



# SG party names president pick

■ CAVATARO IS A FORMER ORANGE AND BLUE SEN.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**  
Alligator Writer

Its name still remains a mystery, but the newly formed Student Government party has found its candidate for Student Body President in former Orange and Blue Party Sen. Ben Cavaturo.

The new party is a combination of the Progress Party and the Orange and Blue Party.

It will announce its name and the other party leaders on its ticket at the end of the week, Cavaturo said.

"We are looking forward to having a very exciting ticket with

leaders from all across campus," he said.

Cavaturo, who served on the Student Senate for two years, said his campaign focuses on making changes in SG and protecting student interests.

"We need a system that's going to work for all of us, not just a handful," he said.

He said the party hopes to protect funds delegated for Bright Futures.

It also hopes to use the multi-million-dollar SG budget responsibly and make SG and its expenditures more transparent, Cavaturo said.

"We want to make sure that any

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## SPECIAL REPORT

# 'Fake IDs' give RTS, RecSports problems

By **ALEX ORLANDO**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Bouncers aren't the only ones dealing with fake or borrowed IDs.

Regional Transit System and UF's RecSports employees are finding non-UF students are trying to cash in on the perks enjoyed by Gator 1 Card holders.

UF students pay the transportation access fee of \$6.79 per credit hour in their tuition, but for non-students, a free bus ride is as simple as finding or stealing a Gator 1 Card.

Non-students caught using fake or borrowed cards cannot be charged with using fake identification because the Gator 1 Card is not state-issued, said University Police Capt. Jeff Holcomb.

However, offenders can face penalties ranging from being kicked off the bus, being stripped of the

card or being issued a trespassing warning.

"The warning means: 'Don't come back to UF's campus,'" Holcomb said. "If you come back again, you can be arrested."

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**Jeff Holcomb**  
University Police Captain

Chip Skinner, spokesman for Regional Transit System, said borrowed and fake Gator 1 Cards have been a problem in the past.

"We've seen it going on for quite a while — ever since we had passes on the bus," Skinner said.

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Juliana Jimenez / Alligator

### POST SECRET

Seniors Nate Stein, right, and Jeff Goetz, left, stand on Turlington Plaza Wednesday wearing underwear and Post-its for their Digital Frontiers class. Students donated \$1 to victims of the earthquake in Haiti by sticking a Post-it note somewhere on Stein's and Goetz's bodies.

# Mayor gives last yearly address She praised GPD, fire dept.

By **CJ PRUNER**  
Alligator Writer

Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan delivered her final State of the City address Wednesday morning at the Hippodrome State Theatre.

Hanrahan, who spoke for 40 minutes to a crowd of roughly 80, addressed many of the city's successes and shortcomings.

"Each of us carries an obligation to take individual responsibility for our community's

quality of life and to nourish our shared dreams and plans for the future," she told the audience.



Hanrahan

despite recent setbacks in the job market.

"It is in this crucible of finan-

cial pressure where together as a community we should find the strength and courage to care for one another, to support one another, to provide for one," she said.

another, to help one another and through that process, to create the Gainesville we want.

She also discussed the city's efforts to promote environmental awareness, urging citizens to keep Gainesville clean.

"There's no place for a decades-old, contaminated superfund site," she said. "With your

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■ Sophomore Erving Walker and the Gators take on the Razorbacks in Fayetteville, Ark., tonight before returning to Gainesville to face the Gamecocks on Saturday. See Story, Page 15.



### Man tells cops he paid for sex, but didn't get it

MARLBOROUGH, N.H. (AP) — Police said a man and woman from New Hampshire are each facing prostitution charges after the man called police to say he'd paid for sex, but the woman then refused. WMUR-TV reported a 22-year-old woman and 32-year-old man were cited into court at a later date.

Police said the man called Marlborough Police on Monday to say he'd paid the woman and a third party \$150 to have sex with him on Sunday, but she wouldn't follow through.

Police said they're still investigating the third party.

### Students

swapped heels for slippers Wednesday to raise money for Relay for Life at The Swamp Restaurant. See Story, Page 3.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Florida Alternative Breaks TCBY fundraiser

Friday 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
3102 SW 34th St.

FAB's HIV/AIDS trip is hosting a fundraiser at TCBY to lower costs for its spring break service trip.

## Hungry for Haiti Fundraiser

Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house  
Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Phi Epsilon are hosting a fundraiser where, for \$5, guests can enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake brunch. Proceeds from the event will go to Gators United for Haiti to benefit earthquake victims.

## Peace Corps Education Globe Talk

Today, 6:30 p.m.

Interested in working in education abroad? Come out to the International Center in the Hub to hear returned Peace Corps volunteers speak about their experiences around the world. A recruiter will answer questions about the Peace Corps application process. E-mail [peacecorps@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:peacecorps@ufic.ufl.edu) with questions.

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## CORRECTION

An article in Wednesday's Alligator incorrectly identified Bryan Griffin as the UF College Republicans executive director. He is the president of the UF group and executive director of Florida College Republicans.

## STATE

## Florida Senate president: no new taxes or fees

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Senate President Jeff Atwater told his chamber's budget writers Wednesday not to raise taxes or fees during this election year to

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close a projected spending gap of up to \$3.2 billion.

The potential deficit is the difference between anticipated revenue and the growing cost of meeting high-priority demands such as public schools and Medicaid, the state-federal program that provides health care to low-income citizens.

Lawmakers last year relied on \$2.2 billion in fee and tax increases as well as spending cuts and federal stimulus dollars to balance a \$66.5 billion budget, but Atwater told the Senate Ways and Means Committee that Floridians "do not have one more dime to send us."

"We will not extract one more dollar from the small business owner of this state or from any Floridian's wallet," said the North Palm Beach Republican, also a candidate for chief financial officer.

Ways and Means Chairman JD Alexander, R-Lake Wales, said the Legislature would have to cut or reorder spending by 3 or 4 percent to close the budget gap.

Atwater invited all 40 senators to the meeting that included reports on the status of Florida's economy.

Legislative economist Amy Baker said Florida will lag the rest of the nation in recovering from the Great Recession due largely to the state's housing surplus. She said unemployment, which hit 11.4 percent in November, likely will peak at 12 percent later this year.

Alexander said the budget gap is being driven mainly by growing Medicaid rolls and state employee retirement costs as well as a drop in property tax revenue that's a big part of the state public school financing

system. Taxes collected at the local level are down due to declines in real estate values and the slowdown in new construction.

"We should be able to make it work, but we're going to have some serious decisions to work through," Alexander said.

He said lawmakers need to look hard at Medicaid to make sure money is spent efficiently and root out fraud and abuse that have plagued the program.

Education is the biggest part of the budget, but Alexander and Atwater said they'd prefer not to cut public school spending. Alexander said he couldn't make any promises but they'd "do everything we can to maintain the good work that's being done" particularly by community colleges.

Atwater said a push by business interests to increase state university spending, though, will be "very difficult to accomplish."

Atwater's declaration against tax and fee increases doesn't include university tuition. He said it's up to individual universities to decide whether to raise tuition under a law passed last year.

It lets each school raise tuition up to 15 percent a year, including any statewide increase passed by the Legislature, until reaching the national average. Florida's tuition rates remain among the nation's lowest although every university opted for the maximum increase last year.

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# Students wear PJs

■ THEY RAISED MONEY FOR RELAY FOR LIFE.

By TYLER JETT  
Alligator Writer

Students in pajama pants and slippers gathered on the second floor of The Swamp Restaurant Wednesday night, but no one was sleeping.

The UF Relay for Life committee hosted the pajama party-themed meeting to parallel this year's theme, "A Relay Big Party."

"We thought we would do a pajama party to get everyone in the spirit of the theme and get everyone motivated," said Andrew Ruiz, the event's chairman.

During the meeting, team captains were instructed how to get donations from companies and motivate members of their team to raise money. Committee members also asked team captains to get cancer survivors involved in the event.

American Cancer Society community representative Brett Hipsley challenged UF students to raise more money through Relay for Life than Florida State University.

Hipsley, a UF alumnus, referenced a UF commercial that featured Gators encouraging each other to succeed in their field. In the ad, one person tells another to "go cure cancer."

"That's why they say that in the commercial — because the University of Florida is going to cure cancer," Hipsley said.

Ruiz hopes each team can raise between \$1,000 and \$1,500.



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Devon Vickers, a cancer survivor, and Chantal Jones talk to a group of Relay for Life participants about fundraising for cancer research.

# Haiti orphans come to US

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MIAMI — Tammy Gage cries every time she turns on the TV and sees the devastation in Haiti. And though she already has three daughters, she didn't hesitate when her husband suggested that they adopt from Haiti.

"That's all he needed to say," she said.

Gage and her husband Brad are among many Americans expressing interest in adopting children who have been left orphans from the quake last week. Adoption advocacy groups are reporting dozens of calls a day.

"The agencies are being flooded with phone calls and e-mails," said Tom Difulipo, president and CEO of the advocacy group Joint Council on International Children's Services. "The response is 'Can we help with these children by adopting them?'"

There is no counting children newly orphaned by the quake, but aid groups estimate the number in tens of thousands.

"Everybody here and in the world wants to do something. I think it's a way that people are opening up their heads and their hearts," said Mary Ross Agosta, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Miami, which has offered temporary housing for children until they are either placed with extended family, put in foster care or adopted.

This week, 54 orphans arrived in Pittsburgh after a mission that involved officials in the White House, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. The orphans were being cared for at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. So far, seven children have been placed with their adoptive families.

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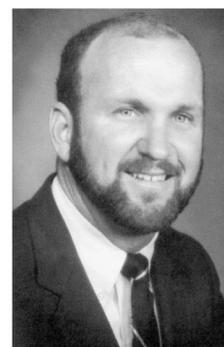
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# UF's Ice Hockey club wins Georgia tournament

## More than 5,000 fans attended

By **JOEY FLECHAS**  
Alligator Writer

UF's Ice Hockey club skated away with the Thrasher Cup after winning the Savannah Tire Hockey Classic in Savannah, Ga., last weekend.

Three Gators, including goalie Casey Ferris, team captain Jonathan Pavlinec and defenseman Matt Stankowicz, made the all-tournament team.

After beating both Univeristy of Georgia

and Florida State Univeristy, the team's record is now 8-4.

Ferris, a senior, said he thinks the team is winning because the players have bonded more than in previous years.

Ferris said the team has never defeated Georgia and FSU in the same tournament until this year.

Ferris, a three-year veteran, was happy to see the team grab the attention of other teams and more than 5,000 fans who attended.

"We're finally getting recognized in our division," he said.

The club team, founded in 1996, competes in Division III in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

But second-year head coach Joel Pagett said the players approach the sport as if they were playing in Division I, which is their goal.

### Gators Special teams

"We're definitely committed to getting the team to the next level," he said.

As a member of the Southeastern Collegiate Hockey Conference, the club plays familiar SEC opponents, including Univeristy of Alabama and Univeristy of Tennessee, in the regular season — October through February.

The players have nowhere to practice in Gainesville, so they make a weekly trip to Jacksonville Wednesday nights to get on the ice.

Despite the recent winning streak, assistant coach Dan Boutin said the team's poor history has kept it from cracking the rankings, which are determined through a coaches' poll.

He insists, however, that it only inspires the team more.

"I'm smiling inside because it's a motivational tool," he said.

The Gators' next game is against Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

## NATIONAL

# Loss crushes Dems

By **MATT HARRINGER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Republican Scott Brown's win in the Massachusetts Senate race Tuesday night signaled a political tug-of-war between Alachua County officials.

A victory for the Republicans, his election destroyed the Democrats' super majority and struck a blow to health care legislation.

Stafford Jones, chairman of the Alachua County Republican Party, said he was "tickled pink" when Brown won Tuesday night.

Because Brown's victory makes 41 Republicans in the Senate, Jones said he thinks they will be able to halt health care legislation.

But Jon Reiskind, chairman of the Alachua County Democrats, said he's disappointed with the loss.

Reiskind said he doesn't know what the Democratic leadership in Congress will do, but he'd like to see health care reform succeed in the future.

"We cannot put it off another decade," Reiskind said, "We'll see a problem far worse than today."

Reiskind said the country is facing a health care crisis.

"It's not a Democrat or a Republican problem," he said. "It's a national problem."



Brown

# Students discuss survey results

■ MORE THAN 28,000 STUDENTS TOOK THE SURVEY ABOUT UF EXPERIENCE.

By **ALLY FOX**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 75 students gathered to discuss the results of the Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) survey in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom Wednesday night.

The survey was conducted in the spring of 2009 and asked all UF undergraduate students about their campus experiences at the university.

The survey was distributed at six universities across the country, and UF ranked first in social experience and value of education, according to the Office of Institutional Planning and Research Web site.

Participants talked about results and about their classroom and academic experiences.

About two-thirds of UF undergraduates said they were satisfied or very satisfied with instruction.

UF junior Ismail ibn Ali said he noticed a decrease in his class sizes from his freshman to junior year.

He said the quality of education gets better as class sizes get smaller and believes the smaller class sizes contribute to student satisfaction with the quality of their professors.

Students also talked about the impact of socioeconomic status on student academic experiences.

The survey showed 82 percent of those who considered themselves of higher socio-economic status feel respected, compared to 37 percent of the lower socio-economic status.

The groups discussed how the way students dress could affect people's perceptions of them.

Anthony Crenshaw, assistant director of multicultural and diversity affairs, said the event went well.

"It's good for people to be able to hear experiences from different students," Crenshaw said.

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# Party name to be released this week

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fees that are imposed on students are approved first," Cavataro said.

Cavataro said he is confident the outcome of this election will be a good one for his party and UF students.

"We haven't been in power forever, and we may not have the resources of the incumbent party, but we have the students on our side, we're fighting for their issues and that's what really matters," Cavataro said.

He said he decided to run after encouragement from friends and colleagues.

"It's an honor to run, and, together with many others, we're going to win this thing and change the university for the better," Cavataro said.

He said the party's primary focus is fighting for changes that will benefit students.

"We're in it to win it," Cavataro



Cavataro

said.

The Unite Party is also in the process of choosing its party leaders.

Unite Party spokesman Ben Meyers said the Unite Party candidates and platform will be announced soon.

He said the Unite Party was founded one year ago with the goal of uniting the campus and representing the entire Student Body.

"We feel that it's time to show that we've done that," Meyers said.

# 44 suspended from intramurals last fall

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He estimated 75 percent of bus riders are UF students, faculty and staff, and nine of 23 bus routes to UF run strictly on campus.

Holcomb said counterfeit cards were not used as much for getting football tickets or for campus activities such as GatorNights because the events require the cards to be scanned. People scanning IDs often overlook the pictures on cards, so borrowed cards are easier to pass off in these situations.

Jon Broska, assistant director for UF intramural sports, said non-students have also been using fake or borrowed Gator 1 Cards to play intramurals and gain access to UF fitness centers.

Last semester, there were 22 instances of people using fake or borrowed cards to play, Broska said, usually for outdoor sports.

Broska said when a person is caught trying to use a borrowed card, that person and the card's original own-

er are suspended indefinitely from intramural sports. Forty-four players were suspended last semester.

After the owner of the card is notified, the card is revoked from its holder and placed in a lockbox in his office, Broska said.

"If they want to play again, they're going to have to set up a meeting with me, so we can work something out," he said.

David Looney, assistant director of the business services division at UF, said it is more difficult for non-students to attain his or her own Gator 1 Card than borrowing a card, and it comes with higher stakes.

When applying for a Gator 1 Card, students must be able to produce a valid UF ID number along with another form of government-issued identification, Looney said.

He added if the applicant could not show valid identification after applying for a card, the case would be treated as identity theft, and a Gator 1 Central employee would then contact the University Police Department.

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perseverance and your voice, we will prevail."

She praised the performance of Gainesville Fire Rescue and police departments, notably Police Chief Tony Jones.

"Chief Jones is moving quickly to restore public confidence in a department whose distinguished record of ser-

"Each of us carries an obligation to take individual responsibility for our community's quality of life and to nourish our shared dreams and plans for the future."

**Pegeen Hanrahan**  
Gainesville Mayor

vice has been unfairly tarnished by the individual actions of a few disgraced officers," she said.

Looking toward the future, the mayor addressed projects concerning the city's proposed \$18.2 million traffic management system, which is slated to be finished by September, as well as Gainesville's homelessness prevention campaign.

Although she recognized many of the city's successes, Hanrahan said there's much more to be done within the city, especially improving graduation rates, attracting more businesses to the area and reducing poverty.

"This is not the time to go back to old, outdated paradigms, but to capture the innovation and market advantage that define who we are," she said. "I encourage all of us to lift ourselves on the buoyancy of hope and begin now to fulfill our aspirations. That's the way to achieve the Gainesville that we want."

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## Editorial

## Sorry, Ted

### Democrats shouldn't give up after loss

One of the bluest states in the country spat on Ted Kennedy's grave Tuesday when Massachusetts elected Republican Scott Brown, and the Editorial Board can't help but feel that Massachusetts voters delivered a sucker punch to the U.S. as a whole.

Granted, Coakley ran a lackluster campaign, and Democrats should have pulled for her harder if for no other reason than to block Brown.

But now isn't the time to look backward and point fingers — at Coakley, at Obama, at anyone. It's time to look forward and figure out how health reform can survive despite the GOP's best efforts to pull the plug.

With reform inching — albeit slowly — closer to realization, progressive Democrats need all the help they can get to overcome vehement Republican opposition, and with some Democrats making the process more difficult by refusing to back their peers, 41 Republican seats will make the struggle even more intense.

But as they fight the battle for health care reform, Democrats need to stick to their ideals and refuse to admit defeat. If they try but lose, they will have earned our continued respect.

But if they let this slap in the face rupture their will to rebuild a broken system and help millions of Americans, they will alienate even the most devout liberals.

As Kennedy said, "If the Democrats run for cover, if we become pale carbon copies of the opposition, we will lose — and we deserve to lose. The last thing this country needs is two Republican Parties."

## Stayin' Alive

The New York Times announced Wednesday afternoon that in 2011 it will offer online readers only a limited number of articles for free each month. In this "metered system," once users reach their limit, they will be charged or denied access.

The Times optimistically presents this as bringing in another revenue stream on top of advertising. While this contradicts the long-held belief that pay walls destroy advertising revenue, it's possible that the Times has an answer to this hidden in its new plan.

However, details on what access will cost or the exact article cap are scarce, and the balancing of these two variables while increasing revenue and keeping readers

happy and dedicated will be a feat heretofore unseen in the online age.

Some will cheer this decision as a sign of newspapers standing up for their true worth. Others will scoff and quote lines of doom, preaching that people have only ever paid for the paper, not the words printed on it.

Either way, in our opinion, it's better than waiting for the slow decay that the current model has promoted.

By making a move, the Times may hasten its own demise or it may eventually discover the model that will save itself and the few papers in its league, who would surely follow suite.

Ultimately, if the business of large-scale journalism is to stay alive, it's going to have to stay on its feet.

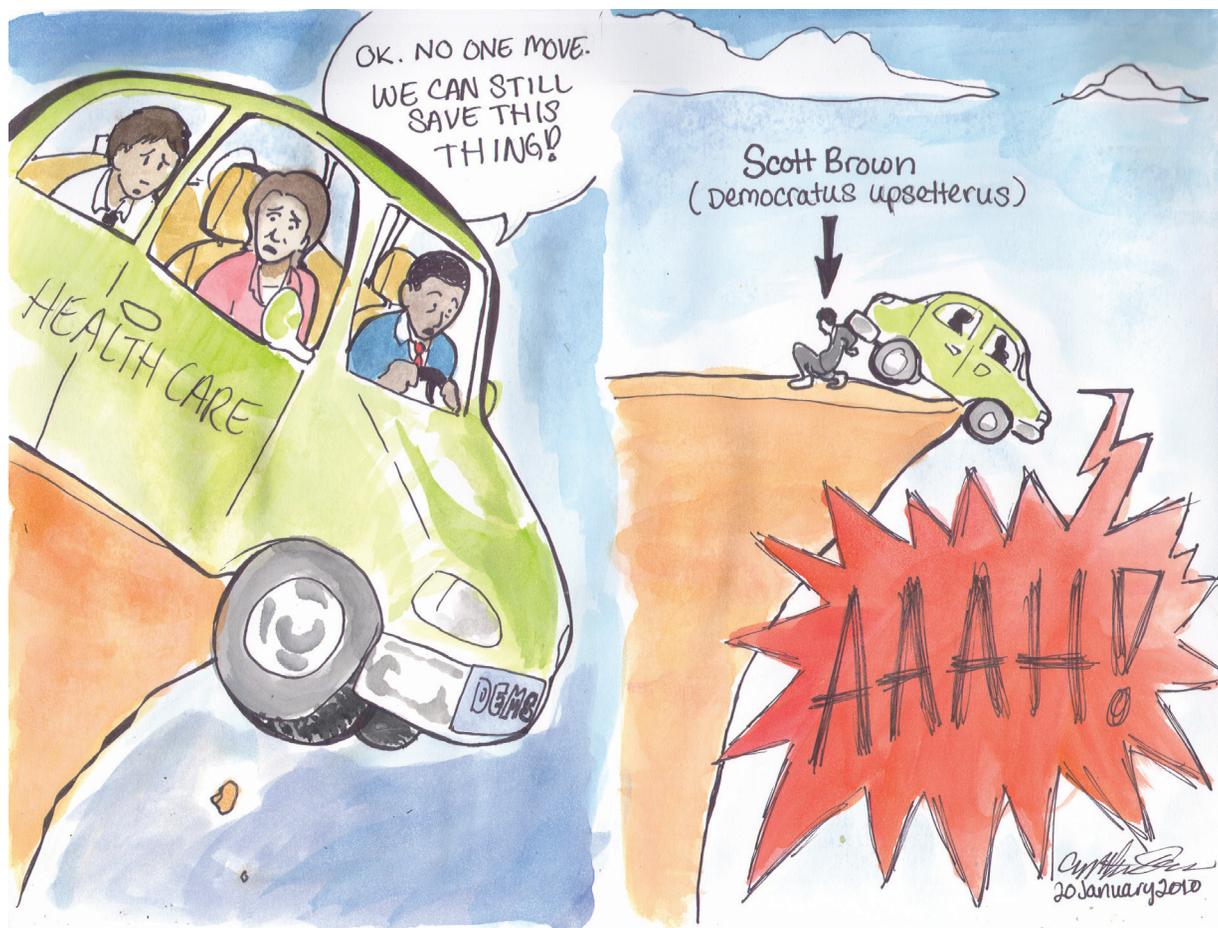
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Column

## 'Avatar' parallels Republican Party

Read as a straightforward attack on capitalism in a blue-green hue, many conservatives have angrily vented across all media platforms belittling "Avatar" as yet another Hollywood-leftist-socialist-homosexual-pantheistic-anthropobic diatribe.

This conclusion is painfully myopic and does not take into account any level of nuance, which is where director James Cameron truly shows his esoteric genius.

Full disclosure — I wholeheartedly believe "Titanic" was an obvious parable for the Cuban Missile Crisis (Leonardo DiCaprio is JFK, Kate Winslet is the Soviet Union and, of course, the boat is the soul of Karl Marx. Cuba is the iceberg, and Fidel Castro looks pretty much exactly like Billy Zane anyway).

Seeing that American conservatives are the indigent, blue humanoid population of the planet Pandora isn't exactly groundbreaking. The Na'vi would rather die than give up their weapons, and their fiercely libertarian take on property rights was even mentioned in a Washington Post blog last week.

Cameron, though, evidently meant to set up the Na'vi not just as American conservatives, but as specific conservative commentators. Seething with righteous rage yet sensitive enough to cry, the female protagonist Neytiri looks eerily like a caricature of Sarah Palin. Pretty, more than a little bit earthy, handy with a bow and arrow and oblivious to global political ramifications — sounds like a match to me.

Neytiri's regal-but-doomed family is clearly a nod to the Bush administration in a time of great tumult and disarray for the right, with Dick Cheney conspicuously depicted as Neytiri's mom — the all-knowing witch doctor.

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**Tommy Maple**  
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in and recharged before battle, represents the Fox News Channel. The shows and hosts rejuvenate viewers with a buoyant feeling not unlike the power of the mystical tree. In fact, when Glenn Beck drops acid and starts thinking about FEMA, his tail begins to glow with a soft white light.

Obama and the Dems in Congress are the evil military industrialists in my deduction, and it is hardly a stretch — even the name of the quasi-governmental corporation they all work for, the Resources Development Administration, sounds like something to which Obama would appoint a czar.

Obama orders his Congressional troops to blow to smithereens the limits on political power that keep the government from interfering with the American economy (Hometree), and then he wants to use nuclear weapons to enact a series of wholesale changes to American life. Unobtanium, the precious resource atop which the Na'vi have developed their society, is the symbolic soul of American wildcat independence — like a magical pickle jar containing Andrew Jackson's heart and testicles.

Seen in this new light, "Avatar" is instantly transformed into a redemptive Republican flick worthy of praise from even the staunchest conservative. Fun DVD extra to look out for: About two and a half hours into the movie, one can clearly see scared gunship pilot Harry Reid have his face smashed in by Na'vi warrior Glenn Beck, riding a majestic and angry flying Toruk that looks suspiciously like Rush Limbaugh.

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

### Reader response

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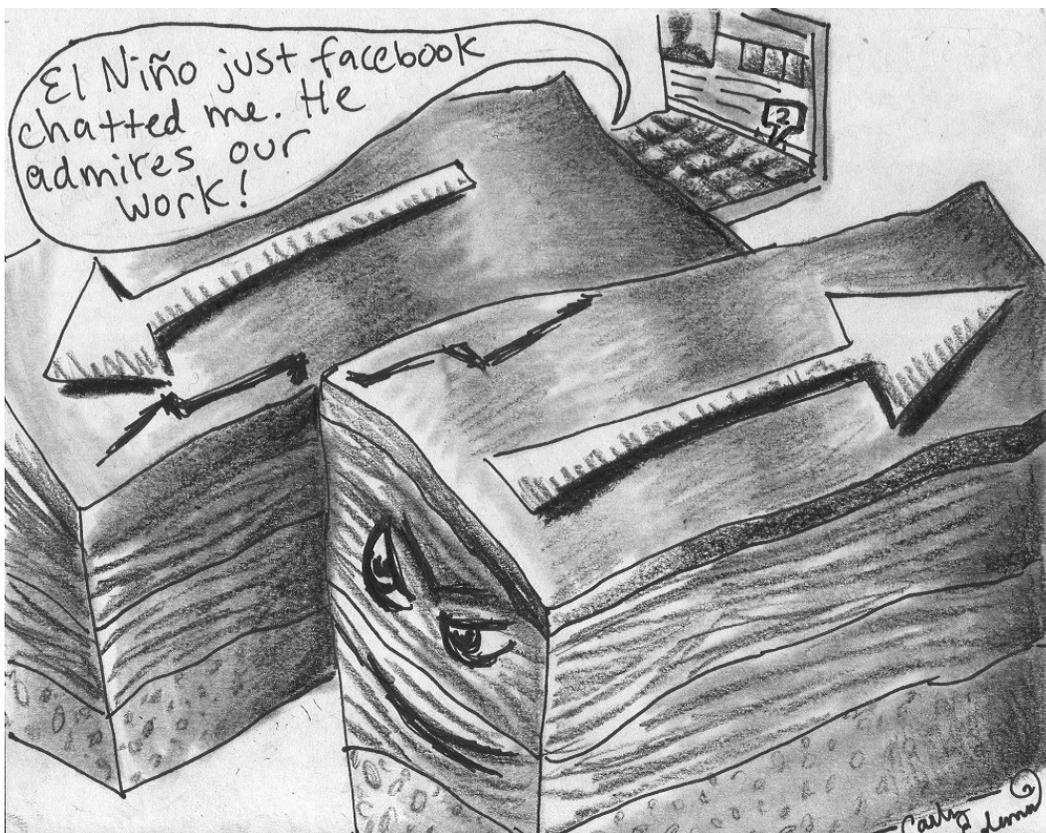
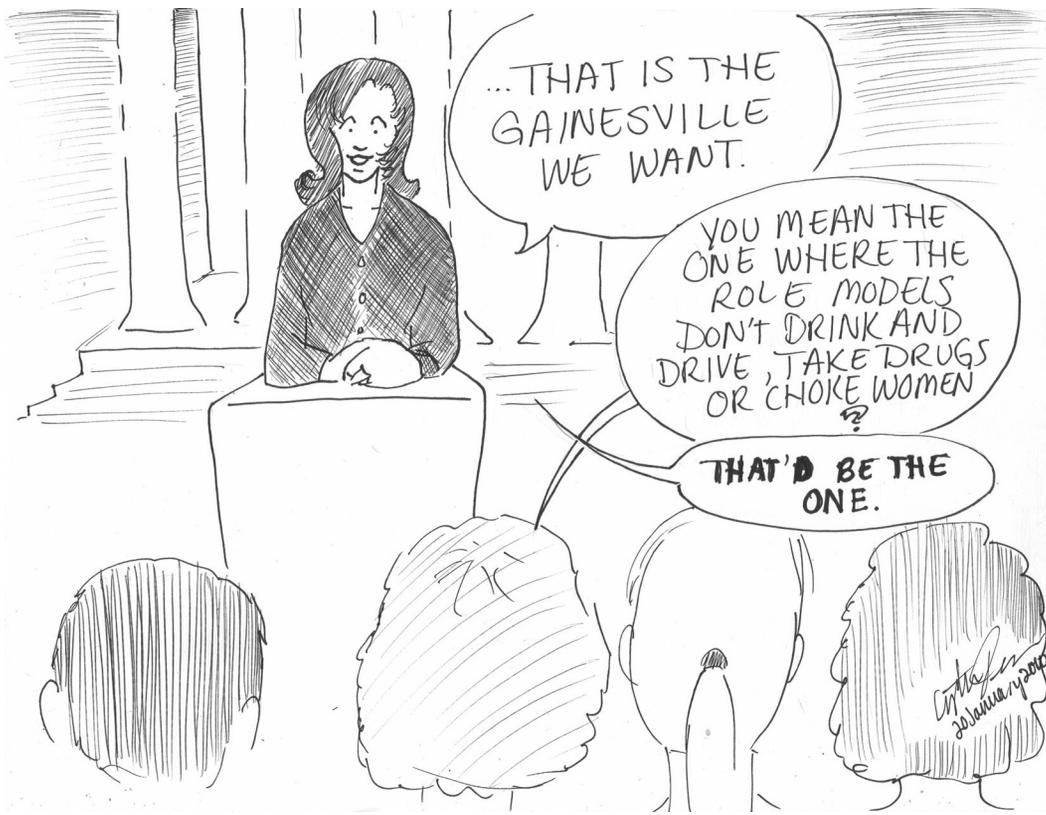
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## Guest column

## TV lessons lessen with time

No offense to my parents, but I was raised by television.

They simply couldn't compete with the hundreds of channels TV offered me. Even as I got older, I realized that everyone in my generation could bond over one show or another.

That fact alone is not troubling. However, the content of these programs is.

From staged reality shows to never-ending sports coverage to the latest stalker-esque update on some talentless pop-culture star, every program seems to just numb the mind.

You might be thinking, "Well, isn't TV supposed to numb the mind?" The lack of mental stimulation would not be a problem if TV were not placed in the center of our living rooms, our bedrooms, our entire lives. We can even stream TV on our phones. The sheer amount of hours spent in front of it might make it our most influential teacher.

The Learning Channel (now commonly known as TLC to hide the fact that it teaches you nothing) airs a reality show about the now infamous Octomom, while The History Channel has quests for fictional monsters and biased documentaries on conspiracy theories.

Once you think of TV as our generation's greatest teacher, it suddenly becomes clear how damaging a lesson in numbness can be.

While these shows may be put on TV with the best of intentions, the end result always seems to be a dumbing down of our culture.

And like someone much smarter than me once observed — maybe because he didn't have a TV to distract him — the road to hell is paved in good intentions.

So what is the solution?

America needs more smart people on TV. We need more intellectual discourse.

We need to show each other that smart people can be entertaining too, and that watching some celebrity train wreck to make yourself feel better

**Eric Tegethoff** Speaking Out about your life doesn't actually make your life any better.

I've noticed a trend in TV's educational value. Shows meant for children appear to be getting smarter, but as you get older, programs teach you less and less.

For instance, "Dora the Explorer" teaches children functional moral lessons (and even a little Spanish).

Once children get to "Jonas," starring the Jonas Brothers, TV teaches less, though there are still some moral lessons. Plus, they get the added bonus of learning how to hide their sexuality with promise rings.

Finally, at our age, we have "Jersey Shore," which teaches us how to hide our sexuality with hair gel.

Imagine a country where, instead of discussing the latest revelation on Tiger Woods' sex life, we discussed the topics that now seem so forbidden, (but we nonetheless think of) like religion.

What if we discussed democracy as was intended by our forefathers when they set out a government "by the people, for the people"?

I often question our dedication to democracy when sports are easier to discuss than politics.

If Gator fans and Bulldog fans can talk football every now and then, why can't liberals and conservatives find a way to discuss politics?

I've wondered lately how the void in human life that was set aside from work and finding food was occupied before TV.

Long ago, hunting took up most of the human brain power. Once food was easier to get, it was work that took up most of human time, but there was still some leftover.

What did people discuss in their time off?

Did they have intellectual discussions? Did constant media exposure kill those discussions? And even if it did, can't we use TV to bring it back?

*Eric Tegethoff is a biology senior.*

## Guest column

## Student's arrest brings to light America's flawed priorities

About two weeks ago, Haisong Jiang, a graduate student from China studying biosciences at Rutgers, saw his girlfriend off at the Newark Liberty International Airport.

The only problem was that the restricted-access area after security wasn't very clearly marked. He went too far down the terminal to prolong his goodbye. It was a security breach. TSA freaked out, Terminal C was closed for seven hours, more than a hundred flights were delayed, and poor Haisong Jiang was arrested for trespassing. New Jersey Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg called for his deportation, but now at least the Chinese Consulate is helping handle the situation.

I studied Chinese for two years, including seven months abroad in 2008, so I know firsthand what it can be like to live in a different country where you don't really un-

derstand the culture. UF has a program in which people who are studying a foreign language can partner with students studying abroad here. Half the time is spent helping the other person learn English, and the other half is for you to practice speaking a foreign language to a native.

You learn about school habits, dating codes, parental interaction, etc. I remember this summer I watched "Titanic" with my Chinese-language partner and had to explain why Rose would say, "I'll be God damned."

"Shouldn't it be 'Damn you?'" he asked.

Language partners are great, but right now I would hate to be Haisong Jiang's language partner. It would be difficult to explain to him why he was on national news. But I've been playing it through in my mind, and here's my imagined interac-

**Will Penman** Speaking Out

tion. "Haisong, Haisong, Haisong," I would say with a smile. "That sucks. I should have explained before. See, you know how last week we visited a church? Well, that's not really how we live any more. In America, our god is airport security."

At first he wouldn't know if I was joking, but I would continue. "A god is the thing you sacrifice everything else for. And we do that with airport security. You approach the security temple, and out of reverence, you must take off your shoes; You are on holy TSA ground."

I act it out. "You offer everything you have: keys, change, outer clothing, laptop, toiletries. All of it goes on a belt where it is examined by machines that divide soul and spirit, joint and marrow. It is practically

able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. The TSA priests are never happy with you, but airport security is a very strict god. Some people are regular worshippers; others only come on holidays. If the TSA god has any doubt, you must show your devotion. Raise your hands and another machine will see if you are sincere." Haisong is interested. "So you see, Haisong," I say, "by crossing the roped-off area, you ignored everything we love: airport security. If you want to live here, you have to worship our god. Come to him with peace, good thoughts, and not too many liquids." We smile. "And he will let you in, too."

"Ming bai le," says Haisong. "I get it." And I think he does. At the very least, when he gets out of jail, he'll be able to explain to all of his Chinese friends about America's new religion.

*Will Penman is an English senior.*

## Chug this, NOT that!



Richard O. Stehli / Alligator Staff

Mixologist Richard O. Stehli sampled light beers, lagers and ales to find the perfect marriage of bubbles and flavor that will work with your taste buds, your wallet and that bathing suit you want to look good in for Spring Break. Check out [alligator.org/the\\_avenue](http://alligator.org/the_avenue) for more footage on the beer, what you missed at the Golden Globes and why boys in bands should stop thinking they're so cool.

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## BANDS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2010:

by Benjamin Evans

- 1 The Drums**  
 For fans of: The Smiths, Soft Cell  
 This Brooklyn indie-pop four-piece is the most hyped New York band since The Strokes. The band released its debut EP, *Summertime!*, last October and will be quick to silence those who say they have a Beach Boys vibe. The Drums sound more like Joy Division if Ian Curtis was replaced with The Cure's Robert Smith.
- 2 J. Cole**  
 For fans of: Kanye West, Jay-Z  
 As an aspiring rapper, J. Cole waited hours in the rain one day to hand Jay-Z a demo, only to get the cold shoulder. But he went on to be featured on The Blueprint 3's "A Star is Born." And when Jay-Z started his label last year, Cole was the first to be signed.
- 3 Free Energy**  
 For fans of: Cheap Trick, Tom Petty  
 When you're packed in a car with friends on a Saturday night, dazed and ready whatever mischief is next, you should blast Free Energy. They're bringing the hefty guitar riffs and hooks of '70s bands like Thin Lizzy to a new generation. And who doesn't like Thin Lizzy?

## theater

# No boundaries: Gainesville Improv Festival plays all

By **ALLISON BANKO**  
 avenue writer

Don't you dare throw this lovely piece of literature that we call The Alligator away. And I'm not suggesting that you go green and skip your pretty little feet on over to the recycling bin either. Save your newspapers; they could be used as the inspiration for one of this year's performances at the Gainesville Improv Festival.

The festival is set to be at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts until Saturday, and Chicago-based headliner, Whirled News Tonight, uses newspaper clippings brought in by the audience as inspiration for its performances.

"Before the show, the audience is asked to bring in outrageous articles that they would like to see interpreted. The articles are tacked on a peg board on stage, and the Whirled News

Tonight performers pick an article from the board and just go with it," Gainesville Improv Festival's co-founder Skyler Stone said.

(Masturbating library man, anyone?)

Differing from the traditional stage performances, improv shows hold a lot of audience interaction, so the line between the performers and the spectators is thinner than the curtain rope.

"There are no boundaries in these shows. They depend on the energy of the night's audience," Stone said.

Although Whirled News Tonight is the headliner, there are more than 20 other improv troupes from around the nation set to perform at this year's event. Each group is unique in their own, quirky and unscripted performances.

Due to the plethora of performers at the festival, each performance is one of a kind. Some troupes act out

their suggestions (some are even given via text message) through the use of musical instruments, while others may channel it through a one-act play.

"There is so much variety in these performances. Each troupe is made up of such a diverse array of people. Interpretations are never one in the same, so a performance is never repeated," Stone said.

Many of the performers in the event are UF alumni. Co-founders of the Gainesville Improv Festival, Stone and Tom O'Donnell, are not only former Gators but also former members of the UF improv troupe set to perform, Theatre Strike Force.

The workshops held by the Gainesville Improv Festival are open to the public and those interested are encouraged to visit [gainesvilleimprov.com](http://gainesvilleimprov.com) to learn more about the workshop's instructors and how to reserve a spot.

All right kids, here's a way to release your bottled up idea: Whether you want to witness them through the start of newspapers, text messages or musical instruments, Gainesville

Improv Festival offers all delicious flavors. Catch them all through Sunday Jan. 23 at the Phillips Center. Tickets may be purchased at [performingarts.ufl.edu/tickets](http://performingarts.ufl.edu/tickets).



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sex 

# Hard OFF: When Penises Flop

◆ HOW TO DEAL WITH ALL YOUR WHISKEY DICK PROBLEMS

By AMELIA HARNISH  
avenue writer

## She says...

I love sex. And lucky for me, and the rest of my fellow females out there, I have little standing in my way as far as making it happen. (Except maybe reputation, but that's a whole other column.)

It's unfair, really, which is why I feel especially bad when a guy I'm hooking up with is having performance issues. Maybe he's just had too much to drink, maybe this is a recurring problem, but whatever the situation, it's uncomfortable for both parties. I can only imagine the embarrassment that comes along with not being able to get it up, and I bet it's worse than

the frustration I feel upon realizing I'm not getting any. But still, I can't help but think, "Damn it!"

Whenever this happens to me or a friend we obviously talk about it. From these conversations, I've noticed some common questions and thoughts about the experience.

*How am I supposed to handle this?* Guys, we are not dick experts. Please do not make things weird by allowing us to fondle your semi-limp member for longer than a few minutes. Be honest with us and yourselves. And do not ask us to go down on you to get you going. Gross.

Ladies, don't treat it like the elephant in the room. Be sensitive to the issue, but at some point you've got to just give it up and avoid beating his failure into his head, doing way more psychological damage than necessary.

*Maybe it's me.* Being naked in front

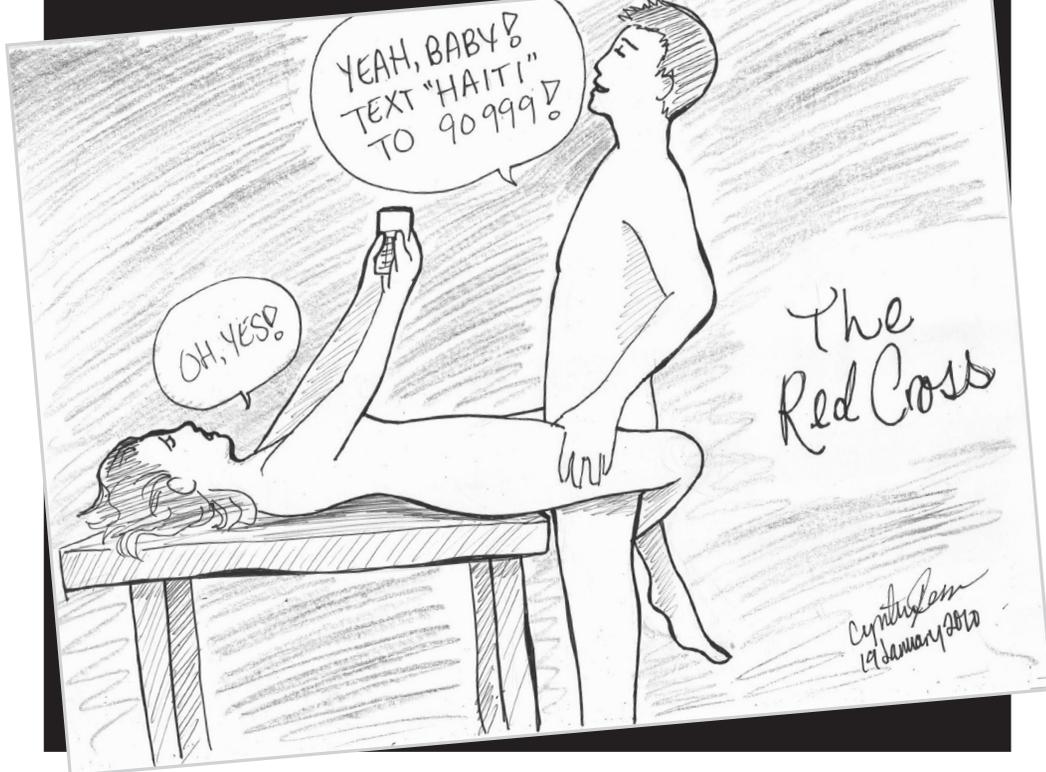
of someone is going to make any girl self-conscious at first. If an erection does not happen immediately after you take your clothes off, it is not your fault, ladies.

Guys, this is why it is important for you to be upfront about the situation because before we think of your shortcomings, we're thinking: "Oh my God, are my boobs weird?" or "This is such bad lighting for my vaginal!" Just tell us you've had too much to drink, and we can all move on with our lives.

*Maybe some guys just get harder than others?* Please enlighten me on this one, masses, because I just can't come up with an answer. Is there a spectrum of hardness or something? Or is this a sign that my girlfriends and I should start hooking up soberly?

For **He says...**, or to share your comments, visit [alligator.org/the\\_avenue](http://alligator.org/the_avenue).

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# Low-cal, high-quality chug fest

By RICHARD O. STEHLI  
avenue writer

While you were out having a good time Friday night, we blindly sampled a list of light beer so you wouldn't have to. Two dozen beers later, we are weary but wiser. What should you drink? What shouldn't you drink? What helps you stay slim? What if you don't like beer at all? We have everything you need to know to get started.

**Best In Show:** Drink Sam Adams Light, especially if someone else is paying. It was the most expensive beer we tried but was the hands down favorite, as well. It's rich, malty and complex but drinks a lot heavier than the prototypical "light beer."

**Best Light Beer:** For a true light taste, drink Amstel Light. More reasonably priced than Sam Adams, Amstel Light delivers crisp, easy flavor that a few tasters described as "exactly what a light beer should be." At only 95 calo-

ries, it shouldn't fill you up or add to your Freshman 15.

**Lightest Beer:** For those sophomores and juniors trying to drop the Freshman 15, your best option is to stop drinking beer! But, we know you must drink, so go with Budweiser Select 55 and MGD 64. With 55 and 64 calories

respectively, these beers sacrifice a lot of taste and alcohol to make themselves more healthy. But it's still fizzy, yellow and beer-flavored. Plus, it only has half the calories of other light beers.

**Pseudo-Beer:** Although hardly beer, you should try Bud Light Lime and Miller Chill. In one sip you will know whether you love it or hate it, and maybe you'll find yourself a new summertime favorite. If you aren't a big beer drinker, try Michelob Ultra Lime Cactus. It has a soft, flowery lime taste with hardly any trace of beer flavor. As well as being cheaper, compare its 107 calories to

the 228 in Smirnoff Ice. They make a pomegranate-raspberry and an orange-grapefruit flavor, as well.

**Best Value:** In charge of drinks this weekend? Buy Keystone Light. It has a nice beer taste with no off-flavors. Keystone Light isn't quite as good as bestsellers Miller Lite and Bud Light, but the price tag is nearly cut in half. Natural Light and Busch Light were almost as good, but Keystone was our unanimous favorite among the cheapest beers.

**Avoid at All Costs:** Unless there is a gun pressed against your temple, do not drink Heineken Light or Corona Light. Heineken Light smelled bad enough to make some of us gag, and the taste was sour and tinny. Corona Light was not only skunky but also had an aftertaste quite reminiscent of cigarette butts.

For complete results and video reviews of the best and worst beers, check out [alligator.org/the\\_avenue](http://alligator.org/the_avenue).

# HEAVY METAL

by ASHLEY McCREDIE, Avenue Writer

Punk rock is making a comeback through studded clothing and accessories, and you can keep up with this easy DIY project. Take a simple piece of clothing and give it a metal makeover by adding silver studs.

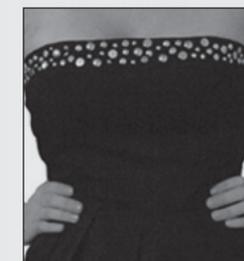


## Step 1

Grab some pliers and your preferred spikes and studs. Use something like Jewelry Essentials assorted box with 186 studs, \$5, Michaels.

## Step 2

Find a garment or accessory that could use some rocker flare. We used a little black dress, \$50, Zara, but anything from tank tops to shoes to leather jackets will do.



## Step 3

Decide on a pattern for the studs. They can be scattered, in a perfect line, in a shape or used to make words. Attach the studs by piercing them through the fabric and using the pliers to secure them in the back.

## Step 4

After creating your first look, draw inspiration from more studded items. These Jeffery Campbell shoes and Forever 21 purse can easily be replicated and made into original pieces by you!



J. Hunter Sizemore / Alligator Staff

# Hot dogs, hot deals

By ALEX ORLANDO  
avenue writer

Deciding where to eat on your next late-night food run just got harder. You now have more to add to your repertoire of fast-food options.

Sandwiched between Blockbuster Video and Target Copy on Southwest Archer Road, Orange Tree Hot Dogs, a mom-and-pop shop gone franchise, is setting up its first store in Gainesville.

Orange Tree will open at the Gainesville location on Jan. 28 and has tentative plans for a grand opening in mid-February featuring a hot-dog-eating contest and reduced prices, said Shawn Emling, director of franchising and grandson-in-law of Orange Tree's founders, Carolyn and Peter Koppenberger.

Emling also said Orange Tree is looking to add two new stores in Gainesville: one near the Oaks Mall and the other on UF's campus. "It fits the mold for a budget-minded college student," Emling said.

He attributes simplicity, cost and originality to Orange Tree's growing popularity.

"It's the simplicity of the menu tied in with the uniqueness of the toppings, without having the price point that it dictates," Emling said.

Emling said that specialty items usually keep customers coming in the

door like the Orange Frost (a type of orange smoothie), the Onion Sauce Dog and personal-size pizzas, all featuring secret recipes.

Although Orange Tree is about tradition with most of its locations being virtually identical, Emling said the company is willing to change its hours of operation to accommodate the college crowd.

The new store will be open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. These hours are considerably extended from any of the other

Orange Tree restaurants, Emling said.

Deborah Butler, vice president and general manager of Butler Enterprises, said

she thinks Orange Tree Hot Dogs will benefit existing shops and restaurants in Butler Plaza and will add variety to the area.

Butler said she remembers eating at Orange Tree Hot Dogs as a child. The restaurant's longevity made it appealing as a tenant, she said.

Butler said, because of all the students and families in Gainesville, she was not surprised to see a new restaurant looking to set up shop.

For a complete look at the menu, go to [orangetreehotdogs.com](http://orangetreehotdogs.com).



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20 Floor model  
21 \_\_\_ alcohol: fusel oil component  
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24 Ceremonial act  
26 Kissers  
28 DNA researcher  
35 Horror filmmaker Roth  
36 James Brown's genre  
37 Allow  
38 A flat one may evoke a wince  
40 Tit for \_\_\_  
42 Starting line advantage  
43 Puccini works  
46 Wilson's predecessor  
49 Actress Ullmann  
50 Fitness staple  
53 "The fool \_\_\_ think he is wise ...": "As You Like It"  
54 Silver encouragement?  
55 Duke \_\_\_: video game hero  
58 Ireland, poetically  
60 Ale feature  
64 Ace's value, at times  
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## UF faces Arkansas to start busy stretch

■ THE GATORS WILL PLAY TWO GAMES IN THREE DAYS.

By **ADAM BERRY**  
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The Gators will be in need of a comfortable flight home from Arkansas, as the trip back will be their only chance to rest during the next three days.

Tonight's matchup against the Razorbacks (8-9, 1-1 SEC) at 9 in Bud Walton Arena will kick off a hectic period for UF, which will then have just one day to prepare for its 6 p.m. home game against South Carolina on Saturday.

The Thursday-Saturday schedule is new to the Southeastern Conference this year, as the league signed a deal with ESPN in order to get more conference games on the network, ESPN2 and ESPNU.

UF (12-5, 1-2 SEC) will have to get used to the quick turnaround,

as the team will repeat this schedule two more times this season.

"It's going to be different for everyone in the league. It's almost like an NCAA Tournament situation where you have one day in between to prepare," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "The only difference in that situation is in the NCAA Tournament, if you're fortunate enough to advance, you're at least staying at the same site."

But Florida will be without the luxury of staying put this weekend, as the team will have to fly back from Fayetteville early Friday morning and prepare for South Carolina on its only day off.

"Because of a lack of depth for us, how quickly we can get them back physically and the balance of preparation going into the next game ... that is difficult, and that is challenging," Donovan said. "But that's what comes with the TV package that the league was able

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Sophomore Erving Walker will only get one day to rest before Florida's game against South Carolina on Saturday. The point guard leads the team in minutes per game with 32.4.

## UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Gators look to avoid upset

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**  
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In its last three games, the UF women's basketball team has gone 1-2, with losses to top-10 teams Georgia and Tennessee by a combined 11 points.

The sole win in that stretch was a road win against a Mississippi State team with a 12-6 record.

"We drew great confidence from [Tennessee]," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "What we come away with is can you get up to play Mississippi State the same way you played Tennessee? Might be a little harder."

After the tough competition last week, facing Alabama (8-10, 0-5 Southeastern Conference) tonight in Tuscaloosa at 7 may seem like a step down, but UF (10-8, 3-2 SEC) will attempt to play with the same intensity it played with against the Volunteers to avoid getting upset by the Tide.

"We're not going to have any blowouts in the SEC," sophomore guard Jordan Jones said. "Our confidence is high but it can't be

too high where we overlook a team like Alabama — their record may not show how good they are. We don't want to go there, coming off a couple of good performances and have a let down."

Part of that "good" basketball against the Volunteers meant crisper play with limited turnovers — something the Gators had trouble with on the road against Georgia and MSU, when they turned the ball over 21 times in each contest.

Butler said 14 of the 16 first-half turnovers UF had against UGA were self inflicted, saying some turnovers were a byproduct of her team's aggressive, up-tempo style of play.

"The Mississippi State game was uglier than it had to be," Butler said. "We do have to learn to live with a certain amount of mistakes. The thing we really emphasize is if we make mistakes, let's make sure we're making aggressive mistakes. We don't

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Butler

## Floyd rumor tops them all

It's no wonder Florida was able to bring in what many recruiting analysts are calling one of the best classes in recent memory.

Urban Meyer's short-lived retirement turned leave of absence left him with one helluva sales pitch.

The latest you-wont-believe-this message board story comes right from The Man Upstairs, through Urban Meyer's lips and to new UF commit Sharrif Floyd, the No. 1 defensive tackle prospect according to Rivals.com.

Here's what's being floated around and attributed to Floyd's high school coaches:

"Sharrif was really confused and put a call into coach Meyer. When they spoke, coach Meyer told him that he had a 'dream' the night before, and that coach Meyer saw himself on the sideline coaching Sharrif. Told



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him that it was a 'message from God that I should come back and coach, as I guess if it's my time to die, I'd rather die on the sidelines coaching you

than anywhere else in the world.' "Sharrif talked to us the next day and said Ohio State is great and all, but coach Meyer said he would DIE for me. That's pretty intense. From that day on Sharrif mainly kept to himself. But that was the turning point in my eyes."

This report hasn't been confirmed by either Meyer or Floyd, and we will never know whether this actually happened.

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## TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ The All-American Basketball Alliance is taking the "White Men Can't Jump" mantra to a new level. The group hopes to form a league with teams in 12 Southern cities, and only male natural-born citizens with two Caucasian parents can play. No word yet on whether "Commissioner" Don "Moose" Lewis has a pair of white robes hanging in his closet. ... I'm projecting a Vikings-Colts Super Bowl.

## POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Do you believe the story about Urban Meyer's recruiting pitch to Sharrif Floyd?

## VOLLEYBALL MAGAZINE

■ UF sophomore Kelly Murphy was named to the Asics/Volleyball Magazine's All-America second team Wednesday. She finished second in the nation in triple-doubles last season.

## Gators must stop balanced attack

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to put together, so everyone's going to have to deal with it."

UF's players are much less concerned with the new Thursday-Saturday schedule. Freshman guard Kenny Boynton pointed to the team's early season success in Atlantic City, N.J., when the Gators beat then-No. 2 Michigan State and Rutgers on consecutive nights.

"We did it before when we played the back-to-back games in New Jersey," Boynton said. "We did it before, so it's just a mental thing."

Boynton and sophomore point guard Erving Walker will have to recover quickly after matching up with the talented Arkansas backcourt of Courtney Fortson (17 points, 7.3 assists per game) and Rotnei Clarke (18.4 points per game, 48.8 three-point percentage) on Thursday.

But Walker played off the responsibility as no big deal for him and Boynton, who

are first and second on the team in minutes played this season at 32.4 and 32.3, respectively.

"We're young. We'll have Friday," Walker said. "We'll just do South Carolina on Friday. We're not going to look ahead to them. It's all Arkansas now."

Florida will have plenty to prepare for, as four Arkansas starters are averaging more than 13 points per game this year.

The Razorbacks' sub-.500 record is indicative of their struggles early in the season, when they were dealing with injuries and Fortson's suspension. But Donovan pointed to the team's last three games as a sign of Arkansas' potential: a 96-85 loss to then-No. 2 Texas, a two-point loss at Mississippi State and a 71-59 win against Alabama.

"I don't think they're a team whose record speaks to where they're at right now," Donovan said.



### Men's Basketball

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True or not, it says something about how crazy the recruiting process gets.

Either Meyer played the God card to solidify a commitment from a kid who was on the fence, or someone floated a rumor out there about Meyer going to such lengths with the intention of soiling his reputation.

This easily tops the story of

Meyer telling Jevan Snead not to worry about competing with Tim Tebow for snaps at quarterback because Tebow was going to play linebacker for the Gators.

Again, I can't be sure if either of these stories are true. The only people who know for sure are Meyer, Floyd and Snead.

One thing I've learned as a reporter is that rumors usually aren't true, but that doesn't mean they're never true.

Here's where I may differ from some people out there who sometimes chose to believe stories like these: I don't care if Meyer did say these things.

Recruiting is so clearly full of lies and deceit, and anyone — coaches, media members or players — who chooses not to take that as fact is only being naïve.

Coaches lie to players to get them on campus. Players hopefully understand that.

## Tide enters with zero SEC wins

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want to make mistakes because we're hesitant or passive or any of that."

The Tide has zero conference wins this year, but Butler is weary of an improved team playing at home with seasoned players like junior Tierney Jenkins.

Jenkins is the SEC's second-leading rebounder (9.3) and scores 10.8 points per game — one of three Crimson Tide players averaging double figures.

The guard play Butler braced her team for, featuring Dedrea Magee at point and guard Ericka Russell (10.9 points per game) took a hit on

Sunday.

Junior guard Varisia Raffington, who led Alabama with 12.2 points per game, is out for the season with a torn MCL and partially torn PCL.

The Gators will look to apply the same type of defensive pressure they have their previous three games, holding opponents to 59.6 points per game and 39.7 percent field-goal shooting in that span.

Florida also wants to get out to a faster start on the road than it did in Starkville, Miss., where the team scored seven points in the first seven minutes.

"We're still experiencing some lulls," Butler said. "We've got to be hungrier for win No. 4 (in the SEC), than Alabama is for win No. 1."

And guess what, players also lie to coaches; something Meyer knows first hand.

Former Tennessee wide receiver Nu'Keese Richardson was committed to the Gators up until signing day and even told the Gainesville Sun's Ed Aschoff that he was coming to Gainesville AFTER already signing and faxing his papers to Knoxville.

It's not always the big bad coaches taking advantage of the

young gullible players.

UF recruits likely have to wade through a fair amount of B.S. from Meyer, but be sure that Meyer also has to guard himself against potential Richardson situations.

As long as everyone understands that recruiting is a two-way street filled with broken promises and abused trust, we can all learn to laugh at stories like these.

To quote Omar Little from HBO's *The Wire*: "It's all in the game."



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