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Technicolor Dream Shirt

Anthony Green, left, Meagan Paylor, center, and Aria Hetzendorser, right, tie-dye shirts on the Plaza of the Americas for Catholic Gators of Gainesville's Catholic Awareness Week.

ON CAMPUS

Students walk for DREAM Act

By **EMILY MORROW**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Four students from Miami Dade College are going for a walk — all the way to Washington, D.C.

They travel about 17 miles each day, and Thursday their walk brought them to the UF campus.

Their campaign is called the Trail of DREAMs (Development Relief and Education of Alien Minors), and the students will be making their way through Gainesville by foot to protest immigration policy.

Felipe Matos, 23, Gaby Pacheco, 25, Carlos Roa, 22, and Juan Rodriguez, 20, began the 1,500-mile journey on Jan. 1.

They walked north on 13th Street, arriving at Tigert Hall at

about 2 p.m. Thursday.

About 30 gathered at the rally, organized by the Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS), to hear their message.

The walkers shared their stories, talked about what they hope to accomplish with their journey and answered questions.

"This is not a four-person walk," Matos said. "This is a movement."

CHISPAS also held a forum Thursday night in Hurley Hall to give community members and

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Gras

Board of Governors considers bar rules

■ **THE RULES WOULD LIMIT DRINK SPECIALS.**

By **JOEY FLECHAS**
 Alligator Writer

The Florida Board of Governors is considering a sobering proposal that would regulate drink specials at bars.

The board met in Tampa at the University of South Florida Wednesday and Thursday.

It addressed the idea of legislation that would give Florida counties the power to regulate gender-specific drink specials, such as ladies nights or specials offering alcohol for lower than wholesale costs.

Board member Ann Duncan

noted the controversial nature of the proposal for many university students across the state and said it is meant to stimulate conversation.

"It is a complicated issue," Duncan said. "It is not one-size-fits-all."

She said the board wants to explore more opinions from students and businesses it might affect before bringing anything to the Florida Legislature.

Bill Edmonds, the spokesman for the Florida Board of Governors, explained the board's desire to start a conversation with those who have a stake in the matter.

"They want to talk to retail associations and restaurant associations and get their points of view

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Medieval fair to start Sat.

By **ERICA JOHNSON**
 Alligator Writer

Eight stages of entertainment and 160 artisans will take Gainesville back in time starting this weekend at the 24th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire, organized by the City of Gainesville Division of Cultural Affairs.

Linda Piper, the events coordinator for the festival, said the fair is one of the most well-known in the country with more than 50,000 people traveling from as far away as Louisiana.

"I've been producing the Faire for 15 years and have watched it grow bigger and better each year," Piper said.

The event will feature music and magicians from aerial acts to acrobatics.

In medieval fashion, there will be jousting and human-powered rides, she said.

"I think this is a great way to escape the hustle and bustle we all live and experience a really fun time where things are simpler and easier," Piper said. "It's just a fantasy world."

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Linda Piper

events coordinator for the festival

The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and on Feb. 6 and 7. It will also be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 5.

Admission is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 to 17. On Feb. 5, admission will be half-price.

■ Freshman guard Kenny Boynton and the Gators head to Knoxville to take on Tennessee on Sunday with a chance to extend their conference winning streak to five games. See Story, Page 13.

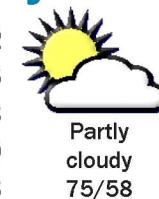


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Reitz Union, Room 284

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Today, 7 p.m.
UF Hillel

Join other Jewish students for three services (Reform, Conservative and learners). The learners service will be about Judaism and the environment. Students are invited to arrive at 7 p.m., and services will begin at 7:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 8:30 p.m.

Model EU Conference

Saturday, 10 a.m.
Dauer Hall, Room 219

Observe or participate in the second annual Model EU Conference at UF. Join 18 representatives of European Union countries as they debate current issues.

International Jam 2010

Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight
Weaver Basement

United World Organization is hosting International Jam Saturday. People from around the world will get together for free food, music and more. We hope to see you there.

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Toga Party
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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ON CAMPUS

Web site scouts for funniest UF student

Class clowns at UF could have the chance to get paid.

Comedy.com, a Web site dedicated to telling the world about what's funny right now, is conducting a search for the funniest UF student to serve as its official UF correspondent, said Matt Koman, senior director of content for the site.

The chosen student will add

a comedic spin to Florida happenings by writing a daily blog.

Koman said the site is looking for students with a sense of humor, an opinion and a passion for everything funny.

He said Comedy.com will help promote and market the blog posts, as well as provide Los Angeles networking opportunities for the writer.

Interested students can apply for the paid position online at comedy.com/college. Applications will be accepted until the end of February.

— ELIZABETH BEHRMAN

CORRECTION:

A story in Wednesday's Alligator incorrectly reported that 10 percent of Millhopper library's collection was in circulation. It also incorrectly reported the date of the reopening. The library will reopen on Feb. 26.

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Men's Tournament

Consolation Game @ 9 a.m.

Men's Championship Match @ 1 p.m.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG parties seek candidates

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

Students interested in Student Government should go Reitz Union Room 284 Friday, Monday or Tuesday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Members of the Unite Party and the Student Alliance party will be conducting interviews and selecting new members to join their ranks.

Students should bring Gator 1 IDs and resumes.

Senate President Ashton Charles, the Unite Party candidate for Student Body president, said 50 Senate seats need to be filled.

In the spring, senators are elected to represent their years and majors, she said, as opposed to the fall, when senators are elected based on where they live.

Charles said the Unite Party will be look-

ing for students who want to play an active role on campus.

"We really want those passionate people who want to get involved and make a difference," Charles said.

"We're looking for every Gator that really wants to make an impact on our university."

Ben Cavaturo

Student Alliance Party candidate

Ben Cavaturo, Student Alliance candidate for Student Body president, said the party is looking for members from all classes, majors and interests.

"We're looking for every Gator that really wants to make an impact on our university," Cavaturo said.

'Oedipus' opens today

By **MEGAN MCGARRELL**
Alligator Contributing Writer

"Oedipus the King," a more than 2,500-year-old play, will begin a nine-show run at the Nadine McGuire Black Box Theatre today.

"This show reintroduces people to a classic," said C.J. Roell, co-stage manager. "They know it, but it is different to actually come and experience it. It is old yet still powerful today."

This version of the play is not identical to those done in the past, though, said Yanci Bukovec, the director of the play. Instead, he decided to reveal the ending of the story right away.

"I am using a contemporary approach by showing the ending first. It's more accessible to modern audiences," he said. "But I leave them questioning how it happened and how the story will unfold."

On Campus Bukovec said he feels this is an important production to put on and for people to see.

"['Oedipus'] is a classic. All of the classics are the building blocks of what we are today," he said. "This production is the root of theater. It is how theater began."

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ON CAMPUS

Cyclists promote solar power during campus pit stop

By **JENNIFER COLEMAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

After pedaling 12,993 miles, two cyclists made a pit stop in Gainesville Thursday as part of a worldwide bicycle tour to promote solar energy.

About 50 people attended the cyclists' presentation that highlighted their journey and the benefits of solar power in Smathers Library East. The presentation was part of UF's SolarCycle Week, a campaign revolv-

ing around the cyclists' visit.

Cyclists Susie Wheeldon, Jamie Vining and Iain Henderson left from London City Hall last May and have been raising money for SolarAid, a poverty and climate change charity in the U.K.

They have also created a blog, The Solar-Cycle Diaries.

Henderson was unable to attend the presentation.

Wheeldon showed the crowd the solar panels on her bicycle. The panels power the

team's cell phones and tracking devices.

She said the inspiration behind the journey stemmed from a Gloria Steinem quote: "We can tell our values by looking at our checkbook stubs."

"I looked at my checkbook stubs and realized that, although I was a wonderful person and very charitable and very giving, I would spend a very long time in the pub; and maybe I should try to spend more time thinking about how I can live better and more sustainably," Wheeldon said.

The team traveled an average of 82.75 miles per day, Wheeldon said.

After the presentation, audience members asked what the cyclists found along the road.

Vining said he found a cowboy hat in Texas.

"It perfectly molds to my head, and I've kept it as a souvenir ever since," Vining said.

Wheeldon and Vining will be leaving Gainesville for Miami on Saturday.

Idea developed last November

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students another opportunity to hear the walkers' stories.

The idea for the walk was born in November 2009 after the group had protested together for about two years.

Matos said they felt that the rallies weren't doing enough to solve the problems undocumented immigrants face in the United States.

"We had to do something bigger," he said. "Something that would require sacrifice."

The walkers are often joined by community members who want to show their support.

Matos said they have seen crowds of nearly 100 people follow them.

"It's so amazing to see that we have become a beacon of hope for these people that are silenced," he said.

Bianca Gras, president of CHISPAS,

and Matos both encouraged students and residents to come out and support the walkers during their time in Gainesville.

"Trail of Dreams is an amazing story and an amazing cause," Gras said. "We've been fighting for this since we started."

"We had to do something bigger. Something that would require sacrifice."

Felipe Matos
protestor

Matos shared Gras' sentiments.

"The most important part of our campaign is the people who stay in the communities," Matos said. "They are the ones who truly affect the change."

For more information about Trail of DREAMs or to donate directly to the cause, visit the team's Web site at www.trail2010.org.



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Miami residents Gaby Pacheco, Felipe Matos, Andrea Ortiz and Carlos Rao speak to students and faculty about their 28-day journey from Gainesville on the Trail of DREAMs Thursday.

Board of Governors wants student, business owner opinions on matter

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on this," he said.

John Barnes, the University of North Florida Student Body President and chair of the Florida Student Association, said the board's decision to move slowly in its negotiations could help make the proposal suc-

cessful.

Barnes said it was important to include students in the talks.

Nick Hicks, the manager and bartender of Jack's Bar and Grill, said negotiating with the government about regulating private business can be tricky.

Hicks said he would be OK with regulations if the Florida Board of Governors

reaches out to all bar owners and works out a proposal everyone can agree upon.

He said he understands the board hopes to protect students' safety.

"There's going to be a lot of give and take on both sides," Hicks said.

Edmonds said student groups should also be involved in the discussion.

UF journalism senior Morgan Lamborn said it's nice to have inexpensive nights out, but sometimes people can go overboard.

She said different regulations in different counties may tempt students to cross county lines to find better drink specials.

"I wouldn't want to see one county decide it's more conservative than another," Lamborn said. "That could be dangerous."

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Students, professor comment on State of the Union

By **MATT HARRINGER**
Alligator Writer

After a difficult year and the end of a turbulent decade, President Barack Obama's State of the Union address evoked opinions from both sides of the political spectrum.

The president's speech Wednesday night addressed all of the major issues being debated in Congress: health care, energy independence, education and the economy.

Political science professor Richard Conley said Obama was ac-

knowledging what people have been telling him for the past year: It's time to focus on the job market.

UF College Republicans Chairman Johnathan Lott agreed.

"It's time for the president to talk about jobs, but I'm not sure he's going to do the right thing."

Conley said the president is beginning to react to polls that show the public is concerned about the nation's budget deficits and foreign debt.

And while the president urged bipartisanship, Conley was skepti-

cal. "There's not a whole lot of basis to think bipartisanship will return with a flare," he said.



Obama

He watched the State of the Union with more than 30 other college Democrats at

Gator's Dockside restaurant. Like the Democrats in Congress watching the speech in the House Chamber, he said they were applauding, laughing and cheering as the president spoke.

"It's one of the most exciting political events of the year," he said.

Cavaturo said Americans like the new focus on jobs and that he was excited about what the president offered for college students.

Obama said he wanted to increase Pell Grants, implement student loan forgiveness for those

working in public service and end federal tax subsidies for banks giving student loans.

Cavaturo said the tax subsidies are a waste of taxpayer money, and the government should loan directly to students instead.

And while Republicans and Democrats remain divided on the future of the country, Obama urged Congress to embrace unity.

"Let's seize this moment," Obama said, "to start anew, to carry the dream forward and to strengthen our union once more."

Police arrest local man for shooting at the Enclave apt.

■ VICTIM KNEW SHOOTER.

By **KATHERINE BEIN**
Alligator Writer

Gainesville Police Department officers arrested a local man for two separate cases of armed robbery Wednesday.

According to the police report, Reggie Gill, 19, attempted to rob an acquaintance in the parking lot of the Enclave Apartments, 3000 SW 35th Place, on Jan. 20, threatening to shoot the man.

The victim addressed Gill by name and pleaded to be left alone, but Gill shot into the air, according to the report.

The men fought over the gun until the vic-

tim was able to escape.

Gill shot the victim in the calf as he ran away, according to the report.

Local News The victim picked out Gill in a photo lineup.

Gill's fingerprints were also connected to a residential robbery on Jan. 12 at 120 NE 40th Place, according to the report.

Gill broke into the house through an un-

locked bedroom window and is accused of stealing a \$2,200 television and a book of bank checks.

Gill is charged with one count of burglary, one count of grand theft, one count of attempted murder, one count of robbery with a firearm and one count possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to the report.

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Editorial

The Editorial Board has never been so happy to say TGIF. And we are in dire need of the weekend to rest and recuperate because it's almost that time again, kids. It's the most dreaded time of the semester. Yep, you guessed it — Student Government elections.

So without further ado, we're going to present you with the you-either-need-to-find-routes-through-campus-that-don't-involve-Turlington-Plaza-or-invest-in-a-new-pair-of-headphones-and-dark-glasses edition of...

Darts & Laurels

You know the fliers will find their way into your hands regardless because the people passing them out are ruthless.

Charlie Simpson is a different sort of ruthless — the good kind. The 7-year-old boy from the United Kingdom raised about \$400,000 for Haiti's earthquake victims when he rode his bicycle about 5 miles around the local park.

And that's why we're going to toss the clever little chap a you're-brilliant-and-made-all-of-us-over-here-across-the-pond-feel-bloody-awful LAUREL to Charlie Simpson.

Wicked!

Simpson isn't the only one who made a lasting contribution.

J.D. Salinger, author of "The Catcher in the Rye," died Thursday at age 91.

And so, for introducing Holden Caulfield to us and producing endless conversations about the ducks in the pond in high school English classes everywhere, we're going to place a wreath of even-Holden-couldn't-call-you-a-phony LAURELS on J.D. Salinger's grave.

On the subject of paying for things, we're throwing a couldn't-you-have-spent-your-money-and-airtime-on-something-better Double DART at CBS and Focus on the Family. Focus on the Family, a conservative anti-gay, anti-choice group, has reportedly paid nearly \$3 million to air a pro-life ad during the Super Bowl.

We understand free speech — maybe better than most people — but the decision makes us wonder how many Haitians that money could have fed or how many books for a children's library it could have bought.

As for CBS, the network is seeping with hypocrisy. They rejected a church's ad a few Super Bowls ago because it included the message that the LGBT community was welcome.

Now a gay dating site is challenging CBS, requesting a spot for a commercial that features two men holding hands then kissing. We hope CBS does the right thing and airs that message, too.

Speaking of discrimination, the Editorial Board would like to lob a we-suspect-you-may-be-a-descendant-of-Satan DART at the Ohio teacher who humiliated an 11-year-old boy in front of his classmates for having long hair.

The kid's mom is suing, and we're all for it. If she doesn't spend it all on therapy, she should buy him a car and pay for his college.

On a lighter note, we have a situation of simple stupidity. The Editorial Board would like to paint a picture of a DART and hang it on the front door of the residence of the art student who tripped and ripped a hole in a \$130-million Picasso painting.

Walk much? Seriously, we've all been to museums, and it's not like paintings are just hanging out in the middle of the room for any idiot cursed by gravity to stumble over.

That's all for this week. In the meantime, try not to trip.

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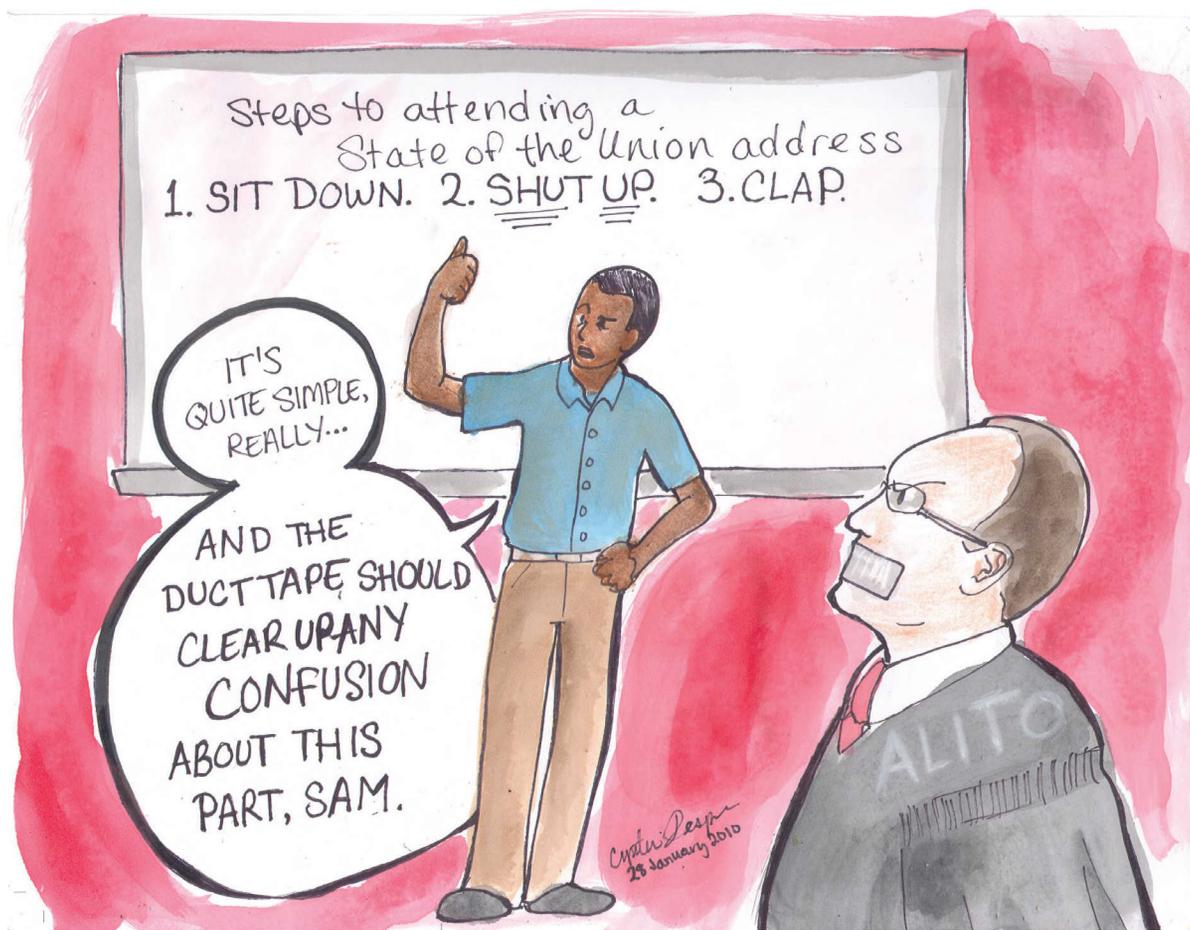
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Column

Politicians support parties, not voters

As long as I can remember, we have had terrible political divisions in our country. The only time Democrats and Republicans seem able to work together are in times of crisis, like after the attacks of Sept. 11 or Pearl Harbor. The politics of our country, specifically of Congress, are inherently wrong and against what Americans want.

Senators and representatives aren't actually voting based on what their constituents want, unless they are up for reelection (see Sens. Ben Nelson and Blanche Lincoln). In fact, I would argue most aren't actually voting based on what they want or believe is best for the country.

Now, I'm going to focus more on the Republicans, simply because in my brief history with politics I have experienced this phenomenon with Republicans more than Democrats.

Sadly, the people in Congress have become puppets of their superiors, voting on what the current party line is. That party line could be something like not working with Democrats on anything they propose, even if it's a bill like Sen. Al Franken's that closed a loophole that prevented a woman who was raped by employees of Halliburton while in Iraq to sue. The Republicans, instead of voting on the issue based on what they actually believe — which I'm assuming is that rape is wrong — chose to vote with the party line of blocking every Democratic bill, no matter what.

I'm reminded of the Franken bill by the recent election of Scott Brown in Massachusetts, who supported a bill in Massachusetts that forced every citizen of the state to purchase health care. The bill was very similar to the controversial bill currently being debated in Congress — the bill that Brown ran his campaign on. This time, however, Brown ran his campaign based on being the 41st Republican in the Senate to filibuster the health care bill, one that he supported in his own state. Apparently, it was good enough for his own state, but it's devastating for the entire country.

I suspect Brown actually supports the health care bill, as I suspect many Republicans are in favor of health care reform. I also suspect there are many Democrats who don't support



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the bill or wouldn't vote for it if they didn't have to vote along their party lines. Remember the health care bill that the U.S. House of Representatives passed? It had, surprisingly, one Republican vote supporting it: Rep. Joseph Cao. Within hours of voting for it, Cao had fundraisers canceled. He was being punished for voting for something he believed in, and because

of that, he said, he won't vote for the merger bill.

This isn't the way to conduct good business. We need to promote democratic values by promoting free thinking in our Congressmen and Congresswomen. As a country, we don't get anywhere when we constantly bicker and put the values of a few in front of the needs of millions.

That is why I believe a drastic change is needed in Congress, to either a three- or zero-party system. If there was a truly independent party with power, its members of Congress could vote with their hearts and stay in the middle, where most Americans are. Similarly, if there were no political parties, there would be no allegiances. As President Obama said in his State of the Union address to Congress, "We were sent here to serve our citizens, not our ambitions."

If, as President Obama declared Wednesday, the health care bill will reduce the deficit over the next 20 years, then members of Congress have a fiscal responsibility to pass the bill. I know this is a simplistic take on the situation, but sometimes politics can be simple. We have a tremendous deficit. If we can help millions of people in the country in the short term while saving money in the long term, we have a responsibility to do it — regardless of whether it's a health care bill or an anti-rape amendment to a government contract, and regardless of which political parties propose the idea.

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Reader response

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Letters to the Editor

Protesters of the Writing on the Wall project missed the point

What happens when a world becomes so PC (politically correct) that even symbols created to break down barriers come under fire? Well, we have 65 members of the PC police saying they're offended that their nationality is represented on the Writing on the Wall. Besides the wall having the word Cuban, it also features "Jap," "Nigger" and other racial epithets. What annoys me about these people is that they totally ignore the fact that the wall represents offensive phrases and words used against someone.

At the end of the week, when the wall is torn down, it is a symbol of the breaking down of barriers. Besides the fact that the PC police totally miss the point of the wall, they have the audacity to create a Facebook group. I mean, come on. I am about as liberal as they come, but I am sick and tired of people complaining about every single event on campus. Or, as Fannie Lou Hamer would say, "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired." All I have to say to the PC police, who are offended, is this: If you hate it so much, you should show up at the end of the week when they tear down the wall. Duh! That was the point. Argh.

Andre Noble
UF student



SG should find another way to raise fees for Reitz renovation

If there's any thinking going on behind the closed doors of the Unite Party, it's clearly not very creative. Rather than offer fresh and innovative ideas about how to raise funds for a renovation of the Reitz Union, Student Body President Jordan Johnson's Wednesday column in the Alligator recycled the same, tired rallying cry for a raise in student fees. He justified his position by using other Florida institutions as examples of "successful" fee-hiking campaigns. Instead of focusing his energy and Student Government position to encourage the Board of Trustees and the administration to search for financial solutions that would not further burden his constituency, Johnson has embraced the idea that the only way the Reitz can be renovated, his proclaimed "Heart of the Gator Nation," is by adopting the usual go-to strategy of exploiting the labor of graduate employees. Johnson might claim to be grasping at "history," but he is re-

ally reaching for the wallets of already underpaid and overworked graduate assistants who have rent to pay, classes to teach and families to feed. SG needs to stop showcasing its lack of originality and begin to serve as an example to other Florida universities in how it approaches these renovations, rather than justify a new fee simply because they can't think of anything better.

Matt Mingus
7LS



Religion is not an excuse for bigotry

This letter is in response to a number of articles, editorials and letters to the editors over the last month or so. Although I intend to address issues from the Dove World Outreach Center to the upcoming Tim Tebow Super Bowl advertisement, my message is somewhat cohesive: Stop apologizing for bigotry.

A bigot is defined by Merriam-Webster as "a person obstinately or intolerantly devoted to his or her own opinions and prejudices." There is no exception in this definition for those who arrive at this intolerance through religious means. Why are we shy to call all Dove World Outreach Center representatives bigots? The claim of Tuesday's editorial, saying that the center suffers from "bad marketing" and is really just espousing fundamentalist Christian principles, is somewhat correct. My objection is that we (and by "we" I mean progressive, secular observers) stop short of stating the obvious. Fundamentalist Christian principles are bigoted. We need not put a protective layer upon our objections simply because they enshrine their bigotry in religion. I anticipate responses to this contention including "this is just what they believe" or "they are just following their religion to its letter." Fine. Great. Let them follow it. This is indeed a free country. I'm not advocating kicking them off campus. I'm advocating a strong, honest response by those who disagree. Call a spade a spade. Call bigotry bigotry.

Same thing goes for Tim Tebow and his intention to appear in a pro-life Focus on the Family commercial. First of all, I like Tim Tebow. I rooted for Tim Tebow. That doesn't change the fact that he is putting his name (and subsequently the name of UF) on a message propagated by a bigoted organization. Focus on the Family has a long history of fighting against

same-sex rights, including marriage. If you agree with them, that is your right. But you are, by definition, a bigot. It truly doesn't matter if you arrived at this position through the Bible or by flipping a coin. If you speak out against or vote against the rights of other people, you are a bigot. I, for one, am embarrassed by what Tim Tebow has chosen to do because on the field he was a great representative of the school that I love.

Some will take objection to the gravity of the following analogy, but perhaps an outsized example will wake some people up. One hundred and fifty years ago there were those who endorsed slavery (many for religious reasons), those who spoke passionately against slavery and those who were against it but apologized for it. If you are passionate about progress, human rights, civil rights and freedom, then please speak that way.

Dave Gallo
4 CLAS



Person who wrote "Cuban" on brick felt victimized by person who perverted meaning

I'm upset that Ana Laura Martinez was offended by the Writing on the Wall Project, but I'm even more upset that Martinez completely missed the point of the activity. The presence of the word "Cuban" on one of those bricks does not mean that the word itself is inherently offensive and derogatory. Instead, it means that the person who wrote "Cuban" on his/her brick felt offended when they heard someone say that word. This distinction is hardly about semantics. The difference is that the person who wrote "Cuban" on his or her brick felt victimized by the speaker, who perverted the meaning of a perfectly reasonable ethnic description.

Perhaps the speaker said the word with an offensive tone. Or maybe the speaker used the word "Cuban" to describe a negative character trait, such as the use of the word "Gyp" or "Jew" to describe a person who takes advantage of another in a financial transaction. (I apologize to any Gypsies and to my fellow Jews who may have been offended by this example. I am merely trying to illustrate a point and do not mean to suggest that these uses are acceptable.) The bottom line is that Martinez is right about one thing: The word "Cuban" is certainly not offensive. The problem is when people say that word in

an offensive manner. These people may not realize the impact of their words at the time, which is why we need the wall to serve as a tangible reminder that our words can — and often do — hurt. I will proudly tear down the wall on Friday as the first step toward tearing down the walls between members of different religions, races, ethnicities and other backgrounds. I hope to see Martinez there, now that she understands the purpose of the project.

Deborah Swerdlow
4JM/4LS



SG president does not appear to care about graduate students

On Wednesday, I went to Student Body President Jordan Johnson's town hall forum concerning the new fee for the Reitz Union expansion and repairs. The forum made clear that Johnson is all about appearances and does not care about substance. Despite the repeated explanations I and others gave him that graduate students are already financially stretched thin and do not use the Reitz Union enough to justify paying the fee, he continued to evade the issue and use George W. Bush-like circular logic. Such an approach was not only insulting, but it betrayed the fact that, at the end of the day, Student Government is for and by the undergraduate population, and among them, the Greeks.

This is not a battle between graduate and undergraduate students. It's the fact that graduate students' concerns about essentially paying a tax to subsidize the undergraduate "student experience" are not being heard.

The Reitz Union cannot offer graduate students anything that our own departments do not give us, but Johnson, once again, does not care. He stated over and over again that the fee issue is up for referendum later this semester, but a simple vote cannot show how a significant demographic of the UF campus feels. The ballot doesn't ask us to state whether we are graduate or undergraduate, and undergraduate voters will almost certainly outnumber graduate voters. If Johnson actually cares, he should survey all graduate students about their use of the Union and if they're willing to pay the fee instead of pretending to feel our pain.

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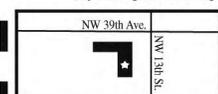
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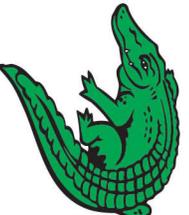
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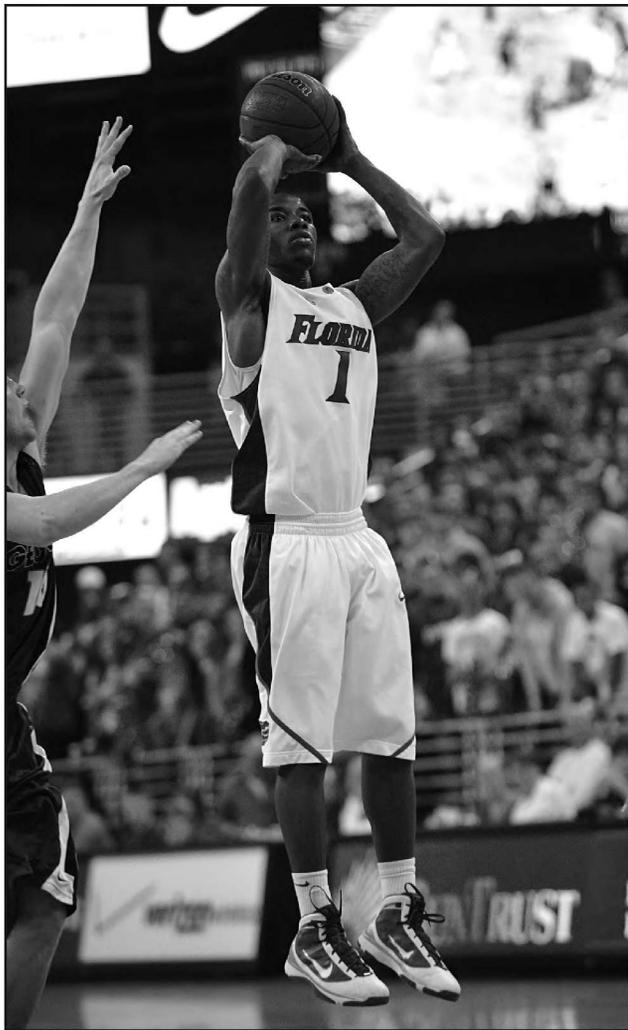
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UF hits stride with SEC up for grabs

■ THE GATORS FACE THE VOLS ON SUNDAY.

By ADAM BERRY
Alligator Staff Writer
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Thanks to their recent success and a well-timed upset, the Gators are right back in the thick of things.

Entering Sunday's 1 p.m. matchup at No. 14 Tennessee (15-4, 3-2 Southeastern Conference), Florida is on a four-game winning streak and playing some of its best basketball of the season.

That, combined with South Carolina's 68-62 upset of No. 1 Kentucky on Tuesday, has given the Gators (15-5, 4-2 SEC) hope that they aren't out of the SEC race despite dropping their first two conference games.

"The SEC is up for grabs with Kentucky losing (Tuesday) night," freshman guard Kenny Boynton said. "We've just got to keep getting wins, and I think our next game

will probably be our biggest game."

With a win against the Volunteers in Knoxville, the Gators might have a chance to jump back into the top 25 and establish themselves as one of the top teams in a league that has only one team without a conference loss, Vanderbilt (5-0 in SEC play), and six of 12 teams with two or three conference losses.

"There's 10 more league games left," junior power forward Alex Tyus said. "Anything can happen, and if we do what we're supposed to do, we can be right there at the top."

Tennessee has dealt with adversity following the dismissal of forward Tyler Smith and dropped its last two games — 78-63 at Georgia and 85-76 against Vanderbilt — but the Volunteers have proven they have potential to pull off an upset, toppling then-No. 1 Kansas 76-68 on Jan. 10.

"That would be huge," sophomore point guard Erv-

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Well-rested Florida heads to face Ole Miss Gators coming off bye week

By EUGENIO TORRENS
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While Bianca Thomas, the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer, and Ole Miss (14-6, 5-2 SEC) spent part of this week prepping for their matchup with South Carolina on Thursday night, the Gators rested on their bye week.

With the week off, coach Amanda Butler said the coaching staff tried to look at all the things the team could do to get better, including turnovers, which will be an area the Gators hope to improve on when they face the Rebels on Sunday in Oxford.

Florida (11-9, 4-3 SEC) had 12 turnovers in the first half compared to four in the second half in a 59-56 win against the Gamecocks on Jan. 24.

The Gators fixed their turnover problems in that game, but they couldn't

turn the tide against Alabama, when 24 turnovers, 31 percent shooting and a 22 percent night from beyond the arc led to an 82-58 loss on Jan. 21.

"It makes us feel bad and sick to watch the film and look how we played in that game and how we played in the South Carolina game," senior guard Lonrika Thompson said. "It's a totally different team."

The Gators will need to play like they did against some of the better competition this season: a 66-64 loss to then-No. 4 Tennessee, a nine-point loss to then-No. 8 Georgia, and their 55-52 win against Mississippi State

"I like what we've done so far — had a tough one against Alabama — but besides that, we've competed or won

in every ballgame that we've been in," Butler said. "The ones we didn't win, we were in position to win."

UF hopes the week off allows it to come out and emulate its play against previous tough opponents, as Ole Miss will fall into that category.

The Rebels won four-straight games before losing to the Gamecocks 64-50 on Thursday, including wins over the Bulldogs in Athens and No. 18 LSU, and are tied at the top of the SEC with the Volunteers.

"We've gotta put one of our best performances together because, aside from their personnel and what they can do to you individually, they're just playing with tremendous confidence," Butler said. "And that's evident."

The Rebels' offense is carried by its guards, with three averaging double figures.

The head of the Rebels' trio is Thomas, who entered Thursday with a

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UF GYMNASTICS

Tough slate continues against LSU

By TOM GREEN
Alligator Writer

UF coach Rhonda Faehn has said several times the team's goal is to get better as the season progresses and prepare itself for the postseason, and according to her, her young squad is right on schedule.

Coming off two consecutive victories against Southeastern Conference opponents, No. 4 Florida (2-1, 2-0 SEC) will play host to No. 13 LSU (3-2, 1-1 SEC) on Friday at 7 p.m. in the O'Connell Center for the fourth annual Gators Link to Pink meet.

The meet marks the fourth-straight top-15 team the Gators have faced to start this season, having already gone up against then-No. 9 Oklahoma, then-No. 7 Arkansas and then-No. 12 Kentucky.

Faehn tries to give her team a tough schedule every season, as she said it will help the squad prepare mentally for the tough challenges it will face in the postseason.

"It makes the team perform under pressure because it's a really strong, quality team," Faehn said. "We get to see early on who can handle the pressure, so we know when it comes to SEC Championships or NAAs and there are 10,000 people watching."

The test of seeing who can handle the pressure is sure to continue against the Tigers.

Three of the Gators' four meets against LSU last season were decided by less than half a point each, with the narrowest margin (.075) coming during NCAA Team Qualifying.

LSU also boasts the top-ranked all-around gymnast in the nation, Susan Jackson (39.475), while Florida's Ashanee Dickerson (39.358) is tied for fourth but is the highest-ranked freshman.

Facing a ranked team and an elite gymnast such as Jackson could be a good test to see how Dickerson and the rest of the team perform under the pressure that Faehn spoke about.

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■ UF's men's and women's tennis teams are in action this weekend. Both will be hosting the ITA Kick-Off Weekend. The women start the two-day event on Friday against BYU, and the men begin play against Furman. For full coverage of the Gators' matches, check out alligatorSports.org.

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UF LACROSSE

■ The Gators will get a chance to prepare for their inaugural season when they travel to Orlando to face the U.S. developmental team. UF's lacrosse program will kick off its first year on Feb. 14 in the Princeton Tournament.

Trio of Gators look to continue league success

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ing Walker said. "Tennessee's a highly ranked team. They're a good team with or without Tyler Smith, so we've got to just be ready going in."

Over the last four games, UF has shown signs that it might be kicking into mid-season form: effective full-court defense and high-percentage shooting against Georgia, mature late-game play against South Carolina and Arkansas, balanced scoring against LSU and improved rebounding throughout all four wins.

"We're confident right now," Walker said. "We're playing really well, and it's

all starting in practice. We can't get big-headed."

The Gators played one of their most complete games of the season Wednesday night, with Walker, Boynton and Tyus scoring more than 20 points apiece.



Men's Basketball

Wednesday night was the first time three Gators had 20-plus points since Brent Wright (26), Matt Bonner (21) and Udonis Haslem (20) did so in UF's 106-64 win over Bethune-Cookman on Dec. 19, 2000.

The trio has been on a tear in conference play, as Walker is averaging 19.2

points per game on 62.2 percent three-point shooting, Boynton has scored in double-digits in every SEC game and Tyus posted a 14.3-point, 6.8-rebound average in six league games.

But Walker said he, Boynton and Tyus can't beat a team like Tennessee on their own no matter how well they're playing at this point of the season.

"We need more than just Alex and Kenny. We need everybody," Walker said. "We need Vernon (Macklin), Chandler (Parsons), Erik (Murphy) and Ray (Shipman). It's got to be a team effort."

"We can't make a lot of mistakes, especially on the road, against a good team like that. We've got to be focused."

Rebels' Thomas enters as SEC's leading scorer

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league-leading 21.1 points per conference game, while junior Kayla Melson averages 11.4 points and senior Shantell Black 10.45.

Forward Nikki Byrd earned SEC Player of the Week after averaging a double-double in two conference wins last week.

This season, UF has had success limiting prominent SEC scorers Angie Bjorklund (Tennessee), Alexis Rack (MSU), and Valerie Nainima (USC) to a combined 36 points. The three, who were denied the ball as part of the Gators' defensive scheme, shot a collective 24 percent from the field (12 of 50).

With a week to prepare, Florida also had more time to

"I like what we've done so far — had a tough one against Alabama — but besides that, we've competed or won in every ballgame that we've been in."

Amanda Butler

UF women's basketball coach

get to know Thomas' tendencies and what makes her uncomfortable.

"We have to contain her, but at the same time we can't lose focus of the other four players on the court," sophomore forward Ndidi Madu said. "That's when somebody can score 30 and kill you."

Tigers boast top all-around competitor

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Faehn said Jackson is a talented gymnast, but the team's focus is on getting the win and continuing to improve — not on individual accolades.

"That's kind of icing on the cake," Faehn said. "If Ashanee happens to win the all-around again, that's awesome."

But the team's only focus Friday isn't on LSU.



Faehn

The Gators are also on helping raise awareness for breast cancer, as both teams will shed their team colors in favor of pink leotards. Each team in the SEC hosts one meet each year to help the cause.

Faehn said it is a great opportunity for the team to help out the community and the American Cancer Society, especially as female athletes.

"There's going to be great gymnastics," Faehn said. "But we're really just trying to tie both worlds in together ... to be able to get the word out on all the different steps on helping to raise awareness."

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Sportsmanlike Conduct

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

The minute UF athletes slip on their orange-and-blue jerseys, they are shoved into the spotlight.

Thousands of spectators from Gainesville come to root for them in their quest of chomping out the day's opponent. But the effect UF athletes have on the community doesn't stop when they peel off their jerseys and step out of the locker room.

Underneath their uniforms are hearts of gold.

While it's well-known that the football team throws as much to the community as it does touchdowns, there are athletes throughout The Gator Nation who roll up their sleeves.

For one example, move down the road past the long shadow cast by The Swamp to Katie Seashole Pressly Softball Stadium.

Senior softball player Francesca Enea has been making her mark by transforming her glove hand into a helping hand.

In 2009, along with the help of others, Enea founded Swinging for Cancer, a fundraising event run by the softball program to benefit the Shands Cancer Research Hospital.

It is centered on coaches and players of the UF athletic community who attempt to hit off of the team's ace pitcher. Afterward, fans are encouraged to fill out donation slips.

In 2009, Stacey Nelson threw heat and gave the star-studded batting order — including basketball coach Billy Donovan and baseball coach Kevin O'Sullivan — a run for its money.

"Seeing the student-athletes and their coaches trying to hit off of Stacey was hilarious," Enea said. "It was wonderful to have fun in the process of raising about \$400 for Shands."

This year's event, held Saturday, will benefit Friends of Jaclyn, a program that pairs athletes with children who have brain tumors.

In Enea's initiative to get involved with the Friends of Jaclyn program, the team gained 13-year-old Heather Braswell, who had been diagnosed with a medulloblastoma — a malignant brain tumor. Since Heather's pairing with the Gators in the fall, she and the Gators have played softball games, celebrated Heather's birthday in the locker room and just hung out together.

"Francesca and the girls are always texting Heather," Terri said. "It's indescribable how they have put a spring in Heather's step."

This Saturday, the Braswell family will make the 90-minute drive from Apopka to the Swinging for Cancer event.

The Braswells' car will be easy to spot — the one in the parking lot showered in FSU stickers.

"My husband and I both went to Florida State and are die-hard 'Nole fans," Terri said.



Courtesy of Tim Casey

Florida junior Francesca Enea checks the lineup sheet during the UF softball team's Swinging for Cancer event on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009.

"I remember being on the phone with the Friends of Jaclyn and finding out that Heather's match was the Gators softball team. I told them I would go out and buy some blue and orange."

Heather has gotten her share of UF gear over the months, including a softball jersey and an orange-and-blue Gators blanket, given to her as a birthday gift from the team.

"Heather was treated for her disease in Memphis," Terri said. "Though Heather is currently cancer-free, we have to go up there every couple of months. That blanket is in our luggage every time we make the trip. The Gators are definitely represented in Tennessee."

Saturday will also be the first time Heather and her family will meet members of the Friends of Jaclyn organization face-to-face.

Enea's charity work goes much further than utilizing the sticky clay on the softball field.

She served as co-chair of the Gator Tracks program, a student-athlete organization that provides shoes to underprivileged elementary school students in Gainesville.

With that track record, Enea gets requests from teammates about how to get involved in the community.

"It's the small things that count," Enea said. "I really want to make sure that my team gets as involved in service as possible. It really is contagious."

The gymnastics team is continuing the

benevolence in the sports realm, most notably junior Alicia Goodwin, whose focus has been toward breast cancer awareness.

Tonight, Goodwin and her teammates will support the cause during the Link to Pink Meet against LSU, when both teams will don pink leotards.

"This really is a special event for us," Goodwin said. "Our fans come out and support us during our meets, and this is an opportunity for us to give back to them."

Goodwill Gators

To get involved, many athletes use the Goodwill Gators Community Outreach Program, set up by the University Athletic Association to provide them with various avenues to reach out to the Gainesville community.

Popular Goodwill Gators events include Gator Tracks and Climb for Cancer, an event in which pediatric cancer patients play sports with UF athletes.

Such service opportunities allow many Gators to take off their cleats and slip on the their do-gooder shoes.

Sophomore soccer player Marsha Harper has participated in more than 10 Goodwill Gator events, and her service work landed her a spot on the 2009 SEC Soccer Community Service Team.

"Winning this award really opened me and my teammates' eyes to what a difference we can make with our free time," Harper said.

Reaching Across Borders

Paving her own way in Gainesville — and America — is UF senior swimmer Gemma Spofforth, a native of England.

On top of gracing the O'Connell Center pool with her All-American and Olympian talent, Spofforth gives back as a phone counselor for the Alachua County Crisis Center.

"We provide support for people in crisis or in a state of depression," Spofforth said. "We strive to understand a situation emotionally and provide support and solutions to people's crisis situations and problems."

Along with former UF quarterback Tim Tebow, Spofforth won the 2009 Ben Hill Griffin Award. The award, from Gator Boosters Inc., honors athletes who are all giving and soar athletically and academically.

"To be awarded for my efforts out of the pool alongside my athletic honors is by far more exciting to me," Spofforth said. "I know I can swim, but to gain recognition for something that I have worked hard at and hasn't come particularly easy to me is fantastic."

Many would find it difficult to set up their lives in a foreign country, no less seeking ways to help others in theirs.

"I think that anywhere in the world community service means the same thing," Spofforth said. "America has taught me multiple lessons, and over the past three-and-a-half years has become home to me. I love giving my time to people less fortunate than me because I understand how lucky I am."

While many athletes grew into their service work, others were used to lending a hand.

Former volleyball player and recent graduate Kristina Johnson was raised in Indianapolis, with an eye toward service.

Her father, Ken, is a motivational speaker and team chaplain for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, and her family runs Emerging Eagles, a program dedicated to serving inner-city kids.

She kept the tradition alive, being named to the SEC Volleyball Community Service Team twice during her time at UF.

Her list of service work is almost as long as the legs that hold her 6-foot-2 frame.

A short excerpt of her participation involves her volunteerism with the Shands Cancer Wing, assistance with the intramural program at Stephen Foster Elementary and aid in the Gator Tracks program.

Soon, Johnson will take her dedication to service global. In March she'll travel to Africa to do missionary work and teach religion.

Whether it's on a field, in a gym or in the hospitals, athletes give back to the town that has supported them in their wins and losses.

It's a safe bet that when Gators athletes aren't sweating it out at practice or in a game, they are removing jerseys to represent UF in more ways than can be captured in any play, dunk, home run or touchdown.

GOLDEN-HEARTED GATORS

Francesca Enea ♦ Softball

On the field: All-SEC Second Team in 2009, National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA)/Louisville Slugger Second-Team All-American in 2008 and 2009, Easton First-Team All-American in 2008 and 2009, holds seven UF records.



Off the field: Semifinalist for Sixth Annual Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup, Created and Organized Swinging for Cancer, 2008 SEC Softball Community Service Team, Point of Light Award, mentors students and hospital patients

Gemma Spofforth ♦ Swimming

On the field: World Champion, World Record Holder, 2008 Olympian (England), Five-time NCAA champion, 18-time All-American Selection, 2009 SEC Female Swimmer of the Year, Eight-time All-SEC Selection, Four-Time SEC Champion, Four-time SEC



Record Holder

Off the field: Alachua County Crisis Center phone counselor, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's (SAAC) inaugural Golden Gators Award ceremony, Gator

Kristina Johnson ♦ Volleyball

On the field: SEC All-Freshman Team (2006)



School, volunteer at Shands Medical Plaza, volunteer for P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School's Read Around the Clock program and the Cure for Design Fashion Show, Generation Connection, Assistant Director for Alachua County Social Services, Gator Tracks.

Marsha Harper ♦ Soccer

On the field: Appeared in 10 matches



Off the field: 2009 SEC Soccer Community Service Team, more than 10 Goodwill Gator Events, volunteer at Gainesville's St. Francis House — Homeless Shelter & Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, hospital visits to Shands pediatric patients

Alicia Goodwin ♦ Gymnastics

On the field: One-time All-American, Level 10 Junior Olympics National Championships



Off the field: 2009 SEC Gymnastics Community Service Team, Climb for Cancer, Gainesville American Cancer Society's Fifth-Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, counselor at Harvest Food Drive clinic, Gator Tracks, Provide/serve meals to The Hope Lodge (cancer patients of Shands), Link to Pink

UF TRACK AND FIELD

Horn set for heptathlon

By **RYAN BUTLER**
Alligator Writer

Gray Horn's life revolves around competing in the decathlon.

The UF track and field athlete will get to compete in part of one this weekend.

The sophomore and the rest of the No. 3 men's and No. 9 women's track and field teams will compete in the Texas A&M Challenge on Friday and Saturday.

It will be the second meet of the indoor season for most of the team, but the first for the long-distance squads and the first chance for Horn to compete in the heptathlon.

"I'm expecting a big performance," Horn said. "Sophomore year is usually a big breakout year."

Horn emerged on the conference scene with his first-place finish in the decathlon in last year's Southeastern Conference Championship — the first time a Gator won the event.

The competition-obsessed Horn is expected to be another big contributor this season, starting with the Texas A&M Challenge, as he prepares to defend his title in the postseason meets.

This weekend's meet features nine of the nation's elite teams, three each from the Pacific-10 Conference, Big 12 Conference and SEC.

Unlike most regular-season meets, this competition features team scoring

by conference, with the schools from each league combining their team-point totals to determine the winning conference.

"It's exciting because it's No. 2 (Oregon), No. 3 (UF) and the defending champs (Texas A&M)," Horn said. "There's a lot to prove in this meet, and I'm looking forward to the good competition."

"We're not sitting together with the other coaches to plan strategy. I'm focused on the Gators."

Mike Holloway
UF track coach

The Ducks' Ashton Eaton, the defending national champion in the decathlon, stands as Horn's biggest rival in the heptathlon.

But UF coach Mike Holloway said he's more concerned about how his teams perform than with helping the SEC win the early-season meet in College Station.

"We're not sitting together with the other coaches to plan strategy," Holloway said. "I'm focused on the Gators."

Florida will team up with Arkansas and South Carolina, the Pac-10 will feature Oregon, Stanford and Washington State, and Texas, Baylor and the host Aggies will represent the Big 12 in the meet.

UF travels to Tennessee

By **MATT RUBIN**
Alligator Writer

As the Florida men's and women's swimming and diving teams take on Tennessee in their last dual meet of the regular season, two undefeated streaks will be on the line.

Starting tonight in Knoxville, the women's team (9-2, 3-1 SEC) will try to stay unbeaten against Tennessee. As of now, the Gators women are 23-0 against the Volunteers.

"It's motivation," sophomore Teresa Crippen said. "We always try to race and touch the wall first."

Crippen and junior men's swimmer Conor Dwyer are coming off stellar performances against Auburn that earned them CollegeSwimming.com's Counsilman Hunsaker Division I National Collegiate Swimmer of the Week honors.

When the UF men's team (8-0, 3-0 SEC) competes in its meet Saturday afternoon, the team will attempt to finish the regular season with an unblemished record.

It would mark the first time the Gators men's team has completed the regular season undefeated since the 1987-88 season, when Florida finished 7-0.

Standing in the way of the UF men's squad will be No. 11 Tennessee, which has an undefeated streak of its own to maintain.

Since the Vols' men began competing in the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center in August 2008, they have been undefeated at home.

This streak includes a 6-0 dual-meet record as well as wins in two Tennessee Invitational meets.

"We'll get a little taste of the same thing that Auburn

saw when they came here. It'll be their senior week," UF coach Gregg Troy said. "They've got

a pretty big senior class on the men's side, so I expect to see a real enthusiastic group.

"I'm sure we'll get their best shot, and it'll be another great opportunity to see where we are."

Even with the great performance last week against Auburn, Troy made it clear to his swimmers that the Auburn meet was done with, and now it's time for Tennessee.

"You're only as good as your last performance," Troy said. "Next week, no one's going to care about the Auburn dual meet."



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