender, Punchline, Monty Are I and Night Beast. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 the day of. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The band sees smaller venues as a revival because fans get a chance to reconnect with members as they preview the album. The shows on Never Sleep Again are "way more intimate" and consist of high energy performance from every band, ideal for fans who haven't seen them live in four to six years, Bucciarelli said.

"This is all new to us again. It's great," he said.

"Skeletons" places the band in a delicate predicament, however. While its 2004 platinum debut, "The Silence in Black and White," and follow-up success, "If Only You Were Lonely," boom with catchy screamo rock tracks, last year's "Fragile Future" was Hawthorne Heights' outlet for dealing with Calvert's passing. The sudden reconciliation with Victory Records led to a rushed release, and many fans were unaware of it.

Bucciarelli said he and the band worry about "die-hard" fans' reactions to "Skeletons." Their tastes and influences might have changed since "If Only You Were Lonely," he said.

"To maintain relevance you have to continuously evolve and change your music," Bucciarelli said. "A lot of fans have grown since then, so hopefully their tastes evolved too."

The band spent months working on a song, Bucciarelli said, and each is unique.

"You have different vibes going on in this album, some heavier and darker vibes," Bucciarelli said.

"Skeletons" remains a secret until the show. Bucciarelli said he does not want to give too much away and humbly mentioned that the band has expanded its sound and tried new things.

music

Musician creates acoustic tour

By **JOEY FLECHAS**
avenue writer

Sometimes, simplicity can feel startlingly fresh.

Hot Water Music veteran Chuck Ragan has run away with the idea, organizing the second year of The Revival Tour, a group of more than 20 artists collaborating on acoustic music.

The tour will stop in Gainesville Friday night at the Common Grounds. Doors open at 9 p.m.

The show will feature artists like Ragan, Jon Snodgrass, Jim Ward and Gainesville native Jon Gaunt sharing the stage in various combinations, singing and playing on one another's tunes freely.

"It's super simple, nothing that's never been done before," Ragan said.

Harking back to a Rolling Thunder Revue-style spirit, this year's lineup features a disparate group of musicians, from folksters to bluegrass players to Americana crooners.

With an average of 10 musicians on the bus on any given stretch of the tour, Ragan has found that putting it all together is as rewarding as it is difficult.

"I must say, as a musician, it has been probably the most enjoyable way of touring I've done in my life and probably the most challenging," he said.

A goal for the musicians is to forsake the traditional structure of shows, with the predictable opening acts, breaks and headliners. Ragan wants to leave behind all of that monotony.

"When the show starts, we present everyone from the beginning. There's no ego on this run. We don't care who's going to play first or who's going to play last," he said.

With all of the players throwing caution to the wind, new collaborations spring up every night, and newcomers get to show off their chops.

One of those newcomers is the first and only woman to join The Revival Tour, Audra Mae. Ragan invited Mae to join after he heard her music on her MySpace page. He eventually proved instrumental in her getting a record deal.

At 25 years old, the gentle-voiced singer and songwriter is glad to bring well-roundedness to the tour as a woman and as the youngest performer, and she's thankful that the guys have been nurturing, she said.

"The guys have been super protective," she said.

Friday's show is a sort of homecoming for Ragan, who spent 10 years living here while playing in Hot Water Music. He loves coming back to the scene that nurtured his musical ambitions for years, he said.

"We have a lot of dear friends there. There's normally never enough time to do all the fishing I want to do," he chuckled.



Photo courtesy of Jill Ragan

Chuck Ragan, the co-frontman of Hot Water Music, founded The Revival Tour, which features new and young musicians who change throughout the tour, adding variety and teaming up with other performers for a different set each night. The tour will be in Gainesville Friday at Common Grounds at 9 p.m.

Bayside rocks out, but doesn't lead rockstar lifestyle

Editor's note: The writer spent twelve hours shadowing Anthony Raneri of Bayside to write this story.

By **GABRIELA IZARRA**
avenue contributing writer

It's 2:20 a.m. Saturday and I'm sitting in a booth at the Waffle House on Archer Road with Anthony Raneri, lead singer and rhythm guitarist of Bayside, and Brian Diaz, the band's guitar tech.

Anthony is on his second \$2 chicken biscuit.

In the booth adjacent to us, bassist Nick Ghanbarian, lead guitarist Jack O'Shea and Dylan Gibson, the band's merchandiser, are finishing

up their midnight meals.

Waffle House was the finale of my 12-hour shadow session of Anthony Raneri.

Bayside is an alternative punk band from Queens, N.Y., and I had the privilege of hanging with them before and after their free show at the Reitz Union on Friday.

The Reitz Union Board Entertainment paid the band \$5,000 to play in the Rion Ballroom, said Bailey Parke, RUB bands director.

Flashback to earlier in the day as the band waited to play their set.

Blackberries in hand, Anthony and Brian updated their Twitter accounts and checked useless facts on Wikipedia. Who ever thought of

putting chicken in buckets?

The backstage area didn't scream punk rock. It barely whispered it. Vitaminwater, hummus and Spicy-sweet Chili Doritos. No booze. No drugs.

In fact, Anthony stays sober. Even at Common Grounds downtown, he sat empty handed as the rest of us sipped on beers. Though he's never empty handed for very long—cigarette and coffee breaks are standard.

More than 500 showgoers crowded the ballroom, some lining up outside the venue as early as 4 p.m. to ensure entry in the show.

The performance began at 8 p.m.

with All Your Friends Are Dead and Away With You, two Florida bands, warming up the audience for the headliner.

Bayside finally hit the stage at 9:45 p.m.

Music ripped from the speakers as the band members pounded away at their instruments. Fans belted out lyrics, and the occasional crowd-surfer landed on the stage.

Chants of "one more song" raved after Bayside had said its good-bye.

In what looked like a plotted encore, the band finished off with its most popular song, "Devotion and Desire."

Once the equipment was loaded back on the bus, we squeezed Jack

in the trunk of my Jeep Liberty and headed downtown for some cheap celebratory brews.

As the bars closed in Gainesville, the guys demanded Waffle House.

After indulging in a fatty midnight breakfast, they had only 2 hours before departing to Pensacola for their next show. I dropped them back off at their tour bus on campus, and headed home with mixed feelings—thrilled to have spent the day with one of my favorite bands but disappointed that it was over.

This was not the first show Bayside has played in Gainesville, and I'm sure it wasn't their last. They'll be back. If not for the fans, then for the \$2 chicken biscuits at Waffle House.



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Aspiring designer starts purse collection

◆ **Barcelona native Laura Vela will be studying at UF and selling her custom-made line of handbags**

By **REBEKAH GEIER** avenue writer

Gainesville's fashion scene is about to get more exclusive.

Laura Vela, 23, is selling one-of-a-kind handbags to women like herself — those who love fashion and see it as a form of self-expression but don't want to be seen like everyone else.

The Barcelona native and aspiring designer will be in Gainesville until August studying business through UF's graduate international exchange program.

"Fashion for me, whenever I think about it, is a way of escaping what is going on in the world," Vela said.

Vela, who studies executive management and fashion marketing at ESADE, a business school in Spain, is taking a break from business to launch her own fashion line.

"I've always wanted to do something creative, but I am also aware of how difficult it is to be someone in this world," Vela said about her new venture.

She already has one foot in the industry: Vela studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and contributed to Teen Vogue. She has also styled A-list celebrities while working at American Rebel PR, including Jessica Alba, Leighton Meester, Ed Westwick, Miley Cyrus, Lindsay Lohan and Zac Efron.

Vela started designing handbags four weeks ago, by accident. After designing two bags just for fun, hoards of compliments sparked the young designer to consider starting a business. The rest came naturally.

"I just started drawing," Vela said

about the beginning designs for her handbags. "At FIT I was taking fashion-related classes, like styling or upcoming trends, but not fashion design."

Vela's personalized handbags master the ability of combining high fashion with high quality. She plans on targeting women who look for individuality in the accessories they buy, something they can't find at stores like Forever 21, she said.

"I want to make the girl who wears my bag to feel special and unique," Vela said. "And since I want to sell a purse that is unique, I want it to be good quality."

Vela hand-picks the materials used in producing her handbags from fabric stores in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She only uses real leather

or snakeskin. The extra embellishments, such as silver studs and zippers, come from Los Angeles or vintage stores. Vela says the bags are expected to last at least five years.

Vela says her designs are the perfect complement to a simple outfit.

So far, there is no precise style to her line of handbags, which is the point. Vela makes each design different so that there is variety.

"If today I am in a rock and roll kind of mood, the black stud purse would be perfect," Vela said regarding the imagination she tries to create to go along with her bags.

Her first design, for example, is a muted colored snakeskin clutch in baby blue, gray and mauve. Some of her newer designs include a tan handbag with ruffled layers and a zebra-print interior, or a hot pink snakeskin clutch smothered with silver studs.

Vela's handbags can be purchased for \$100 to \$120.

She is in the process of working with local distributors and building a Web site.



Photo courtesy of Rebekah Geier

Aspiring designer Laura Vela's handbags lie amid her inspiration — fashion magazines, sketches and her personal fashion scrapbook. Vela's leather designs are made out of fabrics from Argentina and are sold for less than \$120.

music 

Band plays without gimmicks

By NICOLE LA HOZ
avenue writer

When Theory of a Deadman commands the stage, there are no frills or gimmicks.

Guitarist Dave Brenner can't describe the band's live performances. He said it will simply play 40 minutes worth of music this fall and "try to play it really well."

On Nov. 30, the rock band from Vancouver, British Columbia, and Cavo will open up for Daughtry on the Leave This Town tour in the O'Connell Center. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$29.50 to \$39.50.

"A lot of the people that are coming to the Daughtry shows don't know who the hell we are," Brenner said. "Hopefully they like what we do."

Before forming a band, singer and lead guitarist Tyler Connolly, bassist Dean Beck and Brenner held jobs involving glass, water bottles and fire protection services.

"They were all fun jobs," Brenner said. "We were all happy to say good-bye to them."

Because their community was small, Connolly, Beck and Brenner knew one another far before recording an album.

Connolly's demo tape differed from the others, however, catching the ear of Nickelback's Chad

Kroeger. He was signed to Kroeger's label, and the band developed, releasing its self-titled debut in 2002. "Nothing Could Come Between Us," the album's hit single, bears strong resemblance to Nickelback hits with its raspy melodic vocals and catchy mid-tempo playing.

Theory of a Deadman has since evolved into a pure rock band.

Brenner said "Scars & Souvenirs," the 2008 record, involved "a lot of jamming." The album remains their focus for now. Members have dabbled in new material on the side, but they haven't put any songs together yet, Brenner said.

Aside from music, Theory of a Deadman is involved with the Music Fashion Project. It picks a "charity style" T-shirt and a portion of purchases goes to band's favorite music-related charity.

The band has toured with acts like Mötley Crüe and Godsmack on Crüe Fest 2. Brenner said he had fun hanging out on that tour because the bands clicked.

Coming from Crüe Fest, Theory of a Deadman didn't know what to expect at Daughtry concerts. Daughtry has been really accepting, Brenner said, and crowds pack into venues by the time it performs.

"They've been digging our music," he said. "We're happy."

Facebook reveals all

By LAUREN GOLD
avenue contributing writer

In high school, I jealously watched my older sister on her laptop. She was on Facebook, a network exclusively for college kids. I couldn't wait for college — if not for the freedom, then definitely for the college e-mail address that would grant my entry into the elite Facebook club.

Fast forward four years, and the world is on Facebook. When Facebook extended its membership to high school students, my friends and I gladly canceled our MySpace accounts and made the switch. When my 12-year-old brother logged in, I was miffed, but I put him on limited profile and moved on. When my friends' hip mothers picked up on the trend, I ignored my pangs of annoyance and begrudgingly accepted their requests.

Now, my mom is begging me to let her create an account. Though I appreciate her asking my permission, I will deny her until I am 40. When my 80-year-old Grandma Hilda popped up as a "Friend I Might Know," I lost it. What happened

to my prized Facebook world, my online playground of funny photos and last night's inside jokes plastered on my page for my friends and I to enjoy, away from the prying eyes of our nosy relatives?

What was once the addictive toy for college students has become the entire world's new pastime.

Friends of mine have recently disabled their walls, made their pictures private or even removed their surname from their account, all in an effort to preserve their personal lives. We know that employers check out job applicants on the Internet. We must be responsible, but censoring ourselves makes Facebook lose part of its entertainment value.

I keep my pictures classy, avoid crude remarks and prevent anything even slightly offensive from surfacing on my Web space, but the online perks of adolescent life are over. What was once a simple, social networking tool for students has become a database exchange for professors, parents and even children. Social networking is now public networking.

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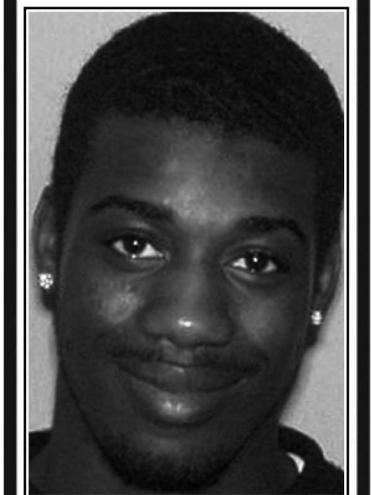
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Donovan goes to athletic lineup late

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points. Georgia Southern had played Florida close the last two years — contests UF won by a combined 10 points — and the Eagles' athleticism made it hard for the Gators to get into a rhythm early on.

"When you have a lopsided win like that, it's hard to get into a game like we were in today," Donovan said. "We needed a game like this. We didn't need a 35-, 40-point win."

To close out the game, Donovan went to an athletic, more experienced lineup of point guard Erving Walker, Boynton, forward Chandler Parsons, forward Dan Werner and power forward Alex Tyus. That meant taking out junior center Vernon Macklin, who put up 15 points and grabbed seven boards in just 19 minutes of play.

In the final 7:15, that lineup turned a seven-point lead into a 20-point victory that made the game seem like more of a blowout than it actually was.

In addition to wanting some of his veterans in the game along with Boynton, Donovan also made the decision to put in a team that could match up man-to-man with the Eagles and take away their 3-point shooting, usually the key factor when smaller schools pull off big upsets.

"The 3-point line concerned me when we had a seven- or eight-point lead," Donovan said. "A couple of threes, then the next thing you know, you've got a one- or two-point lead."



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Forward Chandler Parsons shoots during UF's 69-49 win over Georgia Southern in the O'Connell Center on Wednesday.

Parsons' team-high 12 rebounds help Gators keep Eagles off glass

DEFENSE, from page 19

satisfied with the win, as a team we played great defense," Boynton said. "The shots are going to fall. All we got to do is keep our defensive effort up, and I think we're really good."

The Gators weren't much better than the Eagles offensively, shooting 34 percent from the field and 2 for 16 (12.5 percent) from beyond the arc.

But Florida's ability to clamp down on defense, get out in transition (10 fast-break points) and get to the free-throw line (43 attempts) neutralized any shooting woes.

"We're tough to beat if we do all three of those things consistently," forward Chandler Parsons said. "It starts with defense. After that, you have to end each possession with a rebound."

Parsons led the team with 12 rebounds, including seven on the defensive end.

After struggling to keep opponents off the offensive glass in their two exhibition games, the Gators allowed only nine offensive rebounds to the Eagles and out-rebounded them 51-33 on the night.

Donovan said that a poor shooting night like this one could have spelled disaster for his teams in the past two years, but he was encouraged to see his team find a way to win convincingly without any shots falling.

Freshman point guard Erving Walker, who shot 0 for 10, said this type of game and new attitude will pay dividends as the season progresses.

"When our shots aren't falling, at least we have defense to fall back on, that's what we understand," Walker said. "We were last in the (Southeastern Conference) in that last year and we still won nine games last year, so hopefully if we correct that we can win 11 or 12."

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Second-half surge leads Florida to win



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UF guard Kenny Boynton shoots the ball over Georgia Southern forward Rory Spencer during Florida's 69-49 win in the O'Connell Center on Wednesday.

■ KENNY BOYNTON HAD 15 OF HIS GAME-HIGH 22 POINTS AFTER HALFTIME.

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When the going got tough, Kenny Boynton got going.

The freshman guard scored 22 points, nine of which came from the free-throw line, as Florida (2-0) overcame a sluggish first half and won a physical game 69-49 against Georgia Southern on Wednesday night in the O'Connell Center.

Boynton's game-high scoring output came on 6-of-12 shooting from the field, including a 1-of-6 performance from 3-point range, but he got to the free-throw line 13 times against the foul-prone Eagles (1-2).

"I think he's got a little bit of that take-over mentality," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "He wants to go get it, and he wants to go do it. I like that he's like that. It's important he's like that for our team, then we can try to channel him the right way."

Georgia Southern's physical play kept Florida off its game early on, and UF took just a one-point lead into halftime. But Boynton dropped in 15 in the second half, when the Gators outscored the Eagles 43-24.

"I think we responded well to the physical play," Boynton said. "All we've got to do is keep knocking down free throws, and that's what we did today."

Boynton and the Gators took advantage of the Eagles' tight defense by drawing 32 fouls and getting to the free throw line 43 times, making up for their 2-for-16 performance from beyond the arc and 34 percent shooting for the game.

Overall, Donovan described his team's offense Wednesday night as "pretty woeful."

"That was part of the reason we probably didn't shoot as good of a percentage from the field," Donovan said. "It just seemed like we were shooting free throws about every other possession."

Donovan attributed some of his team's first-half struggles to its exhibition and season-opening victories, which the Gators won by an average of 43

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Defense erases poor shooting

By **KYLE MAISTRI**
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Florida shot miserably against Georgia Southern on Wednesday night, but the Gators opened up a 20-point win in the second half thanks to their defense.

The Eagles shot 33 percent from the field and 22 percent from the 3-point line, as UF outscored Georgia Southern 43-24 in the second half.

Coach Billy Donovan said the Gators will be able to take more away from their strong defensive effort than a crowd-pleasing blowout that might not force the team to work as hard.

"Yeah, you're concerned a little bit, you want to shoot the ball better," Donovan said. "But it's a reinforcement right now they can see very, very clearly, 'Wow, we ended up winning by 20 points and look what we shot from the field and the 3-point line.' Hopefully that inspires them to get even more intense and excited."

Freshman guard Kenny Boynton scored a team-high 22 points but was more proud of the team's defensive performance than anything else.

"To tell you the truth, all of us are

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Men's Basketball

UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators' youth shows as season nears crucial juncture

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In one of their biggest matches of the season, a usual strength for the Gators turned into a weakness.

No. 13 Florida's youth has been a promising aspect of the team for most of the season, but the lack of experience has proven to be a dou-

ble-edged sword.

Although the four starting sophomores don't usually play like underclassmen, their youth showed against LSU.

In Friday's match against the Tigers, the Gators' lack of experience was exposed as they lost against a team that featured four starting seniors.

UF (20-4, 14-3 Southeastern



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Conference) hit 16 service errors and recorded 25 attack errors in the match, something coach Mary Wise attributed to the team's youth.

"There were points where I felt like maybe we pressed a little bit

too hard which sometimes you see with a young team," she said. "The service errors and the amount of balls we hit out of bounds were indicative of that."

The four sophomores hit seven of those service errors and only recorded one ace between them, while LSU's four seniors only tallied up one error behind the service line.

After the loss, senior libero Elyse Cusack pointed toward the Tigers' experience as one of the reasons they were able to pull out the win.

"I definitely think so," Cusack said. "Experienced players play well in tight situations."

In the final two sets of the match, there was no confusion as to which team possessed the group of se-

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UF SWIMMING NEWS

■ The Gators received National Letters of Intent from six athletes for 2010-11: Elizabeth Beisel, Kaitlin Frehling, Alicia Mathieu, Alana Pezevic, Trish Regan and Julia Treible.

UF FOOTBALL NEWS

■ Tim Tebow was named one of five finalists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, given to the nation's top senior quarterback. The winner will be named Dec. 11.

UF CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

■ Redshirt sophomore Rebecca Lowe was named South Regional Female Athlete of the Year. Todd Morgan earned South Regional Coach of the Year honors.

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GATORS SWIMMING

Dwyer looks to add to early success at UF

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

It is never too late to make your dream a reality, and so Florida junior Conor Dwyer has proven.

Dwyer transferred to UF after swimming at Iowa for two years. While there, he set the school record in the 100-yard freestyle at the Big Ten Championships last season.

Since coming to Florida, he has picked up right where he left off.

In his first meet this season, on Oct. 9, the junior won the 200 free, and he has continued to excel for UF since.

"Conor Dwyer, right now, has been one of the most pleasant surprises," coach Gregg Troy said. "He's extremely versatile and he comes to practice every day with a great attitude. He's going to be a big player at the NCAA (meet)."

Dwyer said he grew up a Gators fan, but that coming out

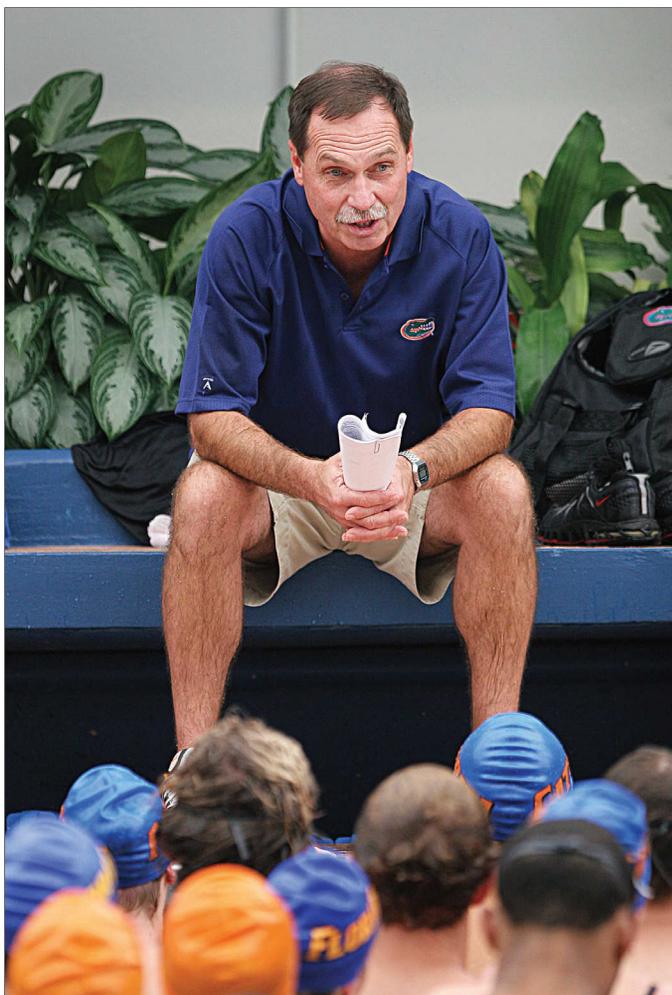
of high school, he was not as fast. Iowa offered him an opportunity to compete and he made the best of it. However, one summer in Gainesville changed everything.

"I was looking for a place to train over the summer, I had family an hour away and I'd been a Gators fan growing up," Dwyer said. "I just loved it when I came here to train, and I decided to stay."

This weekend he'll have another opportunity to show his abilities in the pool when UF splits for the Georgia Tech Invitational today through Saturday, and the South Carolina Invitational, which runs today and Friday.

UF's women will also break up and compete in the two meets.

"We have a smaller group on each side, at each meet, and everyone has some relay opportunities," Troy said. "It makes us slightly weaker team-wise, but we get a better feel for where a lot of people are."



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff
UF swimming coach Gregg Troy will split his team this week to attend the Georgia Tech and South Carolina Invitationals.

LSU able to cut down errors

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niors.

Both teams struggled in the first two frames with 13 attack errors each, but the third and fourth sets were the ones that set the two teams apart. The Gators hit 12 errors in the final two sets, while LSU was able to make some in-match adjustments and cut their number down to four in the second half of the match.

One of the sophomores, Colleen Ward, noticed that LSU had a different mentality than the Gators during the match.

"They definitely have a different type of attitude with all the seniors that they have," Ward said.

However, Cusack does not want the team to start using their youth as a crutch.

"In big matches like last week against LSU, our effort was there and just sometimes we don't execute," she said. "We might not be the most experienced team, but we can't use that as an excuse as to why we aren't winning matches."

While the four sophomores were overmatched by LSU's four seniors on Friday, in a couple of years UF's group will have the chance to return the favor.

"That core group of sophomores, they are going to be able to do that to a young team some day," Wise said.



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UF sophomore Colleen Ward said she saw LSU's experience play a role in the Tigers' 3-1 win in Gainesville.

Brown's season ends in injury

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MIAMI — Ronnie Brown's season has ended with an injury — again.

The Miami Dolphins' leading rusher was placed on injured reserve Wednesday because of a right foot injury suffered in Sunday's victory over Tampa Bay.

A fifth-year pro, Brown missed the final nine games of the 2007 season with a right knee injury.

The Dolphins had hoped Brown might be able to return this year but made the roster move after he was examined by a specialist. It's a big blow for a team that ranks fourth in the NFL in rushing and 30th in passing.

The move was announced shortly after the Dolphins (4-5) departed for Thursday's game against Carolina. Ricky Williams, the 2002 NFL rushing champion, will replace Brown in the starting lineup.

Brown was on pace for the best year of his career with 648 yards rushing and eight touchdowns, and he threw for another.

He was the triggerman in the wildcat, and it's uncertain how much the Dolphins will use the package with Williams taking snaps.

Williams has rushed for 558 yards. He's coming off his first 100-yard game of the season and is averaging a career-best 5.3 yards per carry, but he's 32, and it's uncertain whether he can handle a workhorse role.

The backup running back is now 2008 sixth-round draft pick Lex Hilliard, who has yet to carry the ball in the NFL.

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