



Graduate students voice Reitz fee concerns

About 50 people attended the forum

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

Talk of the new student union raised questions, concerns and hostility at a forum on Wednesday afternoon.

About 50 graduate students, undergraduate students and Reitz Union employees gathered in the

Rion Ballroom Wednesday to discuss the proposed Reitz Union fee with Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

The fee would fund the repair and expansion of the union, and a referendum question about the fee will be placed on the spring Student Government election ballot. The proposed fee would charge a

\$20 flat fee per semester and \$3 per credit hour.

Johnson answered questions about the fee and its implications for graduate students.

He said the new union could include an entire floor dedicated to office space, study rooms and other

resources for graduate students.

"Graduate students are in a place right now where they need help on this campus," Johnson said.

He said he wants to work harder to get higher wages for graduate students.

If they were paid what they deserve, Johnson said, the additional fee might not be so dramatic, and they would have new resources at their disposal.

But most graduate students in attendance described the fee as an extra burden.

Graduate student Robert Gordon said he came to the forum because he does not want to pay the fee.

He said he is not against the renovations but wonders what alternatives SG and the Board of Trustees explored other than implementing a student fee.

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ON CAMPUS

McCain talks politics

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

Meghan McCain believes in limited government and the anti-abortion movement. She also supports the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But she believes the Republican Party needs to evolve.

McCain spoke at the University Auditorium Wednesday night, and about 360 tickets were distributed for the Accent event. She was paid \$10,000, according to the UF Student Government Finance Office.

"The Republican party has a serious PR problem," McCain said. "Anyone who doesn't think so is smoking something."

Describing herself as a "progressive Republican," McCain, the daughter of U.S. Sen. John McCain, focused on the need for civility

within the realm of politics and the need for the Republican Party to become more receptive toward divisive social issues.

"I'm not saying, 'Let's abandon the core ideals of the Republican Party,'" she said, noting how there are many people who love the party but believe its ideals have been lost. "I'm asking the Republican Party to stop being stubborn and close-minded."

She also touched on the widening of the political divide within the country and how it is inhibiting Americans from reaching a political consensus.

She blamed pundits from both the right and the left, such as Rush Limbaugh and

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McCain

Five businesses robbed

■ THE BUSINESSES WERE ON THE SAME BLOCK OF NW 23RD AVE.

By **MATT HARRINGER**
Alligator Writer

Five businesses were robbed of cash, credit cards and laptops in northwest Gainesville at about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Herbert M. Webb Law Office, Countryside Dental Care, Cecile's consignment shop, Helping Hands Chiropractic Center and the dental office of Dr. Patricia Shipman were ransacked, said Art Forgey, Alachua County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

Police were called to Helping Hands Chiropractic Center, 4400 NW 23rd Ave., after an employee found the front door broken open.

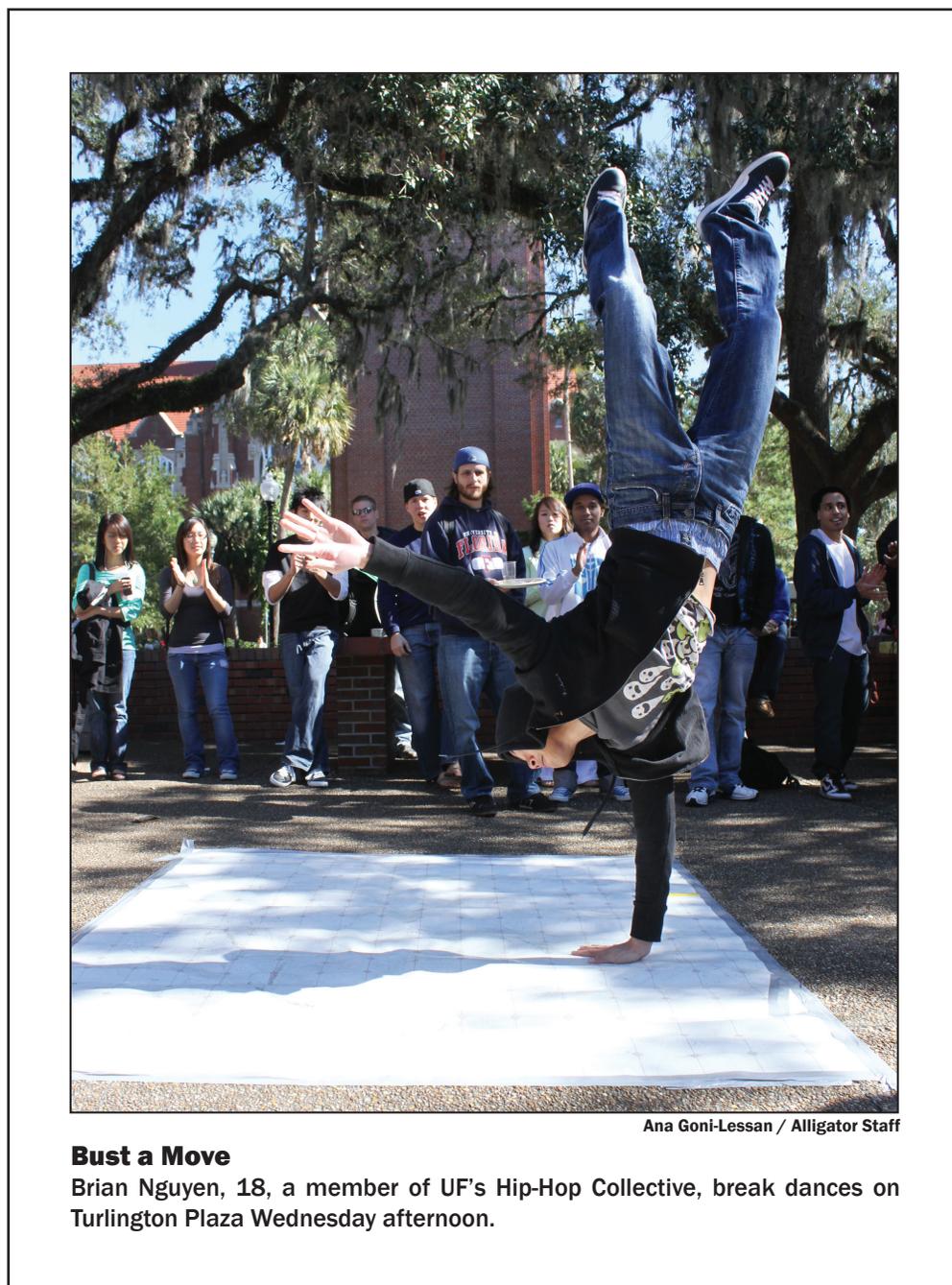
Investigators discovered that four other businesses on the same block were also robbed.

Kim Russo, Helping Hands Chiropractic Center owner, said she went into the office after police notified her of the ransacking.

"Papers were all over the floor, and it looked liked it was vandalized," she said.

Russo said they only stole about \$100, and the business was open Wednesday.

Forgey said police were looking into the robberies and processing evidence.



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator Staff

Bust a Move
Brian Nguyen, 18, a member of UF's Hip-Hop Collective, break dances on Turlington Plaza Wednesday afternoon.

■ Junior forward Alex Tyus scored a team-high 23 points on 10-of-14 shooting to lead Florida to an 87-71 win over Georgia on Wednesday night, giving UF its fourth straight victory. See Story, Page 17.



Two killed in house fire Wednesday morning, yet to be identified

The State Fire Marshall's office is investigating the cause of a fire that burned a Gainesville home to the ground Wednesday morning, killing the two inside.

At about 12:15 a.m., Alachua County Department of Public Safety personnel reached the wood-framed home, 20294 SE 219th Ave. They found the house on fire, according to an Alachua County Fire Rescue release.

The two bodies found in the rubble have not been identified, according to fire rescue

spokeswoman Carol Davis, but two of the house's residents were unaccounted for.

The third resident wasn't home at the time of the fire, according to the release.

The department remained at the scene throughout the night to control the burning debris and prevent the blaze from reigniting, according to the press release. Volunteer fire departments also responded.

— KATHERINE BEIN

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Students stop by study abroad fair

About 2,000 students cruised through the Reitz Union Colonnade Tuesday for the Study Abroad Fair.

Study abroad adviser Angela Grindal said about 60 UF summer programs and about 30 non-UF programs were present at the fair.

"Students can go anywhere in the world, as long as it doesn't have a travel warning," Grindal said.

UF usually has about 2,500 students study abroad each year, with 1,200 traveling during the summer,

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she said.

"The four most popular destinations for UF students are Spain, Italy, France and the U.K., Grindal said, but the interest in Asia is increasing.

Other popular countries include New Zealand, Africa, Ireland, Australia, Russia, Argentina, Scotland and Nicaragua, Grindal said.

Miki-Lei Chung, a linguistics junior, is hoping to study abroad in Asia this summer.

"I really want to go to Malaysia," she said. "I wouldn't mind maybe even living there one day."

— LYN KRAMER

Journalism school to require Mac laptops

When incoming journalism freshmen purchase a laptop, they won't have to debate between a Mac or PC.

The UF College of Journalism and Communications said Tuesday evening at a UF town-

hall meeting that it will begin requiring freshman journalism students to purchase Macintosh computers in fall 2010.

Current journalism students will not be required to purchase the technology package, which includes a Mac or MacBook Pro laptop computer, an audio recorder and a digital camera with audio and video, but could be eligible for discounts through the college.

David Carlson, the executive director at the UF Center for Media Innovation and Research, said the requirement will not apply to other majors in the college.

— MELINDA CARSTENSEN

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STUDENT LIFE

Southwest Rec. to lose 14 treadmills during revamp

By **SOMA NWOKOLO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Working out just got a little bit harder.

As part of an ongoing expansion project at Southwest Recreation Center, it will be clearing out its cardio room.

Fourteen of its 16 treadmills will be stored on a racquetball court while the other two will remain available in the weight room.

Other cardio room machines will be moved to basketball court No. 4 by Saturday.

The basketball court does not have electricity to power the treadmills, said Gary Zetrouer, associate director for resource and project management for the Department of

Recreational Sports.

The machines will remain on the court until the expansion is complete.

In the meantime, Southwest has ordered two tread boards, which are similar to treadmills but don't re-

quire power to operate, he said.

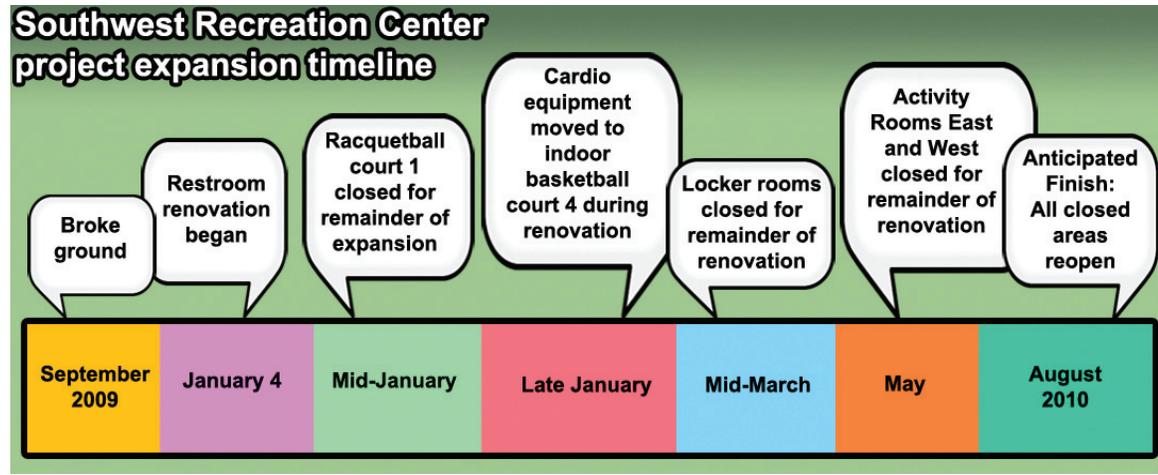
"Think of it as a gerbil wheel," said Patrick Reynolds, a fitness as-

sociate at Southwest. "You walk in, and it's a giant wheel."

Amber Pope, 19, said she works out at Southwest five days a week. She was considering moving her workouts to Student Recreation and Fitness Center, but after spending 10 minutes trying to find parking Tuesday night, Pope changed her mind.

Angela Garcia, a fitness associate at the Student Rec Center, said there are five treadmills in the strength and conditioning room at the Student Rec Center and five in the O'Connell Center Weight Room.

However, her primary recommendation is for students to start running outside, adding she prefers to run on the track at James G. Pressly Stadium, which is open to the public daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.



5 students bash brick

By **ERICA JOHNSON**
Alligator Writer

On a makeshift wall of cinder blocks painted with phrases such as "plastic whore" and "dumb blonde," Ana Laura Martinez saw a familiar word: "Cuban."

A UF Spanish senior, she was one of about five who protested the Writing on the Wall Project Wednesday afternoon on the Plaza of the Americas.

"They are going to tear down a wall with my ethnicity on it?" she said.

The Writing on the Wall Project has been conducted at UF for eight years, and Cary Warsetsy, executive director of the project, said he has never heard of students having a problem with a single brick until this year.

Warsetsy, a UF chemical engineering junior, said the project involves students painting words they find offensive on blocks, which are then made into a 40-foot-by-9-foot wall. After a week, the

wall is torn down to represent the breaking down of barriers between people.

When Lidice Ferrera, a UF English and French junior, received a text message telling her the word "Cuban" was on the wall, she went to see it for herself.

"Seeing that on the wall was like seeing my name on the wall," Ferrera said.

She created an event on Facebook so others who were offended by the brick could protest at the wall. About 65 students said they would attend.

But Caroline Miazgowicz, a UF advertising senior, said people shouldn't have problems with any of the bricks.

"It says 'vegan' up there, and I'm a vegan who doesn't understand how that would be negative," Miazgowicz said.

Despite the protest, Warsetsy believes this is a sign the project is doing its job.

"The purpose of this wall is to start a dialogue, and that's what's going on here," he said.



Ana Martinez (right), a senior Spanish major, protests against the Writing on the Wall Project Wednesday. She was insulted someone wrote "Cuban" on the wall as an offensive term.

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CINCINNATI — A southwestern Ohio woman has filed a lawsuit accusing a sixth-grade teacher and a teacher's aide of humiliating her son for his long hair by tying it into ponytails, making him stand in front of classrooms and encouraging students to mock him.

Amanda Anoi, of Milford, filed the lawsuit Monday in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati on behalf of her 11-year-old son, referred to in the suit as J.A. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and charges that school officials violated the boy's constitutional rights and intentionally inflicted emotional distress.

The lawsuit alleges that on Sept. 29, J.A. was asked by his language arts teacher at Boyd E. Smith Elementary School in Milford to deliver a message to another room. The teacher told the class that she was going to play a prank, and when he returned, the teacher's aide approached J.A. with a pair of hair clippers and pretended to shave his hair, the lawsuit states.

The teacher pulled the boy's hair into three ponytails — one above each ear and one atop his head — with bands and introduced him to the class as a new student with a female name, the lawsuit alleges. The teacher's aide walked him to other sixth-grade classrooms to show his ponytails, and classmates laughed and called him names including "girl," "ponytails" and "pigtails," according to the lawsuit.

"I was shocked, and I cried too."

Amanda Anoi
boy's mother

Being forced to show classmates the ponytails "caused J.A. extreme humiliation, embarrassment and emotional distress," and school officials failed to protect him against "gender-based harassment," the lawsuit alleges.

Anoi said Wednesday that her son cried when he told her what had happened and said it "embarrassed him and made him feel stupid."

"I was shocked, and I cried too," Anoi said.

Hip-hop spices up plaza

By JOEY FLECHAS
Alligator Writer

Breakdancers moved fluidly on a piece of cracked white linoleum taped to the ground on Turlington Plaza Wednesday afternoon.

More than 50 people stopped to watch UF's Hip-Hop Collective perform for about 45 minutes.

Students circled around the linoleum pad, clapping to a makeshift beat bashed on a plastic trash can.

Vincent Alvarado, the group's spokesman, said the group's usual beatboxers and guitarists were unable to attend.

The group decided they would just improvise with a beat and a chant of "no music."

"It's all from the soul. It's self-expression. It's hip-hop," Alvarado said.

UF freshman Joanne Millendez said she loved the jam because it displays an important part of hip-hop culture.

"It brings people close together," she said.

The loose-limbed breakers included members of the organization and anybody else who wanted to jump in. Some flared their legs around them as they balanced on their hands. Some did handstands and froze, striking poses to the beat.

J.J. Richardson, an industrial and systems engineering graduate student, said **On Campus** each breaker's style is different.

"It's playing with the musicality and putting yourself into it," he said.

Graduate student and Career Resource Center staff member Kevin Tate jumped in during the performance. He wore a blue button-down shirt tucked into his khaki pants and busted moves even after his change fell out of his pocket.

"Faculty, staff and students," Richardson yelled. "That's how we roll!"

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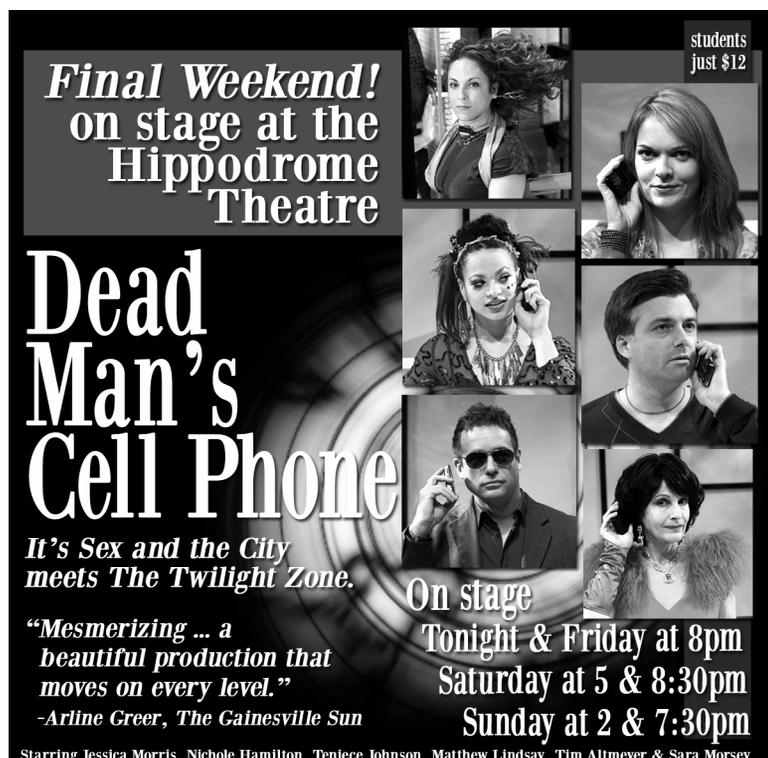
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Graduate students say they have different needs than undergraduates

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Gordon, a member of the Graduate Student Council, which voted unanimously against the fee, said many graduate students would be angry if the fee passed.

"What I'm wondering is how he feels about alienating an entire demographic of this Student Body to

get this fee passed," Gordon said.

Johnson said he hopes a new and improved Reitz Union would bring the Student Body together and encourage graduate students to use the Reitz Union as a resource, just as the undergraduate students do.

"I think that's what's important here," Johnson said. "This is a student union."

Emily Leary, another graduate student at the forum, said graduate students do not use the Reitz Union for food and entertainment the same way undergraduate students do. Johnson said the building still needs millions of dollars in repairs.

Student Government

"This building, over time, has become insufficient for students, no matter what kinds of students," Johnson said.

Ben Cavataro, the Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body president, said the forum generated concern among students opposed to the fee but did not address why the fee would be perti-

nent for undergraduate and graduate students.

He said he thinks a lot of people are upset the fee has been discussed behind closed doors.

"Student Government needs to hear the voices of the students, and right now I feel they might hear, but they're definitely not listening," Cavataro said.

She called for evolution of the Republican Party

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Keith Olbermann, as being equally damaging to the country.

Although she addressed serious political issues, she injected a touch of humor into the dialogue, comparing the heated health care town hall meetings to episodes of MTV's "The Jersey Shore."

She also commented on her feud with conservative political commentator Laura Ingraham, who created a controversy when she commented about McCain's weight.

"I told her she can kiss my size-12 ass, [and] she can continue to kiss my Republican ass," she said.

After her speech, which lasted about 30 minutes, McCain answered questions from the audience.

She addressed topics such as health care, the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine and the effect of the "religious right" on the Republican Party.

When asked about her views on Sarah Palin, McCain deferred to her upcoming book, "Dirty Sexy Politics: A True Story," which will discuss her views of Palin more thoroughly.

She said the former governor of Alaska would have a good chance of winning a presidential campaign and would be interested to see how she would fare in the primaries and the general election.

Hakeem Hasan, a UF political science sophomore, said he was impressed by McCain's insistence on civility and openness, notably on gay rights issues.

McCain embodies the spirit of compromise, Hasan said.



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Meghan McCain speaks to a crowd at the University Auditorium Wednesday evening.

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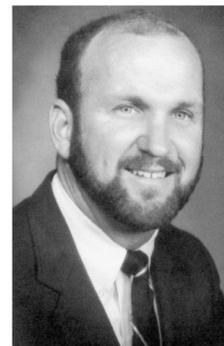


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Editorial

The Plastics

America should ease up on plastic surgery

In light of "The Hills" star Heidi Pratt's recent transformation from cute to creepy, The Editorial Board has one message: Slowly step away from the scalpel.

We know we gave her a DART last week for treating her body like a '92 Chevy Cobalt on "Pimp My Ride," but the poor girl is getting crazier by the day.

Tuesday night, Botox Barbie announced on "Nightline" that she's giving her mom a generous gift for Mother's Day: plastic surgery. Maybe she doesn't understand; it doesn't work like cute shoes you can give as a gift and then use yourself.

Pratt clearly has a dangerous obsession. After undergoing a total of more than 10 procedures, she's already looking forward to an upgrade. Despite the fact that her plastic surgeon has cut her off (can we take a moment to marinate on that?), Heidi has said she plans to inflate her beach balls — er, breasts — to a size H "for Heidi."

What she's doing to herself is risky and disturbing. Sure, we're disgusted by the fact that she looks like a taxidermic stick figure with small planets in her bra, and we don't even want to think about what's going to happen when the silicone starts shifting in 10 years.

But the scariest part is that it's starting to look like she represents a significant portion of American women. According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, U.S. surgical procedures have doubled since 1997.

We're just hoping Heidi and her Frankenface aren't a preview of what most of our generation will look like by age 30.

Hair Don't

Someone really needs to tell a couple of schools the dos and don'ts of the education process.

The first thing to correct them on would be to stop permanently scarring the children at their schools.

There have been two recent cases of teachers or schools totally overstepping their boundaries when it comes to little boys' hair-styles.

An Ohio teacher and teacher's aide are being sued after they put an 11-year-old boy's long hair into pony-tails.

But it doesn't stop there. They also gave him a girl's name and made him stand in front of the class (you know, so the other kids could make fun of him).

And all the school did was

reprimand the teachers.

Likewise, a 4-year-old boy in Dallas, Texas, was separated from his classmates from November to early January because he chose to wear his hair long.

The school made him sit in the library in in-school suspension and only let him back in because his mom French braided his hair and pinned behind his head.

There are far more important things teachers and principals should be doing than measuring little boys' hair — like preventing bullying (and not participating in it).

The Editorial Board would just like to tell these schools to back off and do their jobs.

Let the parents decide what is an acceptable 'do and what isn't.

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Column

Baby boomers caught with pants down

There are many avenues President Obama could have traversed with his first State of the Union speech, and I suppose that he can be forgiven for wanting to stick with whatever it is his teleprompter told him to say Wednesday night. I probably would have paid attention if he were wearing a T-shirt with three wolves on it.

With his unilateral health care hopes dashed by his own capitulation to Congress and the shameless way Democrats sold their souls to the health insurance lobby, Obama now faces stiff opposition from emboldened Republicans led by a spirited, young male stripper.

Most Americans want to hear what our leader has to say regarding his plans to move the country forward — provided, of course, that President Obama leans heavily on General Larry Platt for advice and counsel when he puts together his second big push for health care legislation.

Great leaders are inspirational in times of crisis, and no man has captured the ennui of 2010 better than the singer of "Pants on the Ground."

Even though the song has not aged well in the two weeks it has spent racing across cyberspace, the simple ode to waist-level knickers can tell us a lot about how baby boomers are preparing for their impending retirement.

They are hustling.

General Platt came of age in Atlanta during the 1960s, a prominent figure from that celebrated era that birthed the social rights of Medicaid and Medicare. At the beginning of the last decade, his generation stood poised to retire and create the inverse pyramid that was supposed to bankrupt Social Security and Medicare. They looked



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to the younger generations to hold them up as they sprawled out on a bed of shrinking entitlements, but we couldn't support them because we had our pants on the ground and needed an extra hand to hold up our britches.

Even with pants at the acceptable level, we'd probably need two hands to text with and couldn't really help that much right now.

So boomers like General Platt remained grinding away at work while new equity in the inflated value of their homes made their bank accounts look rosy. The decade looked like it would end with baby boomers easing gently into retirement.

All of a sudden, boom — pants on the ground again. This time, though, it's the bankers with their pants on the ground, pockets weighed down with gold bullion and hats on sideways as they take off in a custom speedboat.

General Platt and his boomer ilk fought bravely to secure social rights for a wider swath of America, but now some of those social rights have been erased by the reality of our economic collapse. Nothing could have more effectively alleviated the impending pinch of baby boomers on our wheezing social system than making them work until they keel over.

Don't blame Platt, though. All the blame falls on Obama for completely ignoring my repeated e-mails and letters urging him to wear the ultra-powerful wolf T-shirt and let the alien technology it contains fix our country.

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

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Letters to the Editor

Deleting economics class a mistake

The administration of the Warrington College of Business Administration recently announced its plans to do away with managerial economics, a long-required course for many majors in the business college. The deans have decided to replace this course with international business, on the claim that a new global economy demands business students learn how to compete worldwide. However, the real reasons motivating their decision show little regard for the business college students and the value of their degrees.

Managerial economics is one of the few courses in the business college with a high level of mathematical rigor. For example, students must determine profit maximizing price with the aid of partial derivatives. Though one could make the argument that few people actually see this in the business world, the course develops analytical thinking skills that are the real determination of value in the corporate world.

At the risk of offending business majors, many of the classes taken in the business col-

lege lack rigor and can easily be passed with the aid of a few Tutoring Zone sessions. There are major exceptions to this generalization, such as finance and managerial economics.

College should be a time of challenging intellectual bounds, searching for new ideas and seeking to add knowledge to the world. Critical thinking and analytical tools are more valuable today than at any other point in history. Replacing managerial economics with international business will create more of a punch-card culture in the college.

Essentially, substituting international business for managerial economics amounts to dumbing down the business school curriculum. It makes a business degree from UF less valuable, and it puts more money in the pockets of the business school even as tuition fees go up that, in theory, is supposed to go totally toward undergraduate education. Trying to pass the curriculum change off as anything else is a joke, and the sad part is that the joke's on students.

Travis Hornsby
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Guest column

U.S. should pay attention to educational instability in Afghanistan

Too often during times of chaos and conflict, children are marginalized victims and face extreme suffering and life-threatening problems.

This is especially true in Afghanistan, where an ongoing war between U.S. and coalition troops against Taliban insurgents has ripped apart the country and destroyed many basic institutions. Today, Afghan children face many problems and are being denied a basic human right: an education.

Stories coming out of Afghanistan show children living a dangerous life as smugglers, under cheap labor conditions, or in constant fear of being caught in the crossfire.

By most estimates, only around eight million of Afghanistan's 15 million children are receiving an education from a broken national system.

They suffer from high illiteracy rates, attacks on their school by Taliban fighters and an increasing dropout rate throughout the country.

Even looking past their lack of access to education, Afghanistan has one of the highest infant and child mortality rates globally and, in 2009, was named by UNICEF the worst place in the world to be born.

Joshua Lee
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These facts make something abundantly clear: It is the children of Afghanistan who are suffering the most during the current conflict and are not receiving the education they need.

Many of us here take our education for granted, considering America's nationwide compulsory educational system.

In Afghanistan, some children in remote villages have little or no chance to receive a regular education, and those who do go to school in dangerous situations.

Of course, this is by no means localized to Afghanistan. Worldwide, there is a growing crisis as a future generation is growing up without the requisite educational base to succeed and take the reins of civilization.

However, the situation in Afghanistan is dire and of great importance due to the country's prominence in international affairs.

The instability in Afghanistan plays a huge role in international affairs, especially considering its history of serving as a haven to Muslim extremists and narcotics producers.

Due to a series of successive civil wars, the educational system in Afghanistan, along with many other vital institutions, has been in tatters for decades.

This has created a dearth of educated human capital in the country to deal with many of the important problems that threaten the lives of its citizens.

Revitalizing Afghanistan's educational system will help create a base on which the country can grow and advance.

This involves a concerted effort to put international aid to good use, bring educational opportunities to children in isolated regions, and resolve to safely end the current conflict that threatens to destabilize the country further.

It is this last requirement, an end to the fighting in Afghanistan and neighboring regions, that is the most unclear and hardest to attain.

However, educating Afghanistan's children not only serves to improve their lives during this current conflict but help the country escape from the clutches of chaos and instability while breaking the vicious cycle of educational malaise, social degeneracy and economic hardship that has plagued the country for decades.

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heath ledger's final film



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Heath Ledger embraces co-star Lily Cole in his final role as Tony in "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus." Ledger died halfway through filming, but Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell stepped up to play different versions of his character in order to complete the film. Check out alligator.org/the_avenue for a new fashion Web site, a SAG awards special and a Common Grounds show preview.

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CHILI COOK-OFF!

By SHAYNA BROUKER
avenue writer

EASY WINTER CHILI

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup water
- 1 (28 oz.) can canned crushed tomatoes
- 1 (16 oz.) can canned kidney beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can canned black beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can chili beans
- 1 (5 oz.) can corn
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tbs. garlic, minced

Directions:

1. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Place ground turkey in the pot and cook evenly. Drain off excess fat from turkey in colander over sink. Return to pot, stir in onion and garlic and cook until tender.
2. Drain and rinse beans in colander under the faucet. Add beans, tomatoes, corn and water to the turkey and onion. Season with salt and pepper and taco seasoning mix.
3. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips or shredded cheddar cheese.

Nutritional Info: 198 calories, 7 grams of fat per serving

For a video of how to make this recipe, visit alligator.org/the_avenue

sex

Blow jobs are a boy's best friend, girls: not so much

By AMELIA HARNISH
and JARED MISNER
avenue writers

She says...

Blow jobs are like presents.

If I feel like you don't deserve a gift, there's no way I'm putting that thing in my mouth.

That's not to say women shouldn't attempt to satisfy the sexual urge with oral sex, but it might make you feel uncomfortable the next day. Why is it that girls are OK with casual intercourse, but casual oral sex is always a source of regret?

Even if he wants to return the favor, oral sex makes many women wince.

At the root of every sexual relationship is a system of checks and balances. If sex wasn't a game of power, we wouldn't worry about being too enthusiastic in our text messages. It's not just because we don't want to "seem needy," it's because this neediness reveals the power the other person has

over us.

Sex is an exchange of mutual pleasure where both parties can get something out of it. But whether you're on your knees or leaning over him, there's no arguing against the inherent submissiveness in this act.

When you're getting it on with someone you care about, you are comfortable with losing control. The result is the best kind of sex – the kind where you don't care about putting your lips anywhere and everywhere. The kind you never regret because it is a source of intimacy.

Everyone has his or her own boundaries. Maybe you're a satisfied virgin or you prefer to do things in a certain order (mouth now, vagina later). Either way, what matters is that you're comfortable with your sexual choices.

There really are no rules, so I'm not ashamed to explore the quick and dirty in the name of fun. And until I once again find myself with someone I really care about, I'll stick to being a

"selfish lover."

He says...

Bill Clinton knew what was up: Blow jobs are a boy's best friend.

I've never been caught with my pants down in the Oval Office with an intern on her knees, but I have been known to arch my back against a bar's bathroom handicap railing with my jeans around my ankles once or twice before.

Or in a pool. And definitely in the shower. And I use that whole once-or-twice thing liberally.

Oral sex has evolved to fit the idea of a handshake more than an act of intimacy. It has become a casual, name-not-necessary greeting among strangers in bars and drunken friends alike. It has become an expectation of sorts among both short-term lovers and club queens.

The ideas of sex are becoming blurred, too.

I once had a romantic interest ask me how many people I had "hooked

up with" in my life.

In a world where even our former president found difficulty in answering a similar question, a world where new sex positions invent themselves faster than new ice cream flavors and a world where blow jobs now carry little intimate significance, you can imagine my difficulty in answering that question.

The almost-casual nature of oral sex is gaining general acceptance across societal and gender lines.

Although many women and even a few men still see a blow job as submissive and as a present worth its weight in diamonds, let's all be realistic here. Times have changed.

Sex, however you want to think of it, doesn't have to be a formal occasion with rules regulating what's acceptable and what's not.

Or it can be just the opposite. It can be everything you've always imagined it to be with the person you've always dreamed.

Whether you're comfortable blowing an ex-boyfriend while a friend drunkenly slumbers two beds away from you or as you bear the grating pain of your bedroom carpet on your knees as you look up at your longtime lover as he smiles down at you in one of the most magical, intimate moments you've shared in quite some time, the decision is yours.

I admit the best sex, oral and otherwise, is always with that special someone you care very deeply about. The result is special, meaningful and intimate.

And even if that someone is an ex who you never talk to anymore, real sex—making love—is something you can't trade for anything.

But until that someone comes along, feel free to soak up the fun in drunken co-mingling. Don't be scared to stumble home to casually blow, suck, lick or thrust.

And in the meantime, I'll have the kneepads ready.

Ledger's last film hits theaters despite untimely death

By **GABRIELLE FALCONEIRI**
avenue writer

Heath Ledger's first on-screen appearance in "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" shocks the audience as his shadow reflects over London's Thames River. Clad in white, he dangles from a noose as the camera pans toward his seemingly lifeless body.

This first image is an all-too-erie reminder of when Ledger was found dead in his apartment after an accidental drug overdose in January of

2008. Ledger died halfway through filming, but the plot provided the avenue for writer and director Terry Gilliam to continue the movie after Ledger's untimely death.

Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell stepped up to play different versions of Ledger's character. Once Gilliam made the decision to carry on filming, he had to backtrack and rework earlier scenes in the movie so the changes appeared plausible and seamless.

In "Imaginarium" Ledger plays Tony, a businessman who's rescued

from his precarious position by members of a traveling theater troupe led by the title figure, Parnassus (Christopher Plummer). Disoriented, unconscious and suffering from amnesia,

Tony joins the rest of the troupe as he attempts to regain his memory.

The troupe's eclectic mix includes Parnassus's daughter, Valentina (Lily Cole), a young orphan named Anton (Andrew Garfield) and Percy, a cynical dwarf played by Verne Troyer (yup, Mini Me). The medieval

theater troupe juxtaposes the lights and industry of London, and Doctor Parnassus and crew bounce between real life and a fantasyland accessed through a magical mirror.

Each time a different person enters the realm behind the mirror, the scenery shifts to match his or her imagination. A rich socialite sees a world of stiletto heels and Faberge eggs, whereas a young boy's imagination carries him to a land made entirely of sweets. However, the imaginarium offers more than just a break from reality. It offers a choice.

And so the core of the movie reveals itself. Years ago, Parnassus wagered with the devil (Tom Waits) for the chance at immortality. The inhabitant can either chose the path of imagination and righteousness, represented by Parnassus, or wander into the hands of evil.

"Imaginarium" is now playing at Butler Plaza, and the trailer is available at theimaginariumofdoctorparnassusmovie.com. The choice is yours: Enter the fantasy behind the imaginarium and see what lies ahead.

sexTOON



Haiti fundraisers get fun

By **JON SILMAN**
avenue writer

Sometimes extraordinary things come from ordinary people - in ordinary places. Will Thomas, 33, a common man with sharp blue eyes, works prep at The Top and plays the drums in local band Grabass Charlestons. He gets up early enough to listen to the birds on his way to work and NPR when he gets there. On this particular Tuesday morning, while working in the silver, cluttered kitchen behind shelves of clunky metal pots and pans, the UF grad knew something was wrong.

"I could tell by the tone of the reporters that something really serious had happened. I could feel the gravity of it," Thomas said, in between sips of beer at The Top. That "something" was the now infamous earthquake that devastated Port-au-Prince and much of Haiti. Thomas was deeply affected by the tragedy and he decided to do something about it. He organized a benefit concert taking place Sunday at The Atlantic with all proceeds

from the show going to the American Red Cross for relief efforts in Haiti. "We take for granted this cozy life that we live," he said. "To hear the story as it unfolded was completely heartbreaking." There are five bands performing, and Against Me! has agreed to headline. The show starts at 5 p.m. on Sunday, at The Atlantic

8 Seconds is also hosting the AM/FM Gainesville Music showcase on Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. that will feature 13 musical acts including Moodhosa, Michael Claytor and The Footlights. Donations will be accept-

ed at the event, and all proceeds will go to The American Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.

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MTV show “shore”fire win with fist pumps

By **REBEKAH SHEPPARD**
Avenue Contributing Writer

Remember when MTV aired shows that didn't render its acronym a complete misnomer? If you, like me, were still in diapers when the “Real World's” first season rocked the world of television, my guess is that you can't. But today, what the network lacks in substance it compensates for with its remarkable ability to repackaging the utterly talentless among us as entertainment. The ratings ploy of the season is the show that everyone loves to make fun of: Of course I'm referring to our orange-and-proud friends on “The Jersey Shore.”

Here, self-proclaimed “guidos” and “guidettes” seem to not only consent to, but revel in their status as the laughing stock of the MTV demographic. With nicknames like “The Situation” and “JWOWW,” these people fill the cultural void vacated by professional wrestling when its heyday came to an end.

Though the “Shore” was undeniably created with the intention of attracting more viewers who laugh at the cast than with it, the joke is ultimately on the audience. The show's popularity illustrates a disturbing trend in entertainment that encourages outrageous behavior for the sake of making good TV. Because more people will tune in to watch a house full of low-culture stereotypes interact than, say, programs that feature such dispensable qualities as decent writing and some degree of intrigue, networks seem intent on discovering the next big reality star (think “American Idol” for morons with no talent to speak of, minus the semblance of a plot).

This is to say that the viewers are at least partially responsible for reinforcing the behavior that they love to mock. Without resorting to tasteless antics, how else could MTV's Shore dwellers attract the attention of millions? It's not like they can enamor us with witty banter or suspenseful action.

And it's no secret that overwhelming media attention typically translates to an enormous amount of viewers and an equally huge sum of advertising revenue in the entertainment industry. Where viewers have found cheap laughs at the expense of this unfortunate group, MTV execs have struck ratings gold. As long as there is an audience, characters like Snooki (whose judgment is, to be fair, probably impaired by a too-tight Bump-It restricting blood flow to her brain) will continue to be legitimized as entertainers.

music

Murder FM gets bitter, intriguing for show

By **NICOLE LA HOZ**
Avenue Writer

Local venues can expect black liquid latex, airborne broken items and mayhem when Murder FM takes the stage on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 1982.

“For the live shows, we mean business,” singer and guitarist Norman Matthew wrote in an e-mail.

Murder FM began as a project by Matthew. Beau Hill (Alice Cooper, Interscope Records founder) produced its debut EP “Anthems for the Used” after working with Matthew's other band, Never 3nough.

Murder FM is a culmination of talents, stories and sounds – ranging from the melodic intrigue of Depeche Mode to Neurosonic's brashness.

“Anthems for the Used” is a solid EP: raw, unprocessed and filled with emotion. Since its release in November, singles “As Beautiful As You Are” and “Don't You Forget About Me” have soared with infectious chords, painful sentiment and brutal clashes.

This year, Murder FM is releasing its 13 full-song album.

Matthew wrote that listeners should prepare at shows because “Anthems” is a bitter record.

“It's about being a voice for those who don't have one. I'm not perfect, I screw up quite a bit,” Matthew wrote, “but thing is, we are all human, so the music is made up of human elements.”

The effects are rewarding. Aside from consistently receiving e-mails from fans on how its music connects with them, the Murder FM front man takes a firm stance against the rock star stereotype.

Matthew doesn't drink, smoke or do drugs because he's pure adrenaline.

After the 1982 bar performance, Murder FM will headline at Backstage Lounge on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.



Greg Brooker/Glasstone Records

Murder FM members Norman Matthew, J6, Matt X3ro and Tim McCarver will play songs from their newest album at 1982 bar on Tuesday and will headline at Backstage Lounge on Feb. 4.

FASHION

By **ASHLEY MCCREDIE**
avenue writer

Just like Mother Nature, the world of fashion is preparing for spring. We scouted the runways for the hottest spring trends you can incorporate into your look this season.

◆ Trends for Her

1. Blues and Yellow. All over the Proenza Schouler, Eilio Pucci and Giorgio Armani runways were mixtures of teals, blues and yellows. The pieces were patterned with the two colors, solids or subtle metallics.

2. Statement Shoes. Pair decorated, colorful shoes with your mini skirts and short shorts to draw looks together. Also, after months of wearing boots, let your feet breathe with sandals, and what I like to call the “cut-out sandal.” It is boot-like around the ankle but allows freedom for the rest of the foot with just a simple thong between the toes.



◆ Trends for Him



1. Oxford Shoes. Close-toed, lace up Oxford shoes walked down the runways over and over again. The great thing about this trend is it works for everything and comes in every color. Try all shades of browns, khakis, grays and black.

2. Colored Pants. Look after look, black and khaki would come down the runway and all of the sudden – red, blue, green and more! Colorful pants are eye-catching and downright awesome. Pair them with a black top and a just-as-colorful belt.

◆ Trends for Both

1. Pops of Red. Red has always been a classic color that instantly catches the eye. On the spring 2010 runways, it did just that through pants, bags, jackets, shoes, necklaces and fingernails. Please, don't be scared to wear this color but do not go overboard (ie. red from head to toe is not hot).

2. Denim. Dolce & Gabbana and Ralph Lauren (along with the Gap) are bringing back denim. Jackets, vests, pants, dresses, shirts – you name it, they have denim-ified it. Light denim especially seems to be making a comeback. So grab that jean jacket you bought six years ago and see what new things you can pair it with.



Erica Ervin / Alligator Staff

Dishes delight taste buds

◆ **VIETNAMESE FLAVORS AT SAIGON LEGEND SATISFY RESTAURANT GOERS**

By **DREW WATKINS**
and **JOHN LANSING**
alligator contributing writers

Drew: Tagged down behind enemy lines, you might not expect to find a delicious plate of crispy egg noodles. But that's exactly what you'll encounter at regionally famous Saigon Legend, located on 1228 W. University Ave. This unassuming Vietnamese eatery doesn't plaster its rooms with glow-in-the-dark tables and new-age bullshit; instead it brings a nice medley of pork, chicken and Asian vegetables that will delight the senses and set your taste buds ablaze.

John: As soon as you sit down, you will be greeted by one of the waiters who usually knows little to no English. But don't worry, he or she breaks the language barrier with a hearty smile and never ever let your drink get lower than three inches below the rim. For drinks, I suggest the coconut or canned soybean milk. The coconut is a whopping \$3, but it's worth every penny as you get to eat the coconut when you're done. Maybe go ahead and order yourself a crazy bubble tea; the black milk flavor is the best.

Drew: If it's your first time to the Legend, I suggest one of the crispy egg or rice noodle dishes or a simple Saigon Chicken. If you're a more daring eater, try the Beef Luc Lac or the infamous Bun Heo Nuong Cha Gio. It also has a pretty wide variety of veg-

etarian options. A word to the wise, though: The roast duck is not its specialty. If you like to turn up the heat, try some Sriracha hot sauce on your meal that's stocked at every table; the taste will both cleanse your palate and clear your sinuses. Even pour it in your soup for a little extra kick.

John: And oh my, what big soups they have. If you were to charge \$6 for soup I would usually flip you the bird, but at the Legend the soups are easily worth \$10. The Pho soup is served in a bowl the size of Tim Tebow's neck. The other soups are stews of beef, chicken or tofu with crispy bean sprouts on the side, all for around \$6. Saigon Legend represents the pinnacle of hole-in-the-wall restaurants, and the portions are so large that you should even have enough to bring half of your meal home.

Saigon Legend Review

- **Taste: 4.5/5**
(Everything's real decent.)
- **Value: 4/5**
(Good bang for your buck.)
- **Atmosphere: 2/5**
(Don't bring a date.)
- **Service: 3/5**
(Usually dependable.)
- **Overall: 4/5**
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1 Trip with much hardship
 5 Ampule
 9 Bikini blast, briefly
 14 Prefix with port
 15 FAQ responses, e.g.
 16 Belittle
 17 Send out
 18 "Gosh darn it!"
 19 Language that gives us "floe"
 20 Music lessons for Bill Clinton?
 23 Oscar-winning role for Forest
 24 PC backup key
 25 Corrosion-resistant metal
 29 Letter flourish
 31 Sgt. Snorkel's pooch
 33 An A will usually raise it: Abbr.
 34 Science opening?
 36 Most congenial
 39 Documentary about Chicago's relationship with its team?
 42 Event with a pinata
 43 Stuffing stuff
 44 "Exodus" hero
 45 At the top of the heap
 47 Roman ___: thinly disguised fiction
 51 Often scandalous book genre
 54 Dawdle behind
 56 Old name of Tokyo
 57 More equitable of two civil case juries?
 60 With alacrity
 63 Ruminant
 64 Prefix with dextrous
 65 Its capital is Apia
 66 Performing ___
 67 Despicable
 68 Almost boil
 69 Political cartoonist
 Thomas
 70 Israeli statesman
 Weizman

DOWN

1 One of Luther's 95

2 Like "The Day the Earth Stood Still," in 2008
 3 Alchemist's creation
 4 Hawk family bird
 5 High-tech invader
 6 Of one mind
 7 Aptly named shaving lotion
 8 Became unhinged
 9 Capital on the Red River
 10 Govt. security
 11 Otolologist's concern
 12 Org. dodged by draft dodgers
 13 Driver's starting point
 21 Take down
 22 Did a laundry chore
 26 "___ a Kick Out of You": Cole Porter
 27 "___ -daisy!"
 28 Welcome spot
 30 "What You Need" band
 32 Carryalls
 35 Lacking capacity
 37 2002 movie with Manny the Mammoth
 38 Newspaper concern, esp. lately

39 Bold Ruler, to Secretariat
 40 Versailles eye
 41 Schedules of problems to be dealt with
 42 More than plump
 46 Jenna of "Dharma & Greg"
 48 Musical based on an 1862 novel, for short
 49 Safe to put away

50 More artful
 52 Henry Blake's title on "M*A*S*H"
 53 Good place to get?
 55 "Give it ___!"
 58 Surrounding glow
 59 Uninhibited party
 60 The law, according to Mr. Bumble
 61 Lobbying gp.
 62 Org. for GPs

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Gators overcome slow start in win

By **ADAM BERRY**
Alligator Staff Writer
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Looking to avoid getting trapped in a slowed-down, half-court game, the Gators returned to the full-court pressure that brought them success earlier this season.

After a back-and-forth start, Florida (15-5, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) used its athleticism and full-court press to pull away from Georgia (9-9, 1-4 SEC) late in the first half and never looked back, sparking a 87-71 rout of the Bulldogs in the O'Connell Center on Wednesday.

Ahead 30-26 with 3:26 left in the first half, the Gators came out and forced back-to-back turnovers in their press to key a 12-5 run.

"The press was big. It gave us an early lead," freshman guard Kenny Boynton said. "If we can play like that every game, we can beat any team."

Power forward Alex Tyus scored a team-high 23 points, Boynton added 21 and point guard Erving Walker notched his first career double-double with 21 points and 10 assists to propel UF to its fourth-straight SEC win.

The Gators had not won four consecutive conference games since 2007.

Georgia shot 59.6 percent from the field and 57.1 percent from beyond the arc, but UF scored 33 points off 19 UGA turnovers, setting the pace of the game and not allowing the Bulldogs to settle into a halfcourt offense.

"I felt that we were really going to need to get the game going up and down, try to make our press a little bit more of a factor than it has been the last couple games," UF coach Billy Donovan said.

Georgia jumped out to an early lead, scoring the

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UF forward Alex Tyus takes a shot during the Gators' 87- 71 win over Georgia on Wednesday night.

Walker's recent play has led to team's success this season

Before the men's basketball season started, I wasn't sure how good Florida would be or how the Gators would fare against a much tougher nonconference schedule.

But I did know UF would have a quality guard with a No. 1 jersey who would be entertaining to watch on a nightly basis.

I was right, but it's No. 11, Erving Walker, carrying Florida rather than No. 1, Kenny Boynton.

Walker, a sophomore, has done a tremendous job stepping up into the point guard role left vacant by Nick Calathes' departure.



Phil Kegler

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Certainly Florida would be better if Calathes was still around, and my praise of Walker isn't a slight on the freshman Boynton.

The 18-year-old has struggled in making the transition to the college game. He averaged 17.4 points in his first five Southeastern Conference games, but he took 15.6 shots per game. He took just less than nine three-pointers per conference game entering Wednesday and connected on 29.5 percent of them.

In a way, this should be seen as good news for Florida fans, because it seems unlikely at this point Boynton will be a one-and-done and jump to the NBA.

"When you're coming out of high school, the things athletically that you're doing in high school, sometimes you can't get away with at this level," coach Billy Donovan said. "It takes an understanding of how to go about using your athleticism and being effective."

Walker has been there to help ease the transition, especially as SEC season hit.

In the Gators' last four nonconference games, the sophomore was mired in a terrible shooting slump. He made just 3 of 21 three-pointers (14.3 percent). Then league play hit, and Walker started lighting it up. Entering Wednesday, the sophomore was connecting on 61.3 percent of three-pointers and was tied for fifth in the SEC in scoring in conference games (18.8 per game).

"Earlier in the year, (Walker) was overpen-

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UF cruises to easy victory over UCF

By **JAIME MANHEIMER**
Alligator Writer

The UF women's tennis team improved its record to 2-0 when it defeated UCF on Wednesday.

The entire match was dominated by the Gators, as they beat UCF 3-0 (8-2, 8-2, 8-1) in doubles play and 6-1 in singles.

Florida improved its all-time record against UCF to 8-0 and extended its regular season home match win streak to 78 games (not including post-season play).

No. 92 senior Anastasia Revzina captured her second-career straight-sweep

win (6-0, 6-0) and her first since her freshmen year, overpowering UCF's Jenna Doerfler.

"(Revzina) just hit the ball too big today," UCF coach Stephanie Nickitas said. "She was quicker and did a good job on staying on top of Jenna the whole match."



Embree

Revzina's backhand was her most effective shot Wednesday.

She started the seventh doubles game of the set with a strong backhand that thoroughly impressed spectators

and even her teammates.

"She does that a lot," Revzina's doubles partner, freshmen Lauren Embree, said.

No. 15 Embree also won her singles match, defeating UCF's Andrea Yacaman (6-0, 6-1).

"We are a young team, and we have great communication," said Embree. "We love playing together, and we just want to improve every match."

The Gators were without their other impact freshman Allie Will, who did not play Wednesday due to a coach's decision.

"Your only allowed to play in 25

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TEERING OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ Photos of Greg Oden's — um — member hit the Web, and I'm fairly certain it could post up Erving Walker. ... Last week, columnist Bobby Callovi laid out his top candidates to transfer from UF's football team. Looking back on a similar column I wrote in 2007, I nailed all three of my predictions: Cameron Newton, Jamar Hornsby and Jarred Fayson. Though I did get some help from Johnny Law.

BASEBALL RANKINGS

■ The Gators are ranked No. 7 in Baseball America's preseason poll on Wednesday. They are the second-highest ranked team in the SEC behind No. 3 LSU.

SOFTBALL PRESEASON AWARDS

■ Senior outfielder Francesca Enea and junior pitcher Stephanie Brombacher were two of 50 players named to the 2010 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Pre-season Watch List.

Three UF players score at least 20 points for first time since 2007

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game's first four points and holding that advantage until 12:47 remained in the first half, when UF went ahead 12-11 on a layup by junior center Vernon Macklin.

UGA forward Trey Thompkins and guard Ricky McPhee led the Bulldogs with 24 and 21 points, respectively, and combined to miss just five shots from

the field.

With a force down low like Thompkins and a sharpshooting guard like McPhee, Walker said the team's focus in practice this week was forcing turnovers and getting out in transition — something UF was unable to do against South Carolina on Saturday.

"Since we started preparing for Georgia, we wanted to go up and down," Walker said. "Even if we made a few mistakes, we

wanted to just keep going because we know in the end we wanted to make fatigue a factor."

"Since we started preparing for Georgia, we wanted to go up and down."

Erving Walker
UF sophomore point guard

Walker led UF in the first half with 14 points, and Tyus and

Boynton scored 15 second-half points apiece, giving the Gators three 20-point scorers for the first time since 2007.

"We need scoring from everybody," Walker said. "We look at Kenny and Alex as two of our main scorers. As you can see tonight, they're playing really well, and we need that from them."

Tyus was especially dominant after intermission, scoring seven straight points in a little more

than a minute, and the junior finished just two points shy of his career high. Tyus has scored in double-digits in 11 straight games.

"I think he's figuring out how hard he's got to play and the aggressiveness that he needs to play with," Donovan said. "He's really starting to understand what goes into this, and it's good to see him have some of the success that he's had this year."

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etrating, taking bad shots, off-balance shots, trying to draw fouls," Donovan said. "Lately, he's probably gotten a little bit better at picking his spots."

Walker said he went through a similar cold spurt at the beginning of his senior season in high school, which gave him something to look back on this time. He, like every other shooter usually does, said he never lost confidence in his shot but admitted doubt can creep in over time.

And Walker has a pretty good shooter close by if he needs advice. Donovan made a living on his jump shot during his playing days at Providence.

"That's part of the reason I came to Florida," Walker said. "I know he's taller than me, but I knew he would be able to relate to me in a way."

The toughest part about watching the 5-foot-8 Walker is knowing he would be even better if he were just a few inches taller. He is quick, has NBA shooting range and has shown pretty good court vision in his first full season as a college point guard.

He tries not to think about it.

"I've never been an inch or two taller," Walker said. "I've always kinda been the shortest player, but this is just what I'm working with."

This year that has been plenty enough.

Will sits out competition because of NCAA limitations

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matches," UF coach Roland Thornqvist said. "She has to sit two matches in spring, and Lauren will have to miss one, so I decided to sit Allie today."

Embree and Will are in an elite class of Gators freshmen. They were the third pair of freshmen in program history to start the dual match season in the No. 1 and No. 2 positions.

Embree participated in the 2009 French Open, preparing her for college tennis.

"All her Grand Slam experience makes it less daunting to play as a number one for the Florida Gators as a freshmen," Thornqvist said. "The traditional freshman couldn't come in and play the one position for us right in the middle of the year with everybody watching and not be overwhelmed, but I think she's handled it very well."

UF's only loss of the day occurred in Wednesday's longest match, when UCF's senior Katie Orletsky defeated sophomore Claire Bartlett in a tiebreaker (7-5, 3-6, (10-7)).

"Katie did a good job of staying competitive the entire match," Nikitas said. "Claire kept coming back, challenging Orletsky, but she did a good job of staying on top and not letting her come back and take the match."

UF's next match is Friday against BYU.



Women's Tennis



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Senior Anastasia Revzina serves during her doubles match in UF's 6-1 win over UCF on Wednesday.

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Arenas, Crittenton receive suspensions for rest of year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Washington Wizards guards Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton were suspended without pay for the remainder of the season on Wednesday by NBA commissioner David Stern, who said guns in the workplace “will not be tolerated.”

Stern delivered the punishment after meeting with Arenas earlier Wednesday, and with Crittenton a day before. Arenas already had been suspended indefinitely by Stern on Jan. 6.

Both players admitted taking a gun or guns into the Wizards’ locker room — a violation of the collective bargaining agreement — after a dispute stemming from a card game on a team flight. Stern said the players expressed remorse, but added, “nevertheless, there is no justification for their conduct.”

Asked during a conference call what message the penalties sent, Stern said: “We mean what we say when we say that guns are prohibited from being in our buildings and on team business.

“You will be dealt with harshly because it’s very potentially dangerous to our players, to the other players and to anyone else who might be involved.”

Arenas was forfeiting about \$147,200 per game. Crittenton will lose about \$13,435 per game from his \$1.48 million salary.

Arenas pleaded guilty on Jan. 15 to a felony gun charge after a confrontation with Crit-

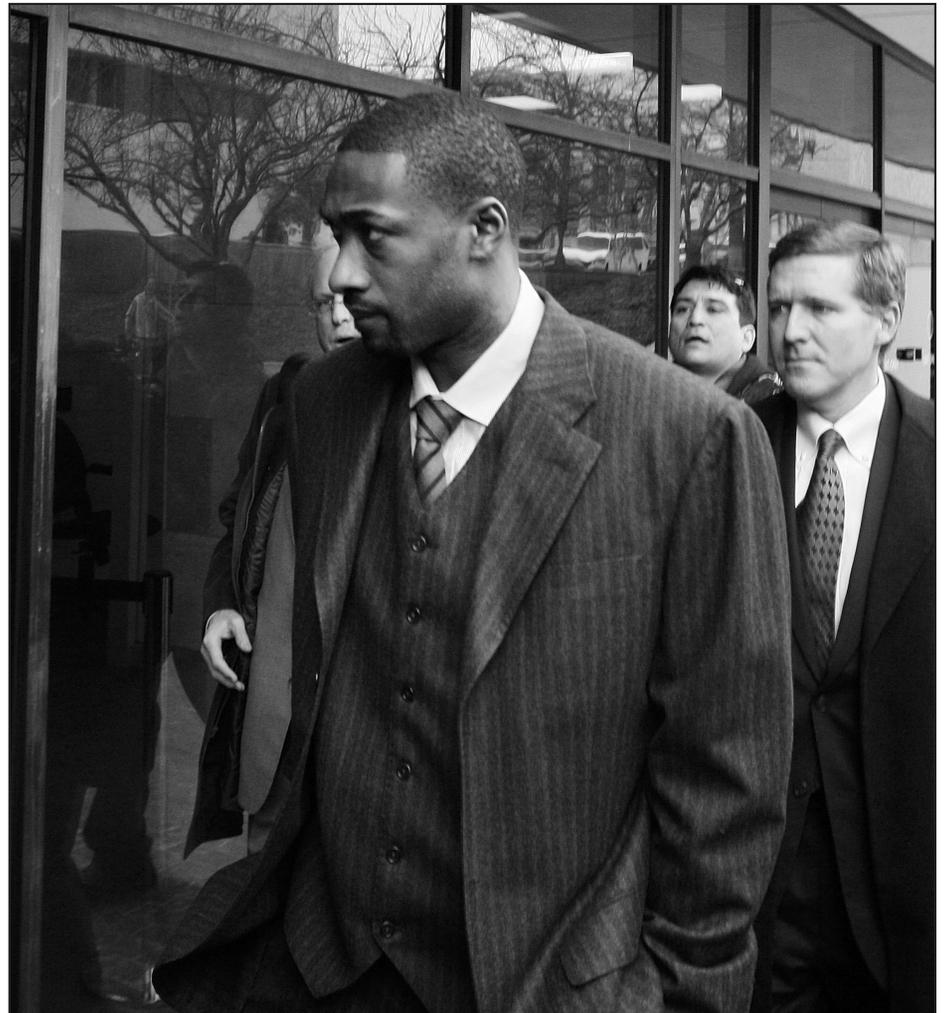
tenton at the Verizon Center. Arenas, who is scheduled to be sentenced March 26, is in the second season of a six-year, \$111 million contract.

He has asked the players’ association not to contest the penalty, while Crittenton’s plans are unclear. His agent, Mark Bartelstein, told The Associated Press that, “David Stern has done what he thinks is right for the league. We’re going to look at it and talk about it with Javaris and the players’ association.”

The Wizards have 38 games left in a woe-ful season that was thrown into turmoil when news of the confrontation involving the guns broke on Christmas Eve. The team has distanced itself from Arenas since Stern indefinitely suspended him, removing his posters from the Verizon Center. Crittenton has been injured and wasn’t playing, anyway.

The team said it supported Stern’s ruling. “Their poor judgment has also violated the trust of our fans and stands in contrast to everything (former owner) Abe Pollin stood for throughout his life,” the Wizards said in a statement.

“It is widely known that Mr. Pollin took the extraordinary step of changing the team name from ‘Bullets’ to ‘Wizards’ in 1997 precisely to express his abhorrence of gun violence in our community. We hope that this negative situation can produce something positive by serving as a reminder that gun violence is a serious issue.”



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Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was suspended for the rest of the season by NBA commissioner David Stern on Wednesday.

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Junior Alicia Goodwin will have her aunt on her mind when No. 4 Florida wears pink leotards Friday against No. 13 LSU raise awareness for breast cancer.

Pink means more for junior

■ GOODWIN'S AUNT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER IN AUGUST.

By TOM GREEN
Alligator Writer

When the Gators take the floor Friday in the O'Connell Center for the fourth annual Gators Link to Pink meet, it will have a more significant meaning for junior Alicia Goodwin that the first two times she competing in it.

Teams put their school colors aside and sport pink leotards for the meet as part of a Southeastern Conference initiative intended to help raise awareness for breast cancer, a cause that hits close to home for Goodwin.

In August, before the fall semester began, Goodwin found out her aunt Carolyn Goodwin back home in Dallas was diagnosed with the disease.

"It was a big deal," Goodwin said. "She was pretty upset and our family was, too. But everyone just tried to stay positive about it and keep her in our prayers."

She learned about her aunt's diagnosis through a call from her father. When she found out, she called her aunt to talk and tell her that she was thinking about her.

Goodwin said this meet has always meant a lot because it's a great cause, but this year the competition takes on a new importance to her.

When her aunt was first diagnosed, she asked Goodwin if she would wear pink for her, and Goodwin gladly told her she would, making her chance to wear the color in this meet special.

"That moment was kind of 'Wow, I'm actually wearing pink, and I'm doing it for someone related to me who's affected by it,'" she said.

Her aunt's illness has been tough on her and is something Goodwin said she tries not to think about all the time.

When she's in the gym, she tries to keep her mind off of her aunt's situation because she said it's important to stay focused.

"That moment was kind of 'Wow, I'm actually wearing pink, and I'm doing it for someone related to me who's affected by it.'"

Alicia Goodwin
UF junior gymnast

But that was difficult for Goodwin in the fall when she had to deal with her family issues as well fighting through a string of nagging injuries, spraining her both ankles and elbow.

"It was a lot to go through at once," Goodwin said. "But I tried to always keep in mind that everything happens for a reason."

Coach Rhonda Faehn said everything Goodwin experienced has made her a tougher person, and she has rebounded nicely to start the season.

Because she's so far from home, Goodwin calls everyone in her family — some of whom will be in attendance Friday — to keep in touch and said it's always great to talk to her aunt when she can.

"She's doing better," Goodwin said. "Every day is a blessing."

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