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Former senator talks health care

■ **DASCHLE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REFORM.**

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

For former Sen. Tom Daschle, who served as majority leader and is an expert on health care policy, the number one serves as a reminder of how far the United States has to go in its quest to reform the health care system.

"We're the No. 1 country in terms of (health care) costs and 37th in outcome," Daschle said in a speech Tuesday evening in Pugh Hall. "We need to rise to the challenge."

Daschle spoke to a crowd of 250 and outlined the issues of the health care debate.

He discussed topics including the extent of the government's role in health care reform and the costs

associated with reform.

Daschle labeled the differing viewpoints in the health care debate as the "noise of democracy" and said both sides share blame in the failure to achieve a true bipartisan approach to health reform.

"We're the No. 1 country in terms of (health care) costs and 37th in outcome. We need to rise to the challenge."

Tom Daschle
former U.S. senator

Although health care legislation, which passed through the House and Senate, appears to be on the verge of becoming law, Daschle was quick to point out there is still much work to be done.

"We're on the 30-yard line with

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Steven H. Keys / Alligator

Former Sen. Tom Daschle explains his position on national health care during a discussion about bipartisan health care reform inside Pugh Hall Tuesday night.

Broadcaster faces child porn charges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Longtime UF sports broadcaster Steve Babik is facing federal charges of having child pornography on his home computer.

A representative from the U.S. Attorney's Office said Tuesday that the 50-year-old Babik is charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

His attorney, Larry Turner, said Babik appeared in court Tuesday, pleaded not guilty and was released with restrictions. Turner says it was too early in his investigation to comment

on the charges.

According to the University Athletic Association, Babik was fired.

"We were made aware of the investigation in late November and immediately suspended Steve Babik from his work responsibilities. Now that he has been charged, his employment has been terminated. We are deeply disturbed by the charges."

Babik was the sideline reporter for Gators football games and handled other radio duties. He had been at UF since 1987.

Katherine Bein contributed to this report.

On **Campus**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Students get Reitz fee vote

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

Senators discussed giving a voice to UF students on a potential Reitz Union fee and at Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

The Student Senate unanimously passed a bill that will put a question about the Reitz Union expansion fee on the Student Government spring election ballot.

The proposed question has two parts. It asks students whether a fee should be implemented, and, if so, whether it should cover expansion and repairs.

Senators amended the bill to include more information about how the fee will be used.

Unit Party Sen. Alex Masi, who represents the Rawlings area, presented the amendment to the original bill.

He said rephrasing the question makes it clear for students what the fee will be going toward.

"The hands-down goal of this is to help students understand what's going on," Masi said.

The new version of the question tells voters the Reitz Union is more than 40 years old, needs an estimated \$40 million in repairs and was originally built for only 19,000 students.

Progress Party Sen. Matt Vernon, who represents graduate students, said the background information is useful for voters, and the referendum question requires two different parts.

Orange and Blue Part Sen. Jon Ossip, who represents the Murphree Common Area, said the information about the Reitz Union should be supplemented by information about the additional financial burden the fee will place on graduate students and students at satellite campuses.



Charles

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■ **Florida men's basketball coach Billy Donovan has changed his team's practice routines because of injuries that have plagued the Gators, causing a lack of depth at multiple positions. See Story, Page 17.**



Woman accused of biting off part of sister's nose

NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A Jonesville woman was charged with biting off part of her sister's nose. Bobbie Smith was held in the Jackson County Jail on a \$5,000 bond after her arraignment Tuesday on charges including mayhem and domestic violence. Napoleon Township Police Chief Michael Curry said the 27-year-old woman bit off "a significant portion" of Sandra Smith's nose during a fight Sunday. Police recovered the detached piece.

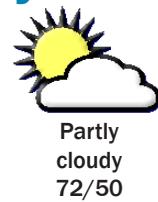
Assistant Prosecutor Mark Blumer told the Jackson Citizen Patriot that photographs indicated one-third of Sandra Smith's nose was bitten off. The 28-year-old woman was to meet with a plastic surgeon at University of Michigan Hospital.

Mayhem, defined in part under a 1931 Michigan law as mutilating another person's nose, is a 10-year felony.

Jail records didn't indicate if Bobbie Smith had a lawyer.

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RUB Entertainment Presents: Comedian Reggie Flenory Jr.
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Get ready for a night of laughs as RUB and Phi Beta Sigma present Los Angeles comedian Reggie Flenory Jr., winner of the 2005 Comedy Carnival Cruise Contest. Flenory has also been featured in Robert Townsend's "Partners in Crime: The Next Generation."

Comedians from Phi Beta Sigma will be opening. This event is free. For more information, visit union.ufl.edu/rub

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NATIONAL

Student leaders weigh in on Obama's first year

By **MATT HARRINGER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Today marks President Obama's first year in office, and UF political groups have differing views on how his term is going.

Bryan Griffin, UF College Republicans executive director, said the president's stimulus was poorly designed.

Florida College Democrats President Ben Cavaturo disagrees.

"The administration's quick action averted a deeper recession," Cavaturo said.

In the last year, Obama signed a \$787 billion stimulus bill, managed two wars, presided over a health care brawl, avoided a Christmas terrorist attack and responded to one of the worst natural disasters in the Western Hemisphere.

And all the action has cost him in the polls. A year ago, Obama saw an approval rating of more than 60 percent on Real Clear Politics' national polling average. Today, he has a rating lower than 50 percent.

The St. Petersburg Times' Obameter, which tracks the president's campaign promises, says Obama has kept 91 of those promises, compromised on 33 and failed on 14.

Many of those 91 fulfilled promises deal with the stimulus bill passed in February. In addition to giving states funding to fill their budget gaps, the stimulus bill also included funding for high-speed rail, green-energy job training and extended unemployment insurance.

Obama also kept his promise to refocus on Afghanistan when he issued an order in February to send two additional brigades to the country.

At the time of Obama's inauguration, there were about 34,000 American troops in Afghanistan. Today there are more than double that number, according to the Department of Defense.

Furthering his deployment of troops, Obama announced in December he would be sending an additional 30,000 soldiers to bring the total to about 100,000 troops.

Cavaturo and Griffin agreed the president was doing a good job in Afghanistan, but Griffin added he hoped the president would fulfill all of the war's requirements. One major promise made during the campaign was not to raise taxes on families making less than \$250,000.

Obama compromised on this promise when he signed an excise cigarette tax increase to help pay for the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Cavaturo said this is a stretch to call it a tax on the middle class. He said he believes if health care reform passes, the middle class will actually save money.

Griffin disagreed, saying the middle class and the rich both need tax cuts.

"They're forgetting about the people who support the entitlement programs," Griffin said. "People making over \$250,000 need tax cuts as well."

Of the 14 campaign promises Obama

has broken, according to the St. Petersburg Times, one of them was broken with the flick of a pen early in his presidency.

Obama said he would post non-emergency bills on the White House Web site for five days of public comment before signing them, but he broke this promise with his first piece of legislation.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed by the president just two days after being passed by Congress and was never posted on the White House Web site as Obama promised.

Recently, Republicans have criticized Obama for breaking his promise to televise health care negotiations on C-SPAN.

Two deals brokered with the pharmaceutical industry and hospitals were behind closed doors, and the House-Senate conference to merge health care bills won't be open to the public either.

Griffin blamed Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi for these broken promises.

"A lot of those had to do with the way Pelosi operates," Griffin said. "I think Obama caved in to Pelosi and [Senate Majority Leader Harry] Reid."

Cavaturo said the bill that wasn't posted on the Web site wasn't very controversial and pointed to some of the tough rules on lobbyist the White House has enacted to make government more ethical.

While it's been a busy 365 days for the 44th U.S. president, Obama still has many promises to keep during the next three years.

Health care legislation is stalled in Congress, and the president has yet to repeal the army's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy or pass a major energy bill.



Obama

	Ben Cavaturo Pres. FI College Democrats	Bryan Griffin Executive Dir. FI College Republicans
Grade on Obama's First Year	A- "The administration brought our economy back from the brink."	D- "He forsook all his promises to the Democratic party. I almost feel bad for them."
Positives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescued Economy • Started Healthcare • Refocused War on Al-Queda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The president is trying hard
Negatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Republicans • So much work left to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bailout handled poorly • Car Company Takeover • Unwillingness to work with Republicans

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ON CAMPUS

Grant aims to keep civil rights movement alive

By **ERICA JOHNSON**
Alligator Writer

As memories of the civil rights movement begin to blur and tales of integration fade with time, the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program is striving to bring these stories back into focus.

The program received a three-year, \$150,000 grant to collect and share stories of local black residents who grew up during the civil rights movement.

The grant was awarded by the UF Office of the Provost, and the project was developed after conversations between Paul Ortiz, the program's director, and UF President Bernie Machen, according to a press release.

Ortiz believes that as the number of living black people who remember integration begins to dwindle, it is essential to collect their stories before they are lost forever, leaving only the history offered in textbooks.

"History really matters to people as they get older, and it isn't about facts and dates; it's about feelings," Ortiz said.

He said the project focuses on oral histories of black people who came of age around the time of Brown vs. the Board of Education in 1954.

"We want to see what the transition was like in the everyday lives of blacks in Gainesville and across the county," Ortiz said.

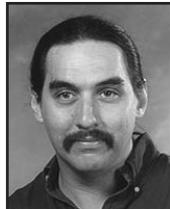
He said the project's goal is to make the

information collected in the interviews accessible to the public in the form of podcasts, Web sites and a book.

The podcasts can be accessed all over the world on iTunes, with one listener in Beijing, China, Ortiz said.

Transcripts from the interviews are on the UF Digital Library Center Web site and are already being used by students to write term papers and reports, Ortiz said.

UF students play a huge role in the interview process.



Ortiz

Of the 40 interviews already conducted, two-thirds of them were done by UF undergraduate students, Ortiz said.

"They often say things to me like, 'This interview changed my life,'" he said. "They say, 'I learned more about history in that 30-minute interview than I have in all the textbooks I've read.'"

Jason Horton, a sociology senior, was nervous when he sat down to conduct his first interview.

He spoke with the first black graduate of the UF College of Nursing.

Horton said his two-hour conversation with Evelyn Mickle helped him develop a new appreciation for the challenges faced by the pioneers of integration.

"Her strength and perseverance showed me how my own struggles are so small," he said.

Cold threatens animals

■ WEATHER SHOCK CAN CAUSE ANIMALS TO FREEZE TO DEATH.

By **TAYLOR DIXON**
and **ROBERT IMFELD**
Alligator Contributing Writers

This month's cold snap left its mark on reptiles and bats all across Florida and worried animal experts.

Cindi Marks, co-founder and executive director of the Florida Bat Conservancy, said some species of bats abundant in Florida may not be able to withstand the effects of the winter cold.

Jonathan Miot, assistant professor at the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo, said iguanas, like other reptiles, are suffering from cold shock.

"Due to the extraordinary cold weather in Florida, the heat these animals are absorbing is not enough to sustain normal metabolism," Miot said.

The slowing metabolism rate causes reptiles to freeze. Although it is possible for these animals to rebound from the cold shock, sustained cold could cause them to freeze to death, Miot said.

During extreme cold weather, the SFC Teaching Zoo takes its animals indoors or provides supplemental heat sources and bedding. However, animals in the wild aren't so lucky.

Bats essentially shut down during torpor, a phase similar to hibernation, beginning with temperatures in the low 50s, Marks said, and waking up from torpor to

find food consumes a lot of energy.

"There are no insects during the cold weather, so the bats are staying in torpor longer," Marks said.

On campus, the Brazilian free-tailed bat is most at risk because it is a species native to more tropical climates and not used to going into torpor for so long. The other types of bats that live in the UF bat house are native to the north.

"We really aren't totally sure how it will affect these species," Marks said.

Florida bats go into torpor for a couple of weeks at a time, depending on the temperature. The highest low in January was 55, and the forecast for the rest of January does not show the lows rising above 60, according to Ac-

Local News

cuWeather.com.

Including data from December 2009, which did not show lows rising above 51 beginning Dec. 18, it is possible the bats will face almost six consecutive weeks of torpor-causing weather.

The bats in the UF bat house are doing fine for now, said Ken Glover, pest management coordinator for UF.

"In previous times, I've had some bats that would fall out," he said. He would find them frozen on the ground near the bat house.

UF sophomore Colleen Thomas said she wants the warm weather to return soon for her as well as the animals' sake.

"If I ever walked by the bat house and saw a frozen bat on the ground, I would scream," she said.

Vigil honors Martin Luther King Jr., Haitian victims

By **JOEY FLECHAS**
Alligator Writer

The voice of soul singer Sam Cooke filled the air as about 100 people gathered in the Reitz Union Amphitheater Tuesday night.

"A Change is Gonna Come" came over the loudspeakers and set the tone for the evening before the commencement of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil.

"It was a pretty diverse turnout."

Natalia Leal
assistant director of UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs

Natalia Leal, assistant director of UF Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, said she was happy to see students from all backgrounds come together for the vigil.

"It was a pretty diverse turnout," she said.

The Rev. Jim Merritt of Campus Ministry Cooperative said the event, which the cooperative created six years ago, is a wonderful acknowledgment of King's message of service and unity.

Multicultural and Diversity Affairs has coordinated the vigil



Max Reed / Alligator

Jean-Luc Adrien, Altina Fenelon and Sky Georges of Gators United for Haiti stand in a moment of silence in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. and the victims of the earthquake in Haiti at the MLK 2010 Candlelight Vigil at the Reitz Union Amphitheater on Tuesday night.

for the past three years.

Merritt said King's legacy is especially relevant after last week's earthquake in Haiti and student efforts to help the victims.

"It gives us an immediate op-

portunity to practice what we preach," he said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Telles-Irvin said she was proud of the way students have acted on King's ideals in

dealing with the tragedy in Haiti.

"I'm so impressed with our students that have come forth with courage and expression," she said.

Telles-Irvin announced that

the University Athletic Association has pledged to match up to \$50,000 of student donations to send to the victims in Haiti.

The rest of the night featured a performance by the University Gospel Choir, reflections by local children from the Boys and Girls Club and a short video with clips of King.

Camille Evelyn, a sophomore English and African studies major, recited a poem calling for more change and a continuation of Dr. King's philosophy of peace.

She compared today's state of affairs to putting make-up on a wounded face, and she made no apologies for speaking frankly about the world's continuing struggles with racism, poverty and violence.

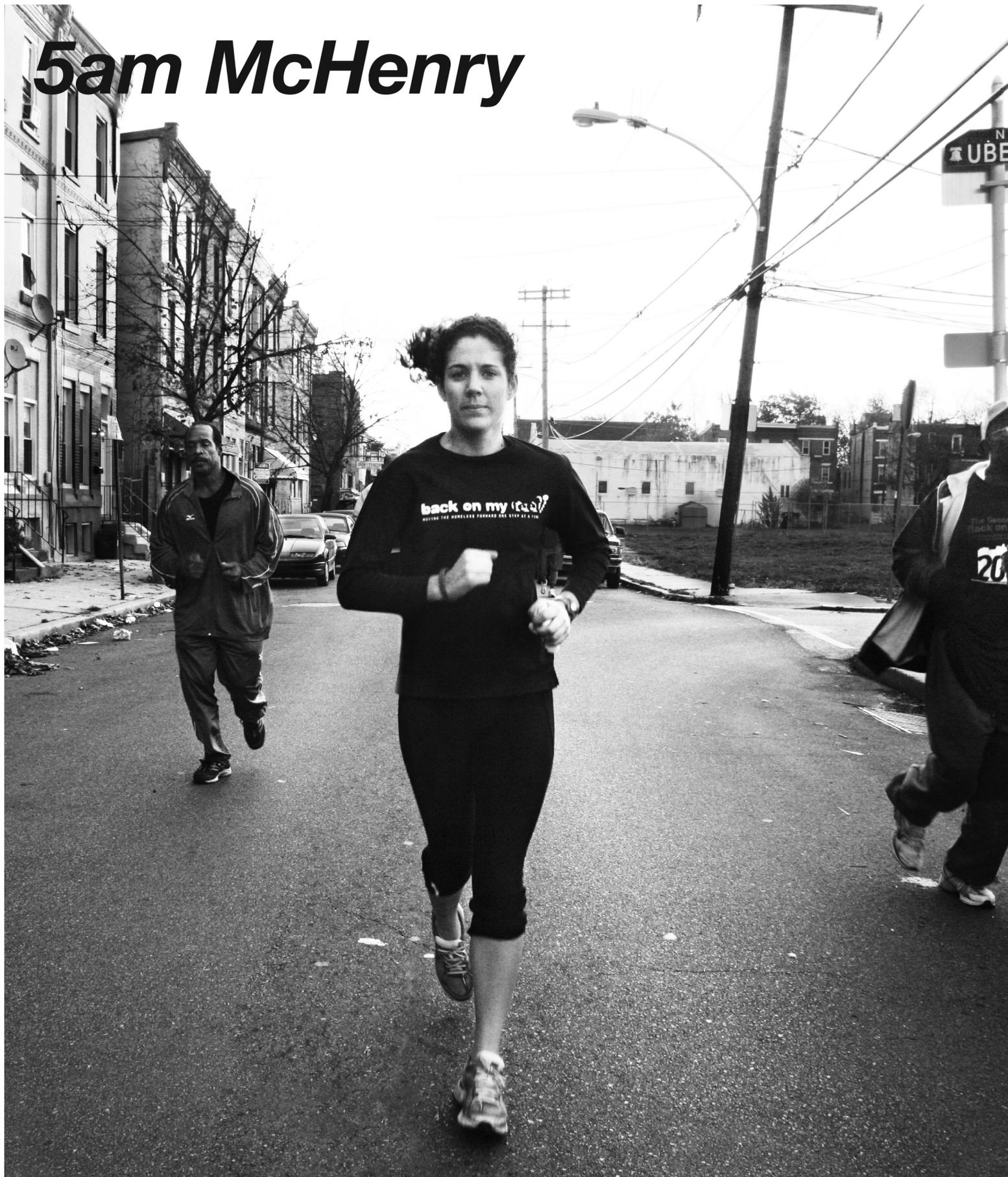
"I didn't come here to make you comfortable," Evelyn said. "I came here to tell you the truth."

Before a closing song, students from Gator United for Haiti appealed to the crowd for continued support in the relief effort.

Club Creole President Altina Fenelon said it was people's responsibility to assist one another in this time.

"This is not Haitian issue," Fenelon said. "It's a human issue."

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STUDENT LIFE Student groups rally to help Haiti

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

In the aftershocks of last week's earthquake in Haiti, UF students have rallied together to raise funds and supplies to send to the victims of the disaster.

Gators United for Haiti, a student group originally founded in 2008 but reorganized following the disaster, has united with UF administrators to raise \$50,000 to send to the small, impoverished Caribbean country.

So far, the umbrella organization, which includes such groups as Club Creole, Student Government, Hope for Haiti and VISA, has raised about \$4,000.

"People started to see the effects and then became more willing to contribute."

Angela Pierre

public relations chairwoman for Club Creole

Jennifer Oxilien, public relations chairwoman for Hope for Haiti, said the organization started collecting money, clothing and relief supplies last Tuesday. The group will continue collecting donations throughout the week, she said.

Angela Pierre, public relations chairwoman for Club Creole, said the club has raised more than \$600 since last Wednesday in addition to collecting food and clothes in the drop zones around campus.

Pierre said as time goes on, more students are willing to make donations because they are more aware of the situation in the affected areas of Haiti.

"People started to see the effects and then became more willing to contribute," she said.

Beth Waltrip, director for campus programs for the Reitz Union, said Gators United for Haiti leaders have been unable to decide where to send the donations.

However, she added Gators United for Haiti is looking to other student organizations that want to be involved in the relief effort to help decide where the relief packages and funds will be sent.

Sky Georges, the president of Gators United for Haiti, said it has been great to see the UF community assembling together for one cause.

"I just thank everybody for finding it in their hearts to serve the Haitian community," he said.

Editorial

Blonde Moment

'Gossip Girl' star too self-involved

It's been one week since the earthquake hit Haiti, and people across the campus, country and world are joining together to provide relief for those affected.

The Editorial Board is glad to see that celebrities are joining in the effort too. Instead of buying Patron for their entourages or cars for their mamas, they're putting the ridiculous sums of money they receive for doing little to no work to good use.

We weren't surprised to hear Brangelina donated \$1 million to Doctors without Borders.

But we were quite pleased when we read George Clooney and Wyclef Jean have stepped up to host Friday's "Hope for Haiti Now" telethon.

Not to mention the all-star list of musicians who have signed on to perform like Justin Timberlake, Rihanna and Bruce Springsteen (just to name a few).

However, some celebs have more important issues on their minds — namely Taylor Momsen (you know, the really skinny blonde girl who wears too much eye makeup and plays Jenny Humphrey on the CW's "Gossip Girl").

During an interview with OK! Magazine, the reporter asked her about her thoughts on the disaster and she replied "Um, right now I'm trying to just finish my record and getting through the last season of 'Gossip Girl' for right now. So not so much thinking about that."

Now, if it were any other issue, the Editorial board would defend "Gossip Girl" to its death (we do make the whole office suffer through watching it every Monday), but not this time.

Momsen needs to get her act together and realize there are more important things than her record, which will most likely result in complete failure anyway. If you're going to make us suffer through your wannabe rock star performance, at least do it for a good cause.

Winter Warning

With winter setting in and word of the FDA cracking down on barely visible tanning bed warnings, the Editorial Board is urging students to forgo sun-kissed bronze in favor of pasty white — or even Gators-themed fake orange.

We know Floridians use the term "winter" lightly, and we don't expect you to hibernate along with the sun, but every year, it becomes more evident that tanning is a careless practice.

According to an Associated Press article, the FDA finally noticed that the warnings on tanning beds are less than menacing and is beginning to explore stricter regulation of tanning studios.

We're all for the crackdown — we've Googled "melanoma," and it's not pretty.

The World Health Organi-

zation found that the risk of skin cancer jumps by about 5 percent when people use tanning beds in their teens and 20s. Sure, there's a chance the data is skewed or it's all a big conspiracy, but do you really want to take the risk? We don't.

OK, we know most of you are already rolling your eyes, and that's fine. But we'll be rolling ours when you whine about the scar from the mole you had removed from your cheek.

We don't expect you to start bathing in sunblock and wearing veils when you leave the apartment. We just ask you to think about which is more attractive: Slightly pale legs or ones with a big nasty scar from where doctors removed cancerous flesh? We're thinking the former. Because looking like a vintage Coach bag by the time you're 40 is just not cute.

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Column

UF should not require health insurance

After my father lost his job in November 2008, my family's health insurance coverage lapsed. Although he found work — and, consequently, coverage for himself — in April, the rest of the family can't join until March 2010. So, for the only year my mother and I have ever been without insurance, we have tiptoed through our lives, avoiding what health risks we could.

My mother rationed out her thyroid medication at the expense of her memory and happy temperament. I stockpiled over-the-counter pain relievers and cough suppressants in case I had to ride out an influenza storm. It never came. Instead, a week before fall classes started, I felt stabbing pains in my abdomen, which a walk-in clinic doctor diagnosed as either appendicitis or pain from a cyst. Against my will and money-driven mentality, I went to the ER for a night and left with a bill for \$18,000 in my name. That didn't include surgery. The doctors wouldn't perform any but the most imperative (lifesaving) operations on someone without insurance.

Perhaps you can see how walking around campus with a 10-centimeter cyst would tune me into the rumblings of required health insurance for UF students.

While shocking to students still on their parents' plans or with insurance through work, a chunk of the Student Body goes without insurance each year. In fact, estimates by the Student Health Care Center and UF surveys indicate the number of uninsured students is somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000. Why would all of these people take the risk of not buying health insurance, especially when the university provides a discounted policy? Much of this 20 to 30 percent of the Student Body is comprised of stereotypical starving students. We just can't afford it.

With phrases like "7 percent annual increase in college costs" flying around, I checked the math. Accounting for my normal spending, a purchase of the comprehensive Aetna plan offered through the school would result in a 20 to 25 percent increase in costs. Of course, this calculation applies

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to my own situation. Faced with a spike in costs, students on an already tight budget would have to choose to leave the college, take out a (second) loan or get a (second) job. These options stink.

Beyond the payment problem, the argument for mandating health insurance is on shaky ground to begin with: Why would medical bills cause students to drop out of college? Yes, collectors ask for bills to be paid, and the sums inflate to massive amounts when not negated by insurance. However, unlike with other payments, the collectors don't demand the bills be paid immediately. With the burden of time lifted, a medical bill acts almost like a student loan: Most collectors are satisfied if the patient makes plans to pay the debt.

Even if everyone can scrounge up money to pay for insurance, I have problems with the proposal. Although pre-existing conditions don't affect all Gators, they cause kinks in the argument for mandated insurance. As I know from experience, obtaining an insurance plan covering known conditions can prove exhausting. My mother called around to sign me up for a plan immediately after my hospital visit. She was prepared to spend money we didn't have to guarantee an operation, but while the insurance companies would readily take the cash, they wouldn't provide funds for surgery.

If forced into health insurance, people with pre-existing conditions — which can range from asthma and high blood pressure to cancer and heart disease — may be denied coverage for their worst medical problems.

In spite of the unanswered questions, kudos goes to Student Body President Jordan Johnson for understanding this predicament and the widespread impact it could have on the Student Body. Everyone should fight for what's right for this university. Required health insurance could make our school more exclusive on a financial basis rather than on an academic one, and that's not what the Gator Nation stands for.

Cynthia Despres is a journalism junior.

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Reader response

Today's question:

Do you support mandatory student health insurance?

Tuesday's question:

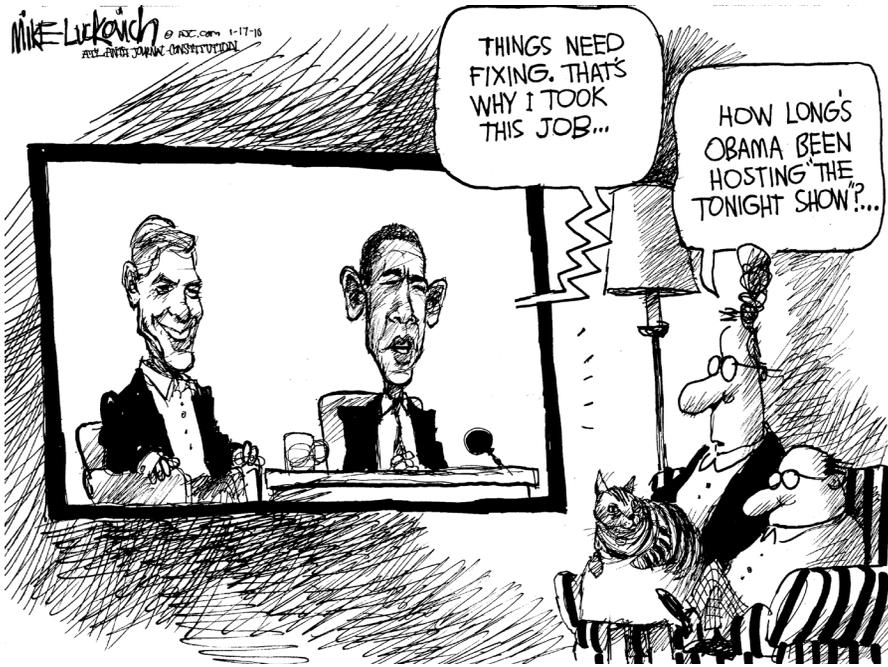
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Letters to the Editor

Ignoring local church is the only solution

In response to Paul Murty's column: Thank you for your intelligent column on Friday about ignoring the Dove World Outreach Center members when they preach intolerantly on campus.

I agree with you completely; ignoring them is the only way to be rid of them. I am not a Christian, but I know the teachings of Jesus include much about tolerance.

Besides, the word "Christian" is derived from Christ. Thus, being Christ-like certainly means exhibiting tolerance and inclusion.

Perhaps the Dove World Outreach Center should look closely at the life of the founder of their religion.

For that matter, perhaps we all should do the same with our own beliefs.

Nora F. Zaki

Response to sex column is spot-on

Joe Delloso, thank you for writing your column, "Infidelity should not be normalized," in Tuesday's Alligator. I agree with you wholeheartedly.

I have always thought very strongly that cheating on someone is the worst thing a person can do to another.

The repercussions are long-lasting.

The cheated-on may have trust issues, and the cheater may feel that they can cheat repeatedly, not understanding what they really are doing.

You are spot-on when you say that it is about respect, and to me, there is no justification, ever, for disrespecting another person (especially someone you care about) in this manner.

Amanda Eilers
UF Staff

Guest column

France is misrepresented as having 'clean' nuclear programs

It is perhaps no accident that the nuclear power industry chose a French word, "renaissance," to promote its alleged comeback. Attached to this misapplied moniker are a series of fallacious suggestions that nuclear energy is "clean," "safe" and even "renewable." And, in keeping with its French flavor, a key argument in the industry's propaganda arsenal is that the U.S. should follow the "successful" example of the French nuclear program.

France serves as a convenient sound bite for politicians and others advocating a nuclear revival (hypocritically evoked by many of the same people who insisted on "Freedom Fries" at the start of the Iraq War). A failure to challenge this facile falsehood has cemented the myth of a French nuclear utopia in the minds

of the public. It masks a very different reality.

France gets 80 percent of its electricity from nuclear power. However, this alone does not constitute a success. Rather, it results in the production of an enormous amount of radioactive waste that, as is the case for all other nuclear countries, has nowhere to go. France has no operating geological repository for nuclear waste. To date, therefore, it has resorted to reprocessing, a highly contaminating chemical process that separates uranium and plutonium while releasing large quantities of liquid and aerial radioactivity into the environment.

Nuclear energy has not gained France energy independence. France imports all uranium used in its 58 reactors — having abandoned the last of its 210 uranium mines in 2001. These latter also produced a large waste

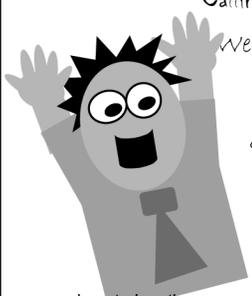
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stream, including tailings (radioactive rocks and soils) that have been used to pave children's playgrounds and public parking lots. Today, French uranium is imported largely from Niger where Areva — which, despite its corporate appearance, is 90 percent government-owned — has mined for 40 years. Its legacy in one of the poorest countries on the planet is one of depleted and contaminated water, wide dispersal of radioactive dust and discarded radioactive metals that have been sold in local markets and used in homes. Nor can nuclear meet all French electricity needs. During heat waves and droughts, the French have been forced to power down or close more than a third of their nuclear plants, which rely

on water sources such as rivers and lakes for cooling. None of this has deterred Areva or EDF from driving aggressively into new nuclear markets, especially the U.S., where Aerva is promoting its huge Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR), with seven targeted at six U.S. sites. Since new reactors are too expensive to build unless federally funded, EPRs in the U.S. could result in American tax dollars flowing to the French government. However, French nuclear success overseas has proved as elusive as it is at home. All but two of the U.S. EPRs are now on the back burner or canceled altogether.

Linda Gunter is co-founder of Beyond Nuclear and specializes in researching the French nuclear sector.

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Jamison Duncan, a history and education major, paints an insult he found offensive on a cinder block for the Writing on the Wall Project Tuesday afternoon.

ON CAMPUS

Students to tear down wall of hate

By **NICOLE LYNN GREINER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Bricks with statements including “You aren’t smart enough to do that” and “Homos are sinners” were stacked on the Reitz Union North Lawn Tuesday.

Students decorated the bricks as part of the Writing on the Wall Project. Through the project, students paint the bricks with hurtful or offensive statements and will build a wall using the bricks Monday.

On Jan. 29, students will gather in the Plaza of the Americas to tear down the wall.

“We want people to think before they say that hurtful statement,” said Cary Warsetsky, a chemical engineering junior and the administrative director for the Writing on the Wall Project. “If we can make

someone a little bit happier, then I think we’ve done a good job.”

Warsetsky said students can write whatever they want on the bricks unless it is a personal attack that includes someone’s name.

UF freshman Shalonda Lewis said the project is interesting because it shows the perspectives of others.

“To me or you, ‘Jew,’ is not an insult, but to other people it could be,” Lewis said.

Lewis wrote “WhoRE” on her brick.

“I think we tend to prejudge others and go off what they have on rather than who they are,” she said.

The project will continue on the Plaza of the Americas today and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students can also paint bricks at the Reitz Union North Lawn on Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Law professor: airport body scanners legal

By **ALLYSON FOX**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Privacy is one thing travelers may soon have to do without.

According to a recent USA Today/Gallup poll following the attempted Christmas Day bombing of Northwest Flight 253, 78 percent of Americans support the use of new airport scanners that create a more revealing image of the subject than a simple X-ray.

John Stinneford, assistant professor of law at the UF Levin College of Law, said the new body scanners do not violate the Fourth Amendment’s unreasonable search and seizure clause.

“What is reasonable depends on what we expect,” Stinneford said.

If the government shows reason for conducting the full-body scans, travelers won’t be able to refuse, said Juan F. Perea, a law professor at the UF Levin College of Law.

“It’s just something we need to get used to,” he said.

Sari Koshetz, Transportation Security Administration spokesperson, said the new scanner’s images are anonymous, adding that passengers’ faces are blurred.

“What is reasonable depends on what we expect.”

John Stinneford
assistant professor of law at the UF Levin College of Law

Although Orlando International Airport and Gainesville Regional Airport do not use the new scanners, Jacksonville International Airport has already installed them.

Orlando is expected to install the new technology soon, according to an Orlando International Airport spokeswoman.

UF freshman Henry Legett believes the new full-body scanners are a justified precaution.

“I think it’s a greater step towards safety,” Legett said.



AP Photo

Airport staff are seen demonstrating a new full-body security scanner at Manchester Airport, Manchester, England, Thursday.

Pierre-Louis arrested for domestic battery by strangulation

He turned himself in to local authorities Tuesday morning

By **MIKE MCALL**
Alligator Staff Writer

Former Florida cornerback Wondy Pierre-Louis turned himself in to Gainesville authorities early Tuesday morning and was arrested on charges of domestic battery by strangulation, un-

armed burglary, battery, kidnapping and obstructing justice by tampering.

Pierre-Louis, who turned himself in at 2:16 a.m. according to Alachua County Jail records, was sought by police after being accused of pinning a girlfriend against a countertop and choking her on Sunday morning, when police say he entered her

home and found her with another person, who fled the scene.

During his court appearance, the victim spoke in support of Pierre-Louis, saying Pierre-Louis had a key to her apartment, according to an article by the Gainesville Sun. The woman said he

“wasn’t a danger,” the article said.

His bond was reduced from \$185,000 to \$40,000, the article stated.

Pierre-Louis had just completed his senior season with the football team and was working toward a degree in sociology.

The turmoil comes soon after he discovered that his family’s home in Haiti was destroyed during last week’s earthquake.

Katherine Bein contributed to this article.

Local News

LOCAL

Mayor to discuss city's future in annual address

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan will discuss Gainesville's 2009 accomplishments and its short-term plans for the future in the 2010 State of the City address today.

The speech, which is open to the public, will begin at 8 a.m. at the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place.

Bob Woods, city of Gainesville spokesman, said Hanrahan began the State of the City address six years ago, during her first term.

"The mayor will highlight some of this year's successes and talk about moving toward the future and the kind of Gainesville we all want to live in," Woods said.

Hanrahan is expected to discuss topics including environmental conservation, neighborhood improvement and budget



Hanrahan

address on television on Community12, which is on Cox Cable channel 12.

issues.

"This address is an unfettered opportunity for the mayor to inform the public on the city commission's perspective," Woods said.

Those who cannot attend can watch the address on television on Community12, which is on Cox Cable channel 12.

A print document of the address will also be available on the city's Web site. Eventually, a video of the address will stream on the city's Web site at cityof-gainesville.org, Woods said.

"One of the great things about Gainesville is that we have a civically engaged community," Woods said. "That's why we enjoy the standard of living that we do."

Political groups conflict over senator's racial comments

■ **SEN. REID COMMENTED ON OBAMA IN HIS BOOK.**

By **ASHLEY LARA MOSES**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Local experts have expressed conflicting opinions regarding comments Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., made in "Game Change," a book about the 2008 presidential election released Jan. 11.

During the election, Reid said President Obama "could become the country's first black president because he was 'light-skinned' and had 'no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one,'" according to a New York Times article. In a statement, Obama said he had forgiven Reid, but Reid's comments led some Republicans to advocate for his resignation.

Bryan Griffin, executive director of the Florida Federation of College Republicans, supports

the idea of Reid's resignation.

Griffin said he was surprised Democrats didn't react more strongly to the statements. He said he thinks the reaction would have been different if a Republican had made the same comments.

"The Democrats live on a double-standard," Griffin said.

Other Gainesville locals expressed different points of view. Ben Cavaturo, president of the

Florida College Democrats, disagreed and said Reid is not racist.

Cavaturo said Reid's support from the Congressional Black Caucus and Obama is more important than the comments.

Faye V. Harrison, professor of African-American studies and anthropology, agrees Reid should not resign.

"President Obama does not want him to resign," Harrison said. "He's part of an alliance —

a team that is important at this time."

Shannon McNeal, president of UF's Black Student Union, said she would like to see Obama and other officials use the comments as an opportunity to hold an open discussion about race.

She said racial stereotypes still exist.

"For my entire life, I've gotten comments like, 'You're so articulate for a young African-American girl,'" McNeal said.

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ON CAMPUS

Employers remain optimistic despite lower turnout

By **LYN KRAMER**

Alligator Contributing Writer

The recession is making an impression on this year's Spring Career Showcase.

Fewer companies and students attended the Spring Career Showcase Tuesday at the O'Connell Center than last year.

The first day of the showcase, which gives students the chance to interview for jobs and internships, usually attracts about 2,300 to 3,000 students, said Ja'Net Glover, the Career Resource Center assistant director for career events.

About 2,000 students showed up Tuesday, Glover said.

Glover said about 200 companies are expected to attend the two-day showcase, which is about 20 percent fewer than the usual turnout.

However, Glover said companies are still hiring.

Students interviewed for internships and full-time jobs with accounting, communications, health care, human services and

retail companies, according to the showcase Web site.

Interviews for computer science, engineering and construc-

tion jobs will take place today, according to the site.

Gwendolyn Smith, a senior marketing major, was inter-

viewed Tuesday.

She said she wished the showcase had more opportunities for marketing students.

"There's a lot for finance and statistics, but there isn't a lot outside basic retailing," Smith said.

But representatives from companies who came to the showcase were optimistic.

Jaclyn Rosen, a recruiter for Naylor, a media corporation, said students should still apply.

"We've had people come up to us in the past with the mindset that we aren't hiring, but that isn't true," Rosen said.

She also offered advice for students interested in interviewing.

"We mainly look for people with a lot of enthusiasm, so come up to us smiling," she said.

Troy Hammond, finance manager at Lockheed Martin, a global security corporation, said the company looks for students with good GPAs.

"We want someone who is a representative fit for our company," Hammond said.

Students who attend the showcase today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. should bring their Gator 1 ID cards and several copies of their resumes.



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Meriem Bendadou, a UF business administration junior, interviews with a Grant Thornton representative at the Spring Career Showcase Tuesday in the O'Connell Center.

Senators honor Haiti victims

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"These students do not use the Reitz Union almost ever," Ossip said.

Senators also discussed lending a hand in Haiti.

Senate President Ashton Charles, who represents the Unite Party and worked to help organize Gators United for Haiti, which is working to raise money for Haitian relief, said the University Athletic Association announced it will match the group up to \$50,000.

"The hands-down goal of this is to help students understand what's going on."

Alex Masi
Unite Party Senator

Senators voted unanimously to pass a resolution honoring the victims of the tragedy in Haiti last week.

A resolution is a piece of legislation that expresses senators' opinion but does not take action.

GOP sen. canceled to travel to Haiti

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70 yards to go," he said.

If the bill fails to become law, Daschle said it would take at least a decade before Congress addresses the issue of health reform again.

He said the issue is something every American should be concerned about.

"I believe American politicians respond better when there's a crisis," he said. "I believe everyone is trying to do the right thing."

Bill Frist, a former Republican senator from Tennessee and a former senate majority leader, planned to speak alongside Daschle to offer a conservative perspective

on the health care debate. However, Frist, a heart and lung transplant surgeon, decided to travel to Haiti to help with disaster relief efforts.

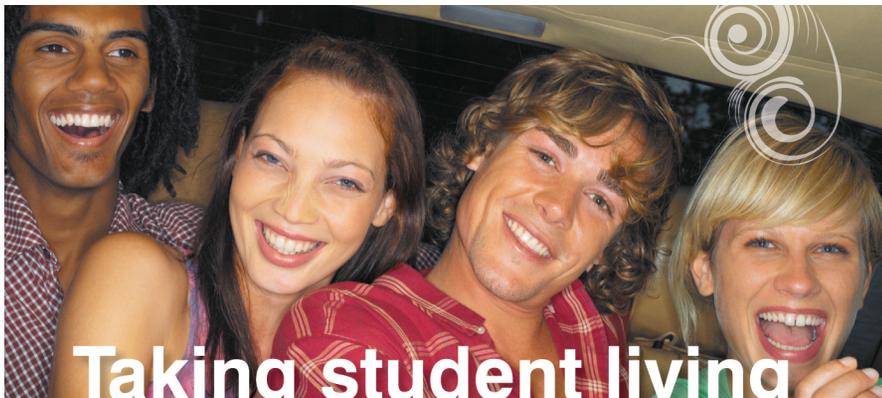
Instead, Rob Lorei, the news director of WMNF in Tampa, interviewed Daschle, asking questions from both sides of the political spectrum.

On Campus Rafael Yaniz, a political science junior who submitted a question to the former senator, said he was impressed by how Daschle conducted himself throughout the session.

Yaniz, who admits that he doesn't line up exactly with Daschle, admired how he treated the subject matter seriously without acting like a pundit.

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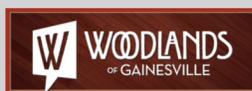


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- 5 Plays a trump card, in bridge
- 14 #2
- 14 Caution
- 15 1946 high-tech unveiling at the Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 16 On Hollywood Blvd., say
- 17 Way out
- 18 Mizuno Corporation headquarters
- 19 Sty resident?
- 20 Microprocessors
- 23 Poet Lowell
- 25 Tennyson's twilight
- 26 Beginning
- 27 Shipping thingsies used as a filler
- 32 Persian Gulf ship
- 33 Roll call response
- 34 Court response
- 35 With 63-Across, this puzzle's theme
- 37 Water color
- 41 Grammy winner Braxton
- 42 Subjects for searching or saving
- 43 Bits of user information created by Web sites
- 48 "Me, too!"
- 49 Buddy List co.
- 50 Eastern discipline
- 51 Contortionists
- 56 "Back ___ hour": store sign
- 57 Budapest-born conductor
- 58 "Good heavens!"
- 61 15th century date
- 62 Place for a bracelet
- 63 See 35-Across
- 64 Wet expanses
- 65 Shocking weapon
- 66 Rare bills

DOWN

- 1 Farm mom
- 2 It's based on purchase price
- 3 Scooter kin
- 4 "Do ___ others ..."
- 5 Get back in business
- 6 Like heroes who deserve more credit
- 7 Italian automaker
- 8 Counterfeit
- 9 Fight memento
- 10 Hindu god incarnated as Krishna
- 11 Join the Army
- 12 Runs off to wed
- 13 Beer with a blue ribbon logo
- 21 Subject of the play "Golda's Balcony"
- 22 Ice cream holder
- 23 Per unit
- 24 E or G follower
- 28 Mauna ___
- 29 "Why Can't I?" singer Liz
- 30 Common Market letters
- 31 Biblical refuge
- 35 "Mayday!"
- 36 D.C.-to-Albany dir.
- 37 Just fine
- 38 '50s TV scandal genre
- 39 Title beekeeper played by Peter Fonda
- 40 Part of PGA: Abbr.
- 41 Mattress size
- 42 Step on it
- 43 Dribble
- 44 Holiday Inn rival
- 45 Muscat residents
- 46 Ranch roamers
- 47 More slime-like
- 48 Leveling wedges
- 52 Jr.'s exam
- 53 First name in gossip
- 54 Fraternal group
- 55 Room at the top
- 59 46-Down call
- 60 Gridiron gains: Abbr.

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UF coach Billy Donovan made adjustments to his team's practices due to lack of depth caused by injuries. Instead of running 5-on-5 scrimmages, the Gators can only play 4-on-4.

Injuries cause UF to rework practices

■ GATORS CAN'T RUN FULL-TEAM SCRIMMAGES.

By **ADAM BERRY**
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Billy Donovan has mixed up his team's practice routine quite a bit in the last week.

Although he made one particular change to fix a season-long flaw, most of the adjustments have come out of necessity.

With Florida battling injuries and illnesses, Donovan was lucky if he could get eight players on the practice court last week.

"When you're down a player or two, sometimes we really don't have enough," Donovan said. "Sometimes we get caught doing three-on-three stuff. Sometimes we do four-on-four."

"We just try to deal with, coaching-wise, the hand that we're dealt."

The lack of able-bodied players in practice hasn't made game planning any easier for Donovan, his staff or his team.

With Adam Allen likely out for the season after suffering another left knee injury and Kenny Kadji

out indefinitely with a herniated disc, any other injuries to key players have proven more costly this season than they would have in the past.

So when senior forward Dan Werner came down with the flu last week, it affected more than just UF's starting lineup Saturday.

Junior forward Chandler Parsons, who started the game in Werner's spot, was forced to practice at power forward even though he plays almost exclusively on the perimeter.

"The difficulty in doing that is that Chandler in games is not playing at the power forward spot," Donovan said. "Sometimes in practice, we're getting caught playing guys in positions they're not even playing in games."

With fewer available players, the Gators' reserves have had to take on increased roles in practice. Walk-on guard Kyle McClanahan was asked to mimic LSU guard Bo Spencer in practice last week, and sophomore guard Ray Shipman had to impersonate LSU forward Tasmin Mitchell.

The 6-foot-5, 210-pound Ship-

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Butler leads tight-knit staff

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**
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Amanda Butler referred to the UF women's basketball program as a family.

It's not hard to see why given the fact that Butler has worked with all of her assistants at stops prior to Gainesville.

"We are together all the time," Butler said of her coaching staff. "We take care of each other, disagree like family, and at the end of the day, we all have a common goal and a common purpose. It's a group of people that I'm very privileged to work with."

When Butler returned to her alma mater to fill the head coaching position, she brought members from her coaching staff at UNC Charlotte that guided the school to a share of the 2006 Atlantic 10 Conference regular-season championship.

Coaches Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick, David Lowery and Butler's assistant Janna Magette all made the trip to Gainesville.

But the young staff led by the youngest coach in the Southeastern Conference needed some experience.



Butler

Butler brought in Susie Gardner, whom Butler had been an assistant under at Austin Peay, to round out her staff.

In her time there as a budding assistant coach, Butler noticed Gardner's attention to detail and organization. The two built a trust factor inherent with success — an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title in 2001 — that made Gardner an easy choice to complete Butler's staff.

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Macklin controls team's fate

At the beginning of the season, I would have pegged "He Ain't Worth Missing" by Toby Keith as the song for the 2009-10 Florida basketball team, a tune freshman guard Kenny Boynton surely sang to the squad upon his arrival in Gainesville to ease the players' pain over Nick Calathes' departure for an exotic mistress (Greece).

After watching UF dismantle LSU 72-58 on Saturday for its first Southeastern Conference win, I've got a new, equally annoying song that fits the bill.

If the Gators can make it through conference play and earn an NCAA Tournament berth, it'll be because center Vernon Macklin keeps up the level of



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play he set against the Tigers this weekend.

For this reason, I submit English R&B singer Mark Morrison's oddly catchy 1996 hit "Return of the Mack."

Outside of the title, most of the song is totally irrelevant to Macklin except for the lines "So I'm back up in the game, running things to keep my swing, letting all the people know, that I'm back to run the show."

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TEERING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ It's time for the NBA and MLB to copy the NFL and take all the power out of the fans' hands and let players have some say in All-Star voting, so that Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson wouldn't start in a year when both have barely started for their teams. ... Lane Kiffin, you just can't help but stay in the news. This time it was for crashing a leased car into a tree while still at Tennessee.

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SEC WEEKLY AWARDS

■ Shot-putter Mariam Kevkhishvili was named SEC Female Field Athlete of the Week, and Gymnast Ashanee Dickerson was named SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Week honors.

UF GYMNASTICS

Freshman shines right away

By **TOM GREEN**
Alligator Writer

Coming into the season, the Gators knew they would have to depend heavily on their underclassmen, including five freshmen who made up the nation's top recruiting class.

With the graduation of 10-time All-American Corey Hartung and the dismissal of nine-time All-American Melanie Sinclair, UF coach Rhonda Faehn knew her young talent would have to step up quickly for the team to succeed.

No freshman has made a bigger impact already than Ashanée Dickerson, who was named the Southeastern Conference Freshman Gymnast of the Week on Tuesday after her impressive performance against Arkansas in the Gators' home-opener.

In her first two collegiate meets, Dickerson has won the all-around competition twice, with scores of 39.35 against Oklahoma and 39.475 against Arkansas. The performances make her the first Florida freshman since Hartung to record two all-around wins in her first two collegiate meets.

"I think she's the best freshman out there," Faehn said. "I think she's the best freshman in the SEC."

Replacing Hartung is a large role to fill, and Dickerson, who is from Jacksonville and has been attending Florida gymnastics meets since she was 8 years old, knows that well.

"Just to be out on the floor in a Gator leotard was a dream come true," Dickerson said. "To run out of that tunnel was amazing."

Not even Dickerson expected to have this much success so early in her career. After Friday's Arkansas meet, she said she was thrilled

and surprised to come away with her second all-around victory.

"I don't think anyone deserves it more so far," Faehn said. "She works so hard, and she's very humble and appreciative."

That hard work has paid off early on this season, as Dickerson's score against Arkansas was good enough for the second-best all-around score in the nation, behind LSU's Susan Jackson, who scored a 39.625 last week.

Dickerson's average of 39.412 also ranks second in the nation to Jackson's 39.45.

Arguably the biggest sign of Dickerson's rising stardom for the team is the Gators' willingness to rely on her when it matters the most.

The team led by .35 points against Arkansas as it headed into its final event and needed a solid effort on floor exercises to hold off the Razorbacks.

The Gators opened up the event with 9.8 and a 9.85 by freshman Liz Green and sophomore Amy Ferguson, respectively. In the third routine, freshman Randy Stageberg struggled and scored a 9.15.

Following Stageberg, freshman Marissa King and senior Maranda Smith posted a pair of 9.825s and the team was depending on Dickerson, in what she considers to be her best event.

"With Ashanée going up last, we knew she was going to hit," Faehn said after the meet. "That's a reassuring feeling."

Dickerson's floor exercise earned her a 9.9, which helped seal the victory for Florida and capped off her all-around title performance.

"She's loaded with even more potential than she's competing with right now," Faehn said. "She's just kind of getting started."



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UF gymnast Ashanée Dickerson has won the all-around title in her first two collegiate competitions.

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UConn's Calhoun to take medical leave of absence

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HARTFORD, Conn. -- Connecticut men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun took a medical leave Tuesday for an undisclosed condition, the latest health concern for the 67-year-old Hall of Famer.

The school did not provide additional details. Calhoun had prostate cancer in 2003 and skin cancer twice, most recently in 2008.

Dr. Peter Schulman, the coach's primary-care physician, said in a statement he advised Calhoun to take time off "to address some temporary medical issues, none of which involve any previous medical conditions that he has dealt with."

Associate head coach George Blaney will run the Huskies in Calhoun's absence. UConn is 11-6 and fell out of the Top 25 this week after losing three straight games. The Huskies host

St. John's on Wednesday night and top-ranked Texas on Saturday.

"Our primary concern is coach Calhoun's health and his complete recovery," UConn athletics director Jeff Hathaway said. "We will do everything possible to support Coach during this time."

Calhoun usually meets with the media the day before the game. He was not available Tuesday – a day earlier, the school said he had prior commitments and a late practice.

Calhoun has won two national championships at Connecticut.

He guided the Huskies to the Final Four last season but missed the Huskies' first NCAA tournament game in March after being hospitalized for dehydration.

Last June, he was hospitalized after breaking several ribs during a charity bike ride.

Indiana Pacers guard A.J. Price, who starred

for UConn last season, found out about Calhoun's leave shortly before Tuesday night's game at Miami.

"Obviously, I'm concerned," he said. "I hope he's OK. I hope it's nothing too serious, that he's able to come back and that he doesn't end his career this way."



Calhoun

"He's so passionate and emotional about the game. When it comes to actual gametime, that's when he's at his most intense. It really doesn't matter if we're winning, it's a big game, not a big game, losing, it doesn't matter, that's just when he's his most intense," Price said. "He's such a competitor and with them playing the way they're playing right now, not winning too much, that could also have something to do with it. Knowing

what kind of guy he is, how much he wants to win, probably makes things more difficult for him right now."

Calhoun was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2005 and has a career record of 816-348. He is seventh place on the all-time wins list, one win behind Syracuse's Jim Boeheim.

Several other off-the-court issues had prompted questions about Calhoun's future, including an investigation into UConn's recruitment of former player Nate Miles. Calhoun has acknowledged that he or his staff may have made mistakes in recruiting Miles.

It is not clear when that investigation will be complete.

Last month, Calhoun said a new multiyear contract with UConn was "just on the horizon." He is making \$1.6 million in the final season of a six-year deal.

Smaller squad leads to tiring workouts

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man wasn't exactly the ideal candidate to mimic the 6-foot-7, 245-pound Mitchell, who scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds against UF on Saturday.

"Not to take nothing away from them, but they're nowhere near those type of guys," sophomore point guard Erving Walker said. "Ray is good, but he's not Tasmin Mitchell – he's a guard trying to be a forward."

Freshman guard Kenny Boynton said the biggest difference for the players has been the switch from five-on-five to four-on-four scrimmages, a change that has made practices a little more tiring for those capable of taking the floor.

Possibly the most important change made in practices, though, was Donovan's decision to break up Friday's practice with a short film session in between drills and scrimmages.

The move simulated the break the team would have at halftime, after which UF has come out slow for most of the season.

The move paid off Saturday, as the Gators started off the second half with a 23-6 run that put the game all but out of reach with 12:53 remaining.

"I'm gonna try to keep doing that," Donovan said. "I'm not gonna say we'll do it every day, but it's something we'll try to continue."

At least a few of Donovan's players hope to see it become a more common occurrence, especially after seeing how effective it proved to be.

"I don't have a problem doing it," Parsons said. "We're 1-0 doing it, so why not?"

UF's coaches have past experience with each other

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Gardner honed her SEC knowledge at Arkansas from 2003-2007 and brought that to a youthful coaching staff.

The reversal of roles between Butler and Gardner has helped Butler as a head coach, working for her previous boss.

"It certainly gives me a greater appreciation, when we're having debates about how we want to do things, where she's coming from because I feel like I have insight into how she thinks," Butler said.

The history and comfortability between Butler and her aides got them on the same coaching page, which translated to the players.

"Definitely the familiarity with one another helps," Butler said. "It helps in terms of communication and just being effective and efficient."



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In conference play, when there's a quick turnaround between games, the exchange of communication is invaluable.

"I think they're definitely comfortable with each other," sophomore guard Jordan Jones said. "You see it with the way they pick on each other. They expect certain things out of each other. They know their roles and they play them well."

Whether it's Butler, as the enforcer barking out directions, or Gardener patting a player on the back on one of her good days, the staff's familiarity is something that has trickled down to the players and bred success.

"My challenge was to put together the best staff that I possibly could, to not just compete in the SEC, but to win championships in the SEC," Butler said. "I chose them to be on staff because they were exceptional: exceptional recruiters, great basketball minds and above all things, exceptionally loyal and hard workers."



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UF coach Amanda Butler has built her staff with coaches she has worked with in the past.

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The Mack held things down against LSU with 14 points — more than he scored in his first two SEC games combined. He tied a season-high with eight rebounds, but most importantly, he played 28 minutes and collected zero fouls.

In the previous two games, Macklin was on the court for just 33 total minutes and racked up nine fouls.

The Gators already have a depth problem, and they can't afford to have their biggest threat in the paint dropping out of games early for picking up weak fouls.

Macklin was physical against the Tigers, but he did it in a smarter way.

He did a better job of getting in position, which led to more rebounds, less fouls and more room to be aggressive on the offensive end.

"We've had him in foul trouble

the first two games, and when we have him down there, he's a load," forward Chandler Parsons said. "When we get him the ball in the post, he's really hard to guard. We definitely need him on the court."

Parsons also called Macklin "one of the most unselfish big guys I've ever played with in my life." For that reason, he may never go off for 25 points in a game, but the Gators don't need him to.

Macklin just has to stay on the court, make a few of his silky-

smooth hook shots and play defense.

"He's a big, strong presence for us," guard Erving Walker said. "He can battle with all those big guys when he's able to play aggressive and not get fouls. I think he's as good as (Kentucky forward DeMarcus) Cousins and all those guys, so we need to keep him on the floor. That makes everyone's job easier because we can be more aggressive on the press knowing he's back there."

Macklin has a ripple effect just by staying out of foul trouble, and the immediate future looks good for a few confidence-boosters.

He'll be the tallest player on the court against the Gators' next two opponents, Arkansas and South Carolina, who are the SEC's worst teams in terms of rebounding margin.

If he relapses into his freely fouling ways against those teams, I might have to change that song suggestion to "Thunder Road."



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Former Broncos defensive coordinator Mike Nolan was hired to the same position for the Dolphins less than 24 hours after resigning from Denver.

Dolphins hire Nolan as DC

■ MIAMI ALSO HIRED BILL SHERIDAN AS INSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Defensive coordinator Mike Nolan's stay on the NFL job market was brief.

The Miami Dolphins hired Nolan on Tuesday, less than 24 hours after the announcement he was leaving the Denver Broncos after one season.

Nolan replaces Paul Pasqualoni, who was fired after the Miami defense backslid in his second season.

The Dolphins also announced the hiring of former New York Giants assistant coach Bill Sheridan as inside linebackers coach, who also had only one season as his former team's defensive coordinator before leaving.

Miami was in need of an inside linebackers coach after George Edwards left that post to become the defensive coordinator of the Gators early this month.

Nolan spent four seasons as head coach of the San Francisco 49ers, where he went 18-37 before being fired midway through the 2008 season.

He has made five stops as an NFL defensive coordinator: Denver, Baltimore (2002-04), the New York Jets (2000), Washington (1997-99) and the Giants (1993-96).

Bill Parcells, the Dolphins' football czar, had the same job with the Jets when Nolan worked there.

Nolan became available after the Dolphins' courtships of Al Groh and Keith Butler failed to produce an agreement. Groh became defen-

sive coordinator at Georgia Tech, and Butler decided to remain with the Pittsburgh Steelers as linebackers coach.

Miami head coach Tony Sparano favors a 3-4 defense, and Nolan converted the Broncos to that scheme last year.

Denver improved to seventh in the NFL in defense from 29th in 2008, but the team faded badly and missed the postseason for a fourth consecutive year.

In their final four games, the Broncos gave up 122 points.

Still, Nolan's departure was a surprise, and the reason for the split with Denver coach Josh McDaniels was unknown.

The Dolphins also missed the playoffs at 7-9.

They ranked 25th in scoring defense and were prone to giving up big plays this season. In 2008, Miami was ranked ninth in scoring defense.

Miami allowed a franchise-record 140 points in the fourth quarter, most in the NFL this year.

And in the final three games, desperate to stay in the playoff race, the Dolphins fell behind 24-6, 27-0 and 27-10.

Now that the Dolphins have a new defensive coordinator, they can intensify their shopping for linebackers and a free safety, which is needed because of the aging players currently on the roster.

Linebackers Jason Taylor and Joey Porter and nose tackle Jason Ferguson, all in their 30s, are among those who might not be back in 2010.



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