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## UF ADMINISTRATION

# Grad students to protest Reitz fee

By ELIZABETH BEHRMAN  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Before the UF Board of Trustees, the university's highest governing body, decides whether to approve a new student fee supporting the expansion and renovation of the Reitz Union, the graduate students are going to have their say.

Members of Graduate Assistants United, a union that represents UF's graduate assistants, are planning to speak at the Board of Trustees meeting Friday. They will protest the addition of another fee to a growing list of student fees.

Regina Martin, co-president of GAU, said an e-mail was sent out last week to more than 4,000 graduate assistants, encouraging them to come to the meeting.

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**Regina Martin**  
co-president of GAU

"The reason graduate students are taking the lead in this is that we don't have Bright Futures," Martin said. "We pay all our fees."

Martin said the Reitz Union fee would include a flat fee of \$20 plus an additional fee for each credit hour the student is registered to take.

GAU co-president Allison Fun-

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# Local family chosen for home makeover

By NICOLE GREINER  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Residents of Northeast Seventh Street will see a bit of a change during the next week as "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" takes over the small neighborhood.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," an ABC show that builds a home for a needy family in one week, chose the Wagstaff family, of 1415 NE Seventh St., as its project.

Tobin and Jill Wagstaff and their four children — Dallas, 5; Rudy, 6; Tobin James, 7; and Jolene, 4 — found out Monday morning that they had been selected.

"Well we really are pretty surprised by all this," said Tobin Wagstaff, 29, during a press conference. "We're definitely thankful for this opportunity, and we appreciate everybody and their help."

The family runs a nonprofit mu-

sic school called Studio Percussion Inc., which teaches students of all ages how to play the drums and percussion instruments.

But the school can only pay one salary, and Jill took a job as a preschool teacher to make ends meet.

"We're at the beginning of something that's going to change our life, and I don't know how you can begin to put that into words," Tobin said.

The family said there isn't much they will miss about their home, which was built in 1956, except the memories they made.

As far as expectations for their new home, the Wagstaffs hope for



Pennington

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■ Sophomore forward Ndidi Madu (right) and the UF women's basketball team struggled to establish a post game and were forced to shoot 32 3-pointers in a 51-38 loss at Rutgers. See Story, Page 13.



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## Better 'Bots

A UF student prepares his robot to find a candle using sensor technology and a Nintendo Wii-mote at Robot Demo Day in the New Engineering Building Harris Rotunda. As the final part of his performance, the tiny robot extinguished the flame using a bass speaker to create friction in the air.

# Memorial honors UF student

## ■ GROSSE REMEMBERED FOR HER COMPASSION.

By CAROLYN TILLO  
Alligator Writer

Samantha Grosse's story can be told through the sound of her infectious laugh, the sight of her vibrant smile and the strength of her spirit.

The 22-year-old telecommunications senior, who died Nov. 30 from cystic fibrosis, cracked jokes with classmates, served as a foster parent for animals and raised

awareness for the disease that slowly took her life.

A group of about 230 people including sorority sisters, family members and friends gathered on the lawn of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority house to remember Sam.

A slideshow played as guests looked on, holding lit candles. Sorority sisters and classmates spoke about Sam's sense of humor and compassion.

Meredith Hollister, a UF engineering senior, described meeting Sam for the first time, saying she heard Sam's laugh before she saw

her.

Hollister said Sam knew how to live each day to the fullest.

UF alumnus Itay Bengal said he was Sam's study buddy. He said it was easy to feel comfortable around her.

"I never met a person who was able to put the needs of others before her own like she did," Bengal said.

Kathleen Hoy, Sam's mom, said Sam was a spunky child who could hail a cab in New York City at the age of 4 and loved being recorded for home movies.

Although Hoy said she was

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The 50th Anniversary of the Sit-Ins: From Greensboro to Tallahassee

Today, 7 p.m.

Pugh Hall Ocora

The Bob Graham Center for Public Service presents this event. Panelists will include history professors Bill Link and Alan Petigny and religion professor Gwendolyn Simmons, who will discuss the significance of the sit-in movement and its impact on the nation. David Colburn, history professor emeritus, will moderate the discussion. Time will be provided for questions and discussion. The program is free and open to the public.

## Service for Peace Informational Meeting

Today, 5 p.m.

Shands Communicore, Room C1-11

This session will cover information about international volunteering opportunities. Students in all majors who are interested in making a difference are welcome to attend. For more information, visit [serviceforpeace.org](http://serviceforpeace.org).

## Relay For Life Team Captain Party

Today, 6:30 p.m.

Rinker Hall, Room 110

Join the Relay for Life committee for a Team Captain Party to get information about forming a team, fundraising ideas and joining the fight against cancer. For more information, visit [www.relayforlife.org/UFFL](http://www.relayforlife.org/UFFL).

## Brazil in Words, Pictures and Sound

Today, 7 p.m.

Reitz Union Gallery, second floor  
The Florida FlyIns program presents its annual exhibit by nine UF international journalism students who traveled to Icapui, Brazil. The exhibit features writing, photography and multimedia.

## Falala Cappella Holiday Benefit Concert

Today, 8 p.m.

Orange & Brew

A concert showcasing UF's three a cappella groups, No Southern Accent, Sedoctaves and The Staff to benefit the Partners Program, which subsidizes tickets for UFPA performances to disadvantaged populations. Hosted by Students for the Performing Arts.

## Dancin' Gators Presents Rhythm Nation

Today, 8 p.m. (Doors Open 7:30 p.m.)

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Come watch the Dancin' Gators in their semi-annual fall showcase. The show is free and will showcase many dance styles, including West African, salsa, swing and belly dance, as well as more classical styles such as tap, jazz, lyrical and hip-hop.

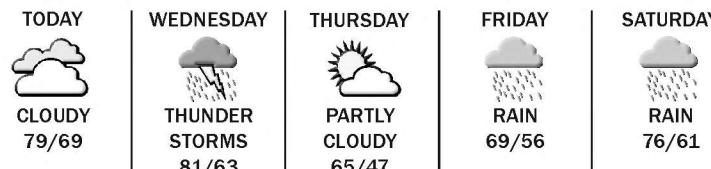
## Gator Citrus Club Citrus Sale

Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fifield Hall

The Gator Citrus Club will be hosting its annual citrus sale.

## FORECAST



Grapefruit, oranges and gift baskets will be available for purchase. For more information, please visit the club's Web site at [www.hos.ufl.edu/citrus-club/](http://www.hos.ufl.edu/citrus-club/).

## UF MEISA Benefit Concert

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

1982 Bar

Come celebrate the last day of classes with music from UF student bands. The Music & Entertainment Industry Student Association will be holding the event. Featured artists include: Platine, The Impossible Shoelace, The Deviant Court and headliner The Early Twenties. Tickets are \$6 for people 21 and over and \$8 for those under 21. For more information, contact [UFMEISA@yahoo.com](mailto:UFMEISA@yahoo.com).

## Museum Nights

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Harn Museum of Art

This 1940s-themed evening will feature the Florida Swing Dancers, who will be giving lessons and demonstrating classic moves. Remember times at the soda fountain with ice cream from the Sweet Dreams fire truck and see classic cars on display. Museum Nights is an ongoing program made possible by the generous support of the UF Honors Program and Student Government. Admission is free.

## Difference and Diversity in Europe: Sofia of the "Others" photo exhibit

Through Jan. 4

Marston Science Library entry display area

This exhibit features the work of a young Bulgarian photographer, Dimitar Variysky, who is showing perspectives on the life of new immigrant communities in Sofia, the capital of the formerly communist Bulgaria, a country that recently became a member of the European Union.

## 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. Space in this section is limited.

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**STUDENT LIFE**

# UF grad writes Gators song

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

When Will Albury raps, he doesn't talk about having loads of cash or driving lavish cars — he represents the orange and blue.

Albury, known as Gemini Soundz, found a lyrical niche writing songs about the Gators. The former UF student is releasing a new version of "Gator Bait," his 2007 summer hit, with a more original rap called "I'm a Gator."

Albury, 21, was reluctant to make another Gators song at first.

"We didn't want to make a corny song again like 'Gator Bait,'" Albury said. "If we did this again, we wanted to make a legitimate song."

"Gator Bait" relied on one-dimensional lyrics and a beat that was ripped from the song "Ay Bay Bay" by rapper Hurricane Chris. The song jump-started Albury's career, giving him the opportunity to go on a west coast tour, performing with Snoop Dogg and Redman. But he said it didn't properly reflect him as an artist and instead became a joke among his friends.

So when he was approached by Aditya Pamidi, 20, UF student and hip-hop producer, about making a new track for The Gator Na-

tion, Albury made sure he got right to work with Steven Woodburn, known as B. Nyce, a fellow member of local hip-hop group Carmel Labs.

"We were trying to keep it in a way that a kid who is at his first Gator game could relate to it as well as a college student," Pamidi said.

"I'm a Gator" starts with "Kernkraft 400," a song by Zombie Nation that is commonly played during football games, and continues for 4 1/2 minutes, delving into trash talk and Game-Day experiences at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The group admitted that one benefit of making a Gators-themed song is the instant buzz it gets at the end of the football season when fans are out to soak up every ounce of orange-and-blue-inspired material.

After 12 days, the YouTube version of the track has just under 3,000 hits, leading the group to believe that local radio play is only weeks away.

"I'm a Gator" is available for free download on carmellabs.net.



Albury

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COURSES

# Students toll tower's bells

By NICOLE LYNN GREINER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Harold Rocha trudged up 193 stairs to the top of Century Tower.

With each step, a small echo is heard in the cold, dark, 157-foot tower, which is enough to leave most visitors huffing and puffing during the ascent.

"Most people get tired after the eighth floor," he said.

He passes abandoned rooms with dust covering the aged concrete floor and climbs 11 1/2 stories lined with a chain link fence to reach the top of the tower.

Once he reaches the top, he enters a small room occupied only by a few dusty chairs, a rickety desk and a carillon console. He takes a seat, turns off the automated system that rings the bells every 15 minutes, pulls out his notes and begins to play.

The Century Tower bells don't play "Joy to the World" and "Sleigh Ride" by themselves.

Rocha, a UF public relations sophomore, is enrolled in the applied carillon course at UF, in which a student plays the carillon bells from 12:35 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. for class credit.

In the course, students are taught the history of and how to play one of the world's largest instruments.

UF's carillon, which has 61 bells, is the largest



Danica Spears / Alligator

At the top of the Century Tower, Jill Mendoza, a food science major, plays "Angels We Have Heard On High" on the carillon bells Friday afternoon.

in Florida. It is played by hand, using a large keyboard with keys, called batons, and foot pedals.

Eight students are enrolled in the class.

"This class is about growing musically and growing with others," said Ingrid Schulz, a UF advertising junior.

The two-credit course is open to all majors.

The carillon class will be holding its end-of-the-year recital Sunday at 3 p.m., in which students will play holiday songs.

Students and members of the community are welcome to listen outside Century Tower.

# Engineering students create, show off low-budget robots

■ STUDENTS LEARNED TO ACHIEVE LONG-TERM GOALS ON A BUDGET.

By MEAD BOWEN

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Intelligent Machines Design Laboratory students demonstrated their final projects at Monday's Robot Demo Day at the Engineering Building, showing how college

students with modest budgets can breathe life into metal and circuitry.

"They don't realize they're learning because they're having so much fun," said Eric Schwartz, associate director of the Machine Intelligence Laboratory.

Building a robot is no simple task, especially not the self-controlled robots the course demands.

For third-year computer science major Canek Acosta, the freedom was both hum-

"They don't realize they're learning because they're having so much fun."

**Eric Schwartz**  
Associate director of the Machine Intelligence Laboratory

bling and enlightening. He originally designed his robot, Arturito—a Spanish pun on "Star Wars" R2D2—to play beer pong, but his

launcher couldn't sink the shots.

"I was a little arrogant," he said, "but I went with my personal launcher because I wanted to learn something."

Engineering student Christian Davis said students learned more than just robotics in the course. He said students learned to achieve long-term goals on a budget. After he graduates this semester, Davis said he will join Lockheed Martin's Missile and Fire Control division in Orlando.

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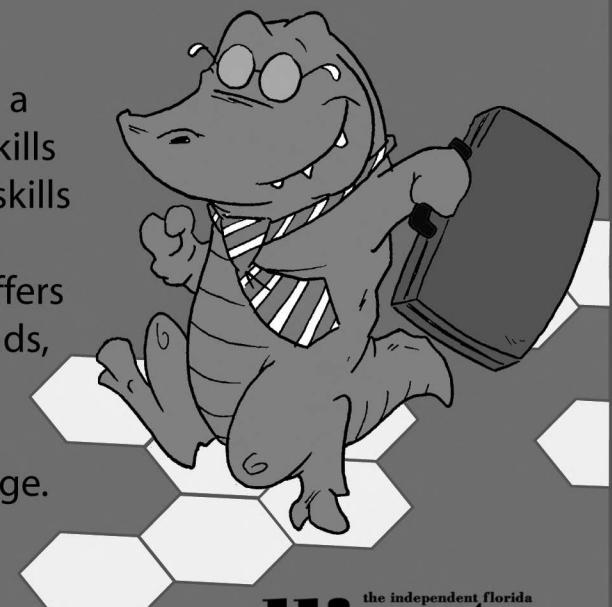
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SANTA FE COLLEGE

# Planetarium to host out-of-this-world daytime shows

By LONI CHASE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Throughout finals week, Santa Fe College students will be able to kick back and gaze at the stars between exams.

All week, Kika Silva Pla Planetarium will play four different shows each day until Friday for its first Planetarium Awareness Week.

"It'll give students time to relax and reduce stress in between exams," said James Albury, planetarium coordinator.

Albury, who joined the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium less than two months ago, said he decided to open the Planetarium during the day because he found that few SFC

students had been inside due to shows only being available on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Each day during Planetarium Awareness Week, the planetarium will have shows at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., alternating between shows about black holes, meteors, stars and planets.

"Personally, I've always found planetariums to be relaxing because it is a dark environment and you can just sit back and watch the sky," Albury said.

For more information, visit sfcollege.edu.



Albury

## Demolition is set for today at 5 p.m.

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a little less maintenance and more space.

"You can't prepare yourself for something like this," Tobin said. "I just couldn't believe it."

Cat Lisle, 46, lives next door to the Wagstaff family and said she and her husband have lived in the neighborhood since before the Wagstaffs moved in.

Lisle said most of the neighbors were not surprised the family was chosen because they had been receiving fliers in the mail from ABC asking about the family, as well as visitors who wanted to know more about the Wagstaffs.

But it was news to the family, who insisted there were people in greater need, Lisle said.

The design team for the new home in-

cludes Ty Pennington, Didiayer Snyder, Paul DiMeo and Eduardo Xol.

The show, which began taping on Monday, used the UF Marching Band and students from Studio Percussion as a part of the Braveheart March, which shows the demolition crew and volunteers marching to the home.

**Local News** Demolition is set for today around 5 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to watch the build beginning on Wednesday. All volunteer positions are currently full.

The Web site for the build, arkextremebuild.com, will list requests for any additional volunteers the builders may need.

For information from the contractors, visit alligator.org.

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she said.

Martin said close to 100 graduate students made an appearance at the Student Senate meeting before Thanksgiving, when the resolution supporting the fee was initially passed. Even though many students will have gone home after classes end Wednesday, Martin said she still expects a lot of support at the meeting.

"It shouldn't be coming out of our pockets," Fundis said.

Fundis said GAU is also encouraging undergraduate students to come and show their support.

"We don't think that any students should be paying for this project,"

GAU will be speaking for about five minutes at the meeting in Emerson Hall at 10 a.m.

## Grosse raised awareness for disease

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crying at the beginning of the service, when a nearby candle started to flare up, her tears turned to laughter because she knew it was a sign from Sam.

She encouraged the people in the audience to take two deep breaths and release their fear and sadness.

"Sam struggled for every breath, but she never struggled for spirit," Hoy said.

Casi Davis, Sam's roommate, said when the pair prepared to go out for the night, they would blast music and have makeshift dance parties with friends in their apartment.

Davis said Sam also brought home pets varying from dogs to cats to mice. The two even fostered a dog named Fletcher and would dress him up in Gators T-shirts.

Sam's outgoing personality made her an effective advocate for raising awareness and finding a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Sam spoke eloquently to social work-

ers about what it was like to grow up with cystic fibrosis, said Peggy Dolan, the executive director of the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund, which helps families with sick children pay their uninsured expenses.

**"Sam struggled for every breath,  
but she never struggled for  
spirit."**

**Kathleen Hoy**  
Sam's mom

Dolan said Sam was polished and mature.

"So, I mean, she could have done anything with her life, and she did," Dolan said. "That's the most amazing part, is she did."

Dolan's organization presented Sam with the Jack C. Graham Jr. Courage Award in 2005 because of her willingness to share her story.

## Editorial

# Re: Rights

## Accuracy can prevent trivial technicalities

**Y**ou have the right — in your anxious and confused state — to try to figure out what rights you may or may not have by deciphering the ambiguous statement I am currently reading in a robot-like voice — as if my true intentions are not to inform you of anything, but rather to show my disdain for civil liberties and humanity in general.

Alright, it's not that bad, usually. There will surely be a line or two about the lawyer and the silence to which anyone arrested in the U.S. is entitled. But the Miranda statement, as it's known, is not delivered the same way everywhere.

The Florida Supreme Court recently ruled that Tampa police did not adequately explain to Kevin Dwayne Powell that he was allowed to have a lawyer with him during any and all questioning. Powell confessed to illegal firearm possession, but the court overturned his conviction.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case and appears to be taking the same stance — one that would set a precedent.

"You have the right to talk to a lawyer before answering any of our questions," the Tampa police informed Powell. His lawyers argue that "before" is different from "before and during."

A technicality! "Letting this confessed criminal off is a travesty," you might be thinking.

But the courts are taking this position to ensure the rights we extend to accused criminals — rights that make our country great — are clearly and fully understood. It would be hypocritical to claim we have a fair justice system without these.

Tampa police (and all police around the country) need to remember this before they deprive any other Americans from rights they deserve.

And before they allow any more criminals to go free on "technicalities."

## Fake Tans & Flip-Flops

**O**ur glowing governor, Charlie Crist, is bent on convincing Floridians that his ultra-conservative views will save the country from financial ruin.

Entering a tough Senate primary against true ultra-conservative Marco Rubio, he has decided to swing further right in an attempt to build a conservative base.

A predictable play, as primaries generally drive candidates away from the middle.

But Crist risks his credibility with bold moves like denying his earlier support of the stimulus package, which is now synonymous with the idea that Obama is selling the nation's soul for a few public-works projects and bankers' bonuses.

"I didn't endorse it. I didn't even have a vote on the darned thing," Crist recently told CNN. But with the infamous Obama embrace, Crist

essentially wrapped his arms around the bill too.

He cannot hide his support of the bill, just like he can't hide from the man-hug (we told you so, Crist).

And he shouldn't. Because more important than credibility, Crist risks losing the support of the commie wackos at the Alligator Editorial Board.

All right, it might not be more important than credibility, and not everyone at the Alligator was exactly a Crist-o-maniac, but the fact that his moderate, get-the-job-done attitude could win over even a few of us says something about his appeal. (We swear the superb tan has nothing to do with it.)

Weathering the stormy waters of a Republican primary is a small price to pay for broad, bipartisan support come election day. Because he'll need it.

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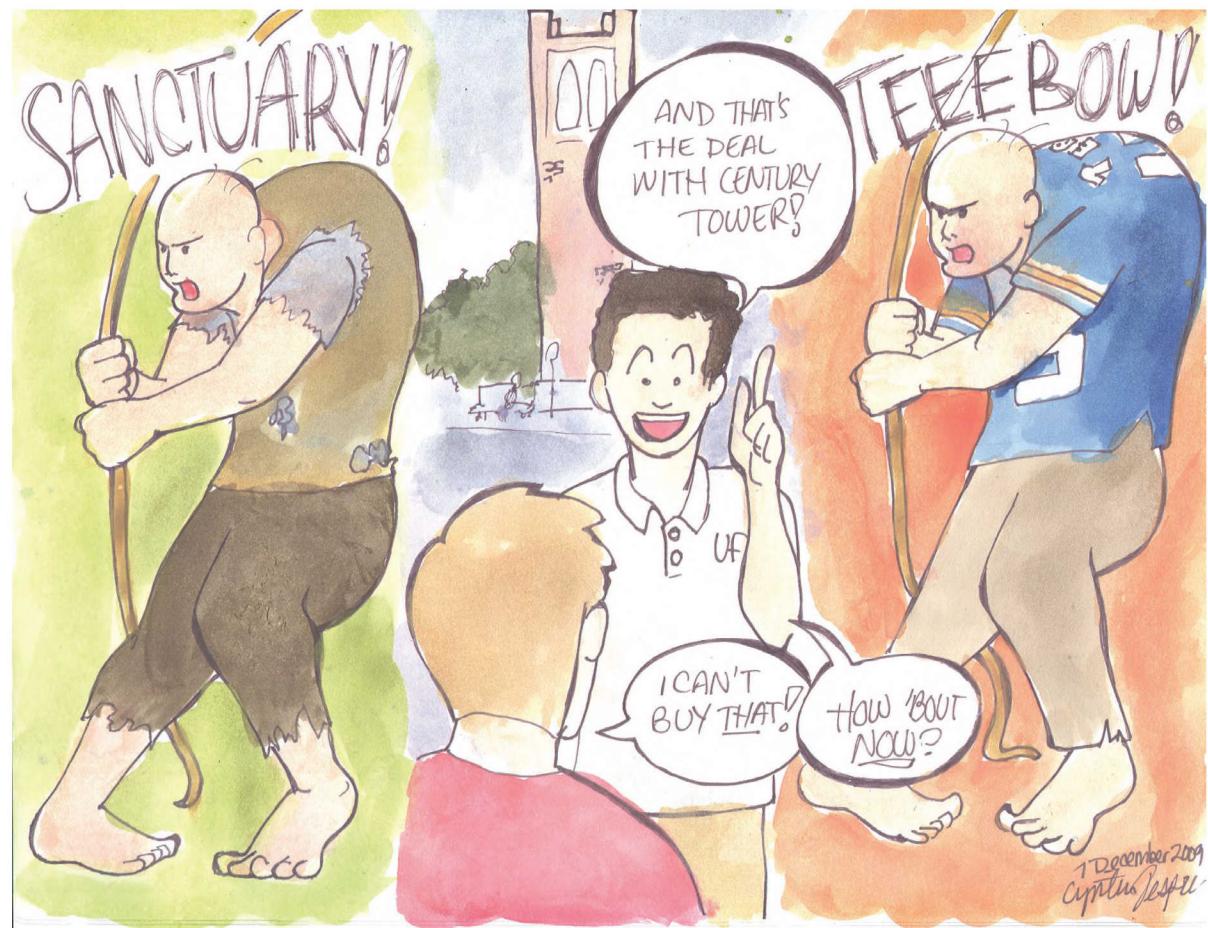
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## Column

## First year doesn't set tone for future

**A** question for first-years here at UF: How was your semester?

I ask because I hated my freshman fall semester. I wasn't warming up to UF or Gainesville. I wasn't meeting anybody who seemed like me. And I felt very lost and rudderless as I began to question why I was even here.

The result was a very whiny, very pouty version of me (well, more pouty) that was generally unpleasant to be around. I'm not being hyperbolic. I'm shocked that anybody I met during that semester is still my friend today, and whenever I run into somebody I haven't seen since then, the conversation tends to begin by me issuing blanket apologies.

The truth was, I didn't have any real reason to be miserable, and so being miserable felt selfish and myopic. This, in turn, made me feel even more miserable. And even setting aside the true notion that the opportunity to go to college is something I should feel incredibly fortunate for even having, I know I was luckier than a lot of freshmen: I had a pretty great roommate who put up with my nonsense (I still appreciate it, Jorge), my stack of classes wasn't too bad, and I had friends who, for reasons not entirely clear to me, still answered their phones at 11 p.m. even though they knew it was my night "I'm not good at college!" mope.

But self-awareness doesn't keep you from feeling bad any more than knowing that a fifth hamburger is a really bad idea doesn't stop you from loading up your Gator Dining Services to-go box. (My healthy eating habits were about on par with my social skills back then.)

That's OK, though.

Simply put, if you're feeling a little unsure of where you're going and if you're where you need to be, or if your semester felt too underwhelming or overwhelming, or if the past four months just completely sucked — you're fine.

Feeling like you haven't made enough new, awesome friends? Don't stress — it's not as if you've got a quota to



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reach. And while you can put yourself in situations where you're more likely to meet people, making a connection — that is, meeting the right person under the right circumstances — is pretty much out of our control. It's frustrating, but it's also comforting to know there's no point in losing sleep over it.

Attempts to find someone to fall in love with fell flat? Almost everyone has an embarrassing story about making an ass of themselves in a fit of romantic ineptitude. I promise you, your story can't be too much worse than anyone else's. (And besides, I'm pretty sure I've got you beat. Does your story involve asking someone out using a "Hey Arnold!" quote? OK then.)

Worried that you have no idea what you want out of college? You have time to figure it out. And even if you don't, it's not a big deal. Don't be discouraged by people who seem like they have their collegiate career perfectly mapped out. Chances are, something — a messy breakup, a newly discovered interest — will throw off any precise set of plans. And besides, discovering who you aren't can be just as important as discovering who you are.

Disappointed that your GPA isn't as strong as you wanted it to be? Bombing an exam or two isn't the end of the world, and it's important to remember that a GPA, or any other number on a report, isn't a measure of your worth — not now, not ever.

It's OK to have had a lackluster first semester. Just take what you've learned and try to kick some ass next semester — and try to be a little empathetic for people trying to do the same. After all, there's no such thing as an impractical level of empathy — or rather, if there is, it's a pretty awesome thing to have.

*Joe Dellosa is an advertising senior. His column appears on Tuesdays.*

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## Reader response

**Today's question:** Have you ever been read your Miranda rights?

**Monday's question:** Would you buy a Confederate vanity plate?

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## Letters to the Editor

### Alligator lacks support for Gators

After reading the Alligator sports page, I was greatly disappointed. Not because of our stinging loss to Alabama, but because of the lack of support. Nothing spoke of support for our team. I was at the Southeastern Conference Championship Game, and I stayed until the last second, cheering for our team. You could tell Tim Tebow and the rest of the team were crushed, and it pissed me off when Alabama fans cheered at Tim's crying face.

There is a certain level of class we as Gators need to maintain, and that means supporting your team, win or lose, and not leaving in the third quarter. Tim, Brandon Spikes, everyone, I hope if you're all reading this, you know that The Gator Nation is proud of all of you, and "in all kinds of weather we all stick together for F-L-O-R-I-D-A!" I challenge students and fans alike to let our team know that they have our support. Join me in writing in and showing your appreciation. (Better hurry — today's your last chance to write in for the semester.)

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Randall Lockhart  
UF third-year pharmacy student

### Public reaction to loss disappoints

Three things to describe Tim Tebow: amazing athlete, outstanding character and 100 percent human. With humanity comes imperfection. Shocking, right?

Three things to describe Facebook: a way for people to glorify themselves, complain and a chance for every anti-Gators fan to say as many hateful things they can think of about Tebow and the Gators football team.

Life is full of wins and losses. We know that no one person or team can win all the

time, but with that in mind, a loss still disappoints. What I find even more disappointing than Saturday's loss was the public's reaction. People who are not even Alabama fans celebrated (that is putting it mildly) our loss. What is the reason for that? I can only think of two things: jealousy and hate.

I just wanted the Gators football team to know that they did not let us down. The loss on Saturday was nothing compared to all of the accomplishments they have made in the past few years — accomplishments that reach far beyond the football field. I think that people have been inspired by this team and Tebow's heartfelt leadership. Thank you for making my college football experience worthwhile, not just by the amount of trophies, but because of the way you guys played the game.

Lindsay Waldron  
UF criminology senior



### Column a 'pick-me-up' for readers

Throughout the semester, I've always looked forward to Wednesday's column. The sardonic humor underlying Hilary Lehman's commentary on anything from the benefits of being judgmental to the lack of literary merit in the "Twilight" series has always been a welcome Hump Day pick-me-up.

Accordingly, when I read her column "Lessons come from experience, not advice" last week, I was dismayed to learn that she'll be graduating and likely leaving her post at the Alligator. I'm sure I speak for many who will no doubt miss her weekly dispatch in wishing her the best of luck post-graduation.

Brava, Hilary.

Brad Bruggeman  
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## Guest column

# Govt. should put rights first

**Christina Garcia de los Rios** proceeded to quote the Bible as defense. In case this detail is overlooked, I attended a public high school — Bible quotes were not part of our curriculum.

I took a stance against this blatant disrespect, not only to an entire community attending that high school, but also against the separation of church and state, in which I have a right as an attendee of a public school not to have any religious instruction imposed on me.

Because I didn't keep silent, I was threatened with expulsion and forced to see an outside community counselor once a week until my graduation date if I wished to graduate. When I questioned my high school principal about the ethics of such a strong chastisement and why she would not allow me to air my rebuttal, she said it would interfere with FCAT testing.

Needless to say, I was outraged at the idea that defending separation of church and state and simultaneously making a stand against that teacher's complete disrespect of her students and of this policy came second to a menial state test. This is an insult to our principles of justice and democracy.

Your statement on Dec. 2, as you insisted on using the failing economy and individual stress as an excuse for why this bill should not be passed, reminded me a little too much of that horrid episode I endured as an 18-year-old.

Mr. Libous, I respect this country immensely. It offered my family a home when ours was actively being torn to shreds, and it has offered me continuous support in my education and upbringing.

That's why I cannot believe that citizens would come second in your mind to something intangible like the economy, when its crippling condition has always been beyond our individual control. I urge you to stand by the ideas of justice and virtue, upon which our founding fathers built this nation.

You were selected for your position because of your ability to lead, so do the nation a favor and lead by example. Stand up for what you know is right and stop making excuses for your inaction.

I don't intend for this letter to be ill-willed. On the contrary, I am writing with my heart in my hand, quite exhausted at having to continue to exist in a world that has told me over and over again, "We do not respect you," and, "You are not equal."

Christina Garcia de los Rios is a UF student and a self-identified LGBTQ Cuban-American.

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If a game can be won in the first half, Rutgers did just that against Florida on Monday.

The Scarlet Knights (6-4) smothered the Gators (3-5) in the final 11 minutes of the first half, going on a 17-1 run that forced Florida to play catch-up in the second half en route to a 51-38 loss.

"It was a little bit of a snowball effect there in the first half," coach Amanda Butler said. "The good news was that as poorly as we had played we were only down 14 (at the end of the first half)."

Continuing an early season trend, UF shot the ball inconsistently and had one of its worst shooting nights of the season, making 11 of its 50 attempted shots in the game for a paltry 22 percent from the floor.

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**Amanda Butler**  
UF women's basketball coach

Of those 50 shots, 32 of them were 3-pointers, and Florida made just seven of its attempts from beyond the arc.

"I thought we were settling for



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Rutgers guard Brittany Ray takes a shot over Florida's Ndidi Madu during UF's 51-38 loss on Monday in Piscataway, N.J.

3s," Butler said. "They weren't necessarily contested, but we weren't shooting them as confident shooters."

"We were shooting them because we felt like we needed to get a shot up there."

Florida came out as it has in past games, with a quick four-minute start before the shots just couldn't find the hole.

The Gators made two of their first three shots, including a

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## Surprising loss needed to gain perspective

The Gators didn't lose to Alabama on Saturday, they got beaten.

There's a difference.

Sure, panicked play-calling that abandoned the run game probably wasn't the right choice. Lax coverage on the Crimson Tide's receivers, poor tackling and the inability to get pressure on UA quarterback Greg McElroy didn't help, and neither did the absence of Carlos Dunlap.

But with the way the Crimson Tide played, this wasn't Florida's game to lose.

There's no sensible "what if" to latch onto, just the simple fact that Alabama showed up and beat the pants off UF.

The Gators would have had to play a perfect game to win. They didn't, and as Phil Kegler said in Monday's column, this was total domination.

That's a tough pill to swallow — more like a bowling ball — for a group of fans that has been camped out on Cloud Nine ever since Florida started winning everything in sight back in 2006.

Very few things have gone wrong for UF fans during that time frame — even a poor 2007 football season produced the meteoric rise of Tim Tebow and a Heisman Trophy.

You've all been incredibly blessed during the past few years, and now that this insane run has come to an end, it's time to rejoin the masses.

This is part of what being a fan is all about. We follow sports in the hopes that our team will win every time, even though we know deep down that's impossible.

But after four national titles in less than three years, some UF supporters understandably lost that gut feeling, and they needed someone to push the reset button. They

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## TEING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ There is now suspicion that Tiger Woods was driving under the influence. I think this is just an elaborate setup by Jamie Grubbs to make a comeback appearance on Tool Academy 3. This time with Tiger. ... Clemson is going to retire C.J. Spiller's No. 28 after this season. No conference championships and no Heisman Trophies go a long way.

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# Through Dark Waters

## Senior Spofforth takes troubles in stride

By TONI-ANN MILLER  
Alligator Writer

Gemma Spofforth is undoubtedly a champion. She owns seven UF school records, four Southeastern Conference records, an NCAA record, a U.S. Open record, a world record and an Olympic appearance for her native Great Britain.

At first glance, one sees a young woman who works hard and accomplishes numerous feats. She is often smiling, and during swimming and diving meets, she's the quintessential "bundle of joy."

However, there is more to Spofforth than meets the eye, and like most people, she too has a story to tell.

### Giving back

This semester, the senior decided she wanted to spend some time helping out around Gainesville, and when she spoke to a girl in one of her classes, she discovered the perfect opportunity. She went through rigorous training twice a week to become a telephone counselor for people who are either contemplating suicide, depressed or just need someone to talk to.

"Being a captain on the team, I try to be the (one) that people can come and talk to if they have any problems," Spofforth said. "Obviously some problems are bigger than others, but I always try to be the person who's approachable, and I thought I could use those skills to be that person on the phones."

Spofforth probably found it easy to relate to these people because although she's often upbeat, sometimes she lets everything get to her and breaks down before getting back to normal.

### Leaving home

Growing up in Britain, Spofforth faced a tough challenge when she became ill and was subsequently left with two choices, come to America or quit swimming.

"If I hadn't come to America, I wouldn't be swimming," she said.

"I had pancreatitis the year before I came here, 2006 I think. I was out of the water, I got really fat and I just wasn't enjoying swimming because I was unfit and sick."

"To get back into (swimming), I needed something really big to motivate me, and that was coming to America. Because if I hadn't come here then I don't think I would have put the effort into getting in shape again and getting fit."

After deciding that she would leave home, Spofforth had to choose a specific destination. She said she received eleven full-scholarship offers, but she narrowed her choices down to Hawaii and Florida.

"I could've gone to Hawaii and enjoyed the lifestyle there, but I chose Florida because I decided that I did want to take swimming seriously," she said.

Also factoring into her decision, she said, was the supportiveness of Florida's coaches; especially as-

sociate head coach Martyn Wilby, a fellow Brit, who explained the American system to her.

When she finally arrived in Gainesville, Spofforth said she had to deal with initial culture shock.

"All the things that I saw, I didn't think were real. I thought they were just fantasies in movies. I didn't realize that you had cheerleaders. I didn't realize you had a band and all that sort of stuff. It definitely took me by surprise, but I loved it the second I walked on campus."

### Difficult times

At the time she was deciding about her future in swimming and possibly in America, Spofforth had another important thing to consider — her mother Lesley's health as she battled with cancer.

"My mom being sick kind of made things a little bit more turbulent, but she wanted me to go

follow my dream and do the best I could, and she would've supported me in anything I did," Spofforth said.

She said her mother's condition improved before she left home but that after some time here, she got "the call" from her father.

"It was very sudden in the end but it was something that we'd been preparing for, for about four years. She went in and out of recession a couple times and it was very hard to have that final phone call from my dad that said, 'It's time for you to come home.'

"I actually got there the day she died. I think she held on a little bit just to say bye to me."

### Dealing with loss

The passing of her mother has impacted Spofforth's performance in the pool. She said she uses the strength that her mother would've given her every time she competes.

When she set the world record and won the FINA World Champi-

onship in the 100-meter backstroke this summer in Rome, she dedicated the performance to her mother. However, when she finished fourth in the same event and in the 4x100-meter medley relay at the Beijing Olympics last summer, she faced different emotions.

"I went into another swale of depression because it was a huge high when I came back, and mum still wasn't here. It was very hard to pull myself out of that but luckily I was able to have the family around me that I've had. This team's just supportive in every way they can be."

Spofforth still has her father Mark and younger brother Peter, who she said she's gotten closer to since her mother's death. However, being far from home, she has found a family here in Gainesville.

"She always had the support of the rest of the team, and because she's such a giving person — she's very interested in other people — sometimes the more you give the more you receive," coach Gregg Troy said. "When there were tough times the rest of the team was very aware of it."

Sophomore teammate, fellow Brit and one of Spofforth's closest friends Jemma Lowe provides Spofforth a confidant who understands what she faces by being away from home. However, the two had a rocky start at their first meeting, a swimming camp in 2005.

"I didn't really know her, and I didn't really like her to be honest, at first," Lowe said.

She added that she thought Spofforth had quit swimming when in fact she was in Gainesville, but then when both qualified for Great Britain's Olympic team, they grew close.

After the Olympic Games, Spofforth got a tattoo of the Olympic rings on her wrist, a reminder and a motivator to avoid fourth place finishes, as she often had in big meets.

The senior continues to be dominant in the pool, but clearly she's more than an Olympic-caliber athlete. She's a person, with a story, like the rest of us.



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UF senior Gemma Spofforth competed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics for Great Britain. The senior holds seven Florida records, including four Southeastern Conference marks and an NCAA all-time best.

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# UF deals with injuries as top-10 matchup approaches

■ RAY SHIPMAN AND KENNY KADJI COULD MISS THURSDAY'S GAME.

**By ADAM BERRY**  
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The grueling portion of Florida's early season schedule has taken its toll.

Coming off a stretch of eight games in 19 days, UF coach Billy Donovan said Monday that guard Ray Shipman and center Kenny Kadji suffered injuries that could keep them out of Thursday's game against Syracuse in Tampa.

Kadji is dealing with a lower back problem, while Shipman has been diagnosed with a mid-foot sprain.

"We're hoping that's all it is," Donovan said of Shipman's injury. "Having basically 10 guys, we're down to eight right now. How do you manage to be productive in practice and those kinds of things?"

The No. 10 Gators (8-0) have nearly a week off between their last game Friday at Jacksonville and the upcoming top-10 showdown with the No. 7 Orange (8-0), but the potential loss of Shipman could be particularly devastating given Florida's lack of depth in the backcourt.

Kadji did not play for the first time all season against Jacksonville, and he has seemingly been replaced as the backup center by freshman Erik Murphy.

After the Gators' win over the Dolphins, Donovan said his players were finally showing signs of fatigue, and that has made it



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**UF guard Ray Shipman is averaging 4.8 points and 2.3 rebounds per game in 16.3 minutes. He could miss Thursday's game against Syracuse due to a mid-foot sprain.**

hard to get a feel for exactly where his team stands at this point of the season.

"I still don't have a great pulse on our team because there is a factor of a lack of depth in our backcourt and how emotionally

and mentally drained our team was playing eight games in 19 days," Donovan said.

In addition to recovering from the physical and emotional strain caused by the recent run of games, Donovan hopes his team

can use the time off to improve some of the sloppy play it occasionally showed against the Dolphins. UF abandoned the tough defensive identity it had built through the season's opening games against JU, and Donovan said part of that could be attributed to the team's fatigue and lack of practice time.

"We have sorely missed out on practice, and I have seen the last week to 10 days, a lot of slippage in where we were at defensively to start the season," Donovan said. "That's always a concern when you're creating those habits, those habits start slipping, now you're trying to deal with having to balance practice time, scouting, short period of time in between, injuries, guys being knocked up here a little bit."

Sophomore point guard Erving Walker, who is averaging more than 31 minutes per game so far this season, said the much-needed break will give the Gators time to get their legs back.

"The break is good. We get a chance to rest," Walker said. "Without conditioning, it's really hard to compete to the best of our abilities, so the conditioning's really helping us."

Donovan said the team will spend some of its time off working on improving its rebounding, as Florida is only grabbing 3.5 more boards per game than its opponents so far this season — another area in which Donovan said his team has gotten progressively worse the more it played.

"We've got to try to find a way to improve and not lose out on some of the progress that we had made in a positive direction," Donovan said.

## Rutgers outscores Florida 18-2 in paint in first half

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3-pointer by Steffi Sorensen, but finished the first half a dismal 3-of-16 shooting from 3-point range (18.8 percent).

"We relied on the 3, like we've done way too many times, way too many games," Sorensen said. "We waited until the second half to start playing."

The Gators' inability to establish a post presence was one factor in settling for outside shots.

Azania Stewart picked up two quick fouls and was sent to the bench within the first four minutes of the game.

She was forced to sit out 10 minutes.

In the first half, UF was dominated in the paint by a 18-2 margin.

Florida's post players couldn't keep up with Rutgers' Chelsey Lee, who scored 8 of her 12 points to start that game-changing run.

Her contribution wasn't limited to scoring, as the sophomore center added 9 rebounds, two assists, a steal and three blocks.

"The thing that really ignited their run was the way Chelsey Lee was playing and really controlling the paint and rebounding the basketball," Butler said. "Our post players didn't respond very well and then our shooters started settling for shots that aren't maybe the highest-percentage shots."

UF will face Old Dominion on Friday before a nine-day break for final exams.



## Women's Basketball

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figured that would come after Tebow & Co. left with another title, but it should have more of an effect now.

Obviously, a large contingent of Florida fans was around for the Ron Zook or even pre-Steve Spurrier years, so those folks can view all this in the correct light.

But for the more recent crowd, it's important to soak up the depression and shock that hit like a Mark Ingram stiff-arm to the face last weekend. Remember the feeling, because it will make the next triumph so much sweeter.

As fans and in life, we can't appreciate the good things we're given without experiencing the bad first.

Watching East Carolina win three games in two years under former UF defensive coordinator John Thompson (thanks a lot) makes the Pirates' back-to-back Conference

USA titles mean a whole lot more to me, and sometime soon, the Gators are probably going to get a crack at another national championship.

In the meantime, swallow your pride and prove you're not the bunch of "bandwagon Florida fans" everyone else thinks you are. Go to New Orleans, celebrate New Year's on Bourbon St. and bring The Swamp to the Louisiana Superdome.

And before you do that, check out the No. 10 Florida basketball team. Much to my surprise, the Gators are good, and they play No. 7 Syracuse on Thursday.

UF has made it too easy to be a fan in recent years, and it's undeniable that fan interest reached a new high this season.

Don't slink away until the next title run. It's time to put in some work.

# HEISMAN WATCH

**1** **Mark Ingram (17)** 1,542 rushing yards, 6.2 yards per carry, 15 TD, 30 receptions, 322 receiving yards, 3 TD



A lot of people felt the Southeastern Conference Championship Game would help determine the Heisman Trophy race, and it certainly did for our panel of voters. Ingram rushed for 113 yards and three touchdowns and added 76 receiving yards. He converted seemingly every third down and broke tackles at will. His performance was incredible, and he looked like the best player on the field. Tim Tebow, meanwhile, couldn't stay on the field and all but bowed out of the race altogether.

**4** **Kellen Moore (10)** 167.35 passer rating, 3,325 yards, 64.8 completion percentage, 39 TD, 3 INT, -4 rushing yards, -0.2 ypc, TD



Moore didn't do well enough to even earn a trip to the Big Apple as a finalist, but that didn't keep our voters from making sure he ended the season on our watch. The sophomore was hurt all season by the fact that Boise State plays in the WAC and that ultimately led to the lack of respect. The Broncos are the highest scoring offense in the nation, and Moore is the best quarterback statistically. He also led his team to a victory over Pac-10 champion Oregon, which gives Boise State a better win on its resume than Texas, Florida or Nebraska.

**2** **Toby Gerhart (15)** 1,736 rushing yards, 5.6 ypc, 26 TD, 10 receptions, 149 receiving yards, passing TD



Gerhart was off this week with no conference championship game to help keep him atop the alligatorSports Heisman Watch. Still, his numbers are extremely impressive, and he only got better as the season went on and the carries piled up. The senior will be in New York as a finalist, but it's tough to say exactly what his chances of winning are since his team lost four games.

**5** **Colt McCoy (3)** 147.46 passer rating, 3,512 receiving yards, 27 TD, 12 INT, 348 rushing yards, 2.7 ypc, 3 TD



Sometimes one vote is enough to sneak into our fifth spot, and Mike McCall made sure he put Colt onto our list. McCoy may have had a worse season than even Tebow, but the Longhorns did what the Gators couldn't — win their conference championship game and advance to the national title game. McCoy might win the Heisman as a career achievement award, but we would hate to see that happen. As ESPN's Pat Forde said, McCoy didn't provide a single Heisman moment all season long, but he certainly provided an un-Heisman moment when he nearly ran out the clock and gave Nebraska the game.

**3** **Ndamukong Suh (10)** 82 tackles, 23 tackles for a loss, 12 sacks, 24 pass breakups, INT



The big, athletic defensive tackle announced his candidacy to the nation in the Big 12 Conference Championship Game. Suh had 4.5 sacks, 7 tackles for a loss and 12 total tackles in Nebraska's near-upset of Texas. Suh has never cracked our list before, but his big-time performance was too much to ignore as he even earned a first-place vote. Suh will also be in New York along with Ingram, Gerhart, McCoy and Tebow as finalists.

## OUR RANKINGS

### Bobby Calovi

- 1 Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska
- 2 Toby Gerhart, Stanford
- 3 Mark Ingram, Alabama
- 4 Kellen Moore, Boise St.
- 5 C.J. Spiller, Clemson

### Mike McCall

- 1 Mark Ingram, Alabama
- 2 Toby Gerhart, Stanford
- 3 Colt McCoy, Texas
- 4 Tim Tebow, Florida
- 5 Kellen Moore, Boise St.

### Phil Kegler

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- 2 Toby Gerhart, Stanford
- 3 Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska
- 4 Kellen Moore, Boise St.
- 5 Golden Tate, Notre Dame

### Kyle Maistri

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## ITALIAN 101 HELPS STUDENTS ORDER PIZZA RESTA- RANT



What dinning turned yesterday Danny realized restaurant the lunch.. Italian... Lo more than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like

we time-warped into Italy or something. The waiter came over and asked if I wanted

anything, so I just stuck with what I remembered... 'saluti,'

'cheese,' that's all the ice, all the friends good

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Vacanti

chapters, Mu Mu Mu and Psi Phi Pi, we've exhausted just about every option out there," said National Greek Board President, Henry Boggins.

"There were only possible letter combinations to begin with, so you know it was coming."

The news of the Greek System's turmoil, as rumors immediately spread, caused a move to a 4-year program while others quickly always had to think Freshman

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## SHMAN IT REAL- LIFE

Panic struck the heart of fraternities and sororities across the nation this week when word spread that the number of unique remaining Greek letter combinations was in critical condition.

"Unfortunately, with the induction of our newest

I mean, this is United States, not the

domestic country."

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has on Eb. When his textbooks to the h- store and mooth off his roomate for as long as he can.