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## AROUND GAINESVILLE

# Against Me! plays Haiti benefit show

By TYLER JETT  
Alligator Writer

About 200 fist-pumping, head-banging punk rock fans gathered at The Atlantic Sunday night to listen to loud music and raise about \$3,000 for Haiti.

The 4 1/2-hour Haiti Benefit Concert was headlined by Against Me!, a Gainesville-founded band that has released four studio albums.

Along with Against Me!, Grabass Charlestons, Averkiou, Whiskey & Company and Holopaw performed.

Fans paid \$10 to come to the concert.

But in the spirit of the cause, many donated more.

Grabass Charlestons' drummer and singer Will Thomas organized the event.

"I was in a unique position to quickly and easily throw a fun and visible show," Thomas said. "...We're all touched by the story of Haiti."

Thomas partnered with the American Red Cross, and all of the proceeds from the concert were donated to the organization.

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## Black history events start

By NATASHA BETTY  
Alligator Contributing Writer

"A Love Story," the theme for this year's Black History Month, is not a reference to a Taylor Swift song or Valentine's Day.

"The tale of our love story is not of hearts and roses but of accomplishments, failures and opportunities," said Kamali Burke, UF executive director of Black History Month. "It is our plight to share the love story as a testament to those who have blazed the trails before us."

Cammy Justice, one of the program's planners, suggested the theme after taking a class that defined love as full of hurt, pain, happiness, accomplishment, selflessness and struggle.



Football games, to me, Black History Month is a tradition with memories I will never forget," McNeal said.

Burke said this year's program includes a poetry night, bingo tournament, comedy show, step show and a concert by John Legend. The program will also support three philanthropies and contribute to Gators United for Haiti.

Most events are free and open to the public, Burke said.

Shannon McNeal, Black Student Union president, said she is looking forward to the 21st annual Florida Invitational Step Show.

"Much like Gator

Tennessee guard Scotty Hopson hit the game-winning shot with 21 seconds remaining in the Volunteers' 61-60 win over the Gators on Sunday, ending UF's four-game win streak. See Story, Page 18.



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**A Knight's Tale**  
Ryan Scammon, suited up as Sir Orin Dayne, races toward his opponent, Sir William Dudley, in a joust tournament Saturday afternoon at the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. Dayne went on to win the contest. Hoggetowne Medieval Faire organizers expect about 50,000 people to visit during the two weekends the event will run. The fair will continue Feb. 5-7. See story, Page 5.

## Movie features UF doc

■ THE MOVIE STARS HARRISON FORD AND BRENDAN FRASER.

By ANDREW WYZAN  
Alligator Contributing Writer

He's walked the red carpet and socialized with movie stars, but he's also saved lives.

Dr. Barry Byrne is a pediatric cardiologist and director of the Powell Gene Therapy Center at the UF College of Medicine.

He is spending time in the spotlight while his research on Pompe disease, a rare genetic disorder resulting in infant mortality, is showcased in the new movie "Extraordinary Measures."

Byrne said the movie, which describes a father's efforts to find a cure for his children with Pompe disease, has a simple message.

Byrne said he met with producers of the film as well as its stars, Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser.

As shown in the movie, the disorder causes paralysis and can force patients to breathe with a respirator. The patient's heart eventually shuts down.

Byrne participated in the clinical trial that led to the approval of Myozyme, the first form of enzyme replacement therapy for Pompe disease and the treatment featured in the movie.

Byrne is also working on clinical trials for gene therapy of Pompe disease.

Byrne said gene therapy is the treatment that he and his team have the best hope for, and they are gearing up for human trials of the treatment.



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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Ayn Rand Birthday Tribute**  
Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.  
Plaza of the Americas

UF's libertarians will be serving cake on the Plaza of the Americas Tuesday in honor of Ayn Rand, author of "Atlas Shrugged". Come join Students for the Preservation of Freedom in conversation about Rand, an amazing woman and a defender of individualism.

## Got something going on?

And want to see it in this space? Send an e-mail with "What's Happening" in the subject line to efuggetta@alligator.org. Please model your submissions after the events listed above. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

## ON-CAMPUS

### Construction causes delays

Students can expect 10- to 15-minute traffic delays due to construction starting today at the intersection of Southwest 23rd Street and 35th Place.

— LAUREN BUFFINGTON

### Garage gets 'green' award

UF's Southwest Parking Garage Complex has been certified as one of the greenest facilities in the nation.

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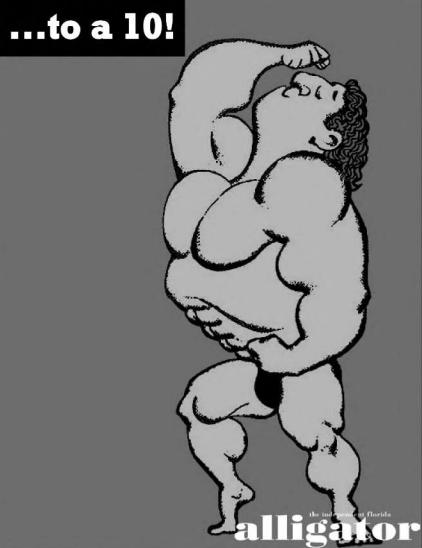
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RTS is temporarily closing five bus stops serving Route 403 and Later Gator B. According to a press release from RTS, westbound stops on Southwest 35th Place between 23rd Terrace and 27th Street and southbound stops on Southwest 27th Street between 35th Place and 38th Place will be closed.

The roundabout construction is projected to take about four to five months and should be completed by July, according to Gina Hawkins of the City of Gainesville Public Works Department. The project, which will cost about \$400,000, will consist of the roundabout and about 1,600 feet of sidewalk along Southwest 35th Place.

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Scott Fox, director of UF Transportation and Parking Services, credits the success of the project to the team's dedication. The building contains carpool parking and electric car charging stations and was built with recycled asphalt, low-emitting products and reflective roof material.

According to the Sustainable UF Web site, the university adopted LEED standards in 2001 for its new construction and renovation projects. As of today, the campus has one Platinum-certified building, four Gold-certified buildings, two Silver-certified buildings and 10 standard-certified buildings.

Fox said the facility missed Platinum certification, the highest rating, by a point or two, but things are being tweaked, and UF is submitting the facility for a reassessment. If certified, it will be the first Platinum-certified parking garage in the U.S.

— MELINDA CARSTENSEN

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**ON CAMPUS**

# Students get kick out of fundraiser

**By LYN KRAMER**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Project Makeover, a UF organization that seeks to improve the educational environment for low-income students, kicked its fundraising efforts into gear Sunday with a kickball tournament on Flavet Field.

About 100 UF students participated in the tournament, which raised about \$630, said Julianne Scherker, Project Makeover's executive director.

The money will go toward Project Makeover's beautification project at a local elementary school.

Kickball teams included the Ad So-

ciety, the Florida Cicerones, sororities, fraternities, the Freshmen Leadership Council and other UF organizations.

**"It's so critical for all students to have an equal education."**

**Julianne Scherker**

Project Makeover Executive Director

The Ad Society took first place.

The kickball tournament is just one part of the group's fundraising efforts.

Scherker said the group has also tabled at Super Wal-Mart and held fundraisers at local restaurants.

Project Makeover hopes to raise more than \$5,000, which includes monetary donations as well as landscaping equipment and paint donations, Scherker said.

Scherker said the beautification project will run from Feb. 26 through Feb. 28.

Project Makeover volunteers will paint educational murals, decorate sidewalks, plant trees and flowers, make a butterfly garden and renovate a baseball diamond, Scherker said.

Last year, Project Makeover raised more than \$3,000 for its project at Williams Elementary. More than 800 students volunteered.

# Lawyer offers free help to Haitians

■ THE UF GRADUATE IS HELPING HAITIANS GET TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.

**By GWEN RAHN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

A local immigration lawyer is offering more than his support after the earthquake devastation in Haiti.

Evan George, a UF graduate, is offering pro bono services and legal assistance for Haitians eligible for Temporary Protected Status, a short-term visa for immigrants from other countries residing in the United States only offered to certain countries in severe times of trouble, such as ongoing warfare or a severe natural disaster.

On Jan. 15, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services designated Haiti as an eligible country for Temporary Protected Status.

This is the first time the service has offered protected status to Haitian immigrants in the United States.

"This is a good way for me to give back to my community after all the years I spent here in school," George said.

"I am in a good position and have knowledge of the law, and it is a time we desperately need it."

George will continue to offer his free services to Haitian immigrants in Gainesville until situations begin to improve in Haiti.

"I just want to help in whatever way I can," George said. "Even though I do not have any personal ties to Haiti, this earthquake disaster has hit home for all of us."

To contact George about his services, call the Law Office of Evan D. George at 352-378-5603 or e-mail George at edg-law@gmail.com.



George

# Health fair offers 'new' remedies

**By MINCH MINCHIN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

The mythical cities of Shangri-La and Shambhala merged with the Mayo Clinic Saturday afternoon at the United Church of Gainesville.

About 30 representatives from health and New Age-related organizations displayed pamphlet-covered booths and tables inside the church's atrium. They used the materials to promote their businesses at the Gainesville Holistic Health Fair, which is held every year.

Hundreds of locals braved the rain to learn about dozens of holistic well-being issues, such as geological healing, positive thinking and water birthing.

Vendors talked to visitors about the histories and scientific validations of their goods and services.

"There are different approaches for becoming whole," said 49-year-old Jeanne Dickman-Vuille, who was visiting from Switzerland. "These are ways to enhance your life."

And for those less eager than Dickman-Vuille, holistic health practitioners had to find more persuasive methods, such as free therapy sessions, to entice potential clients.

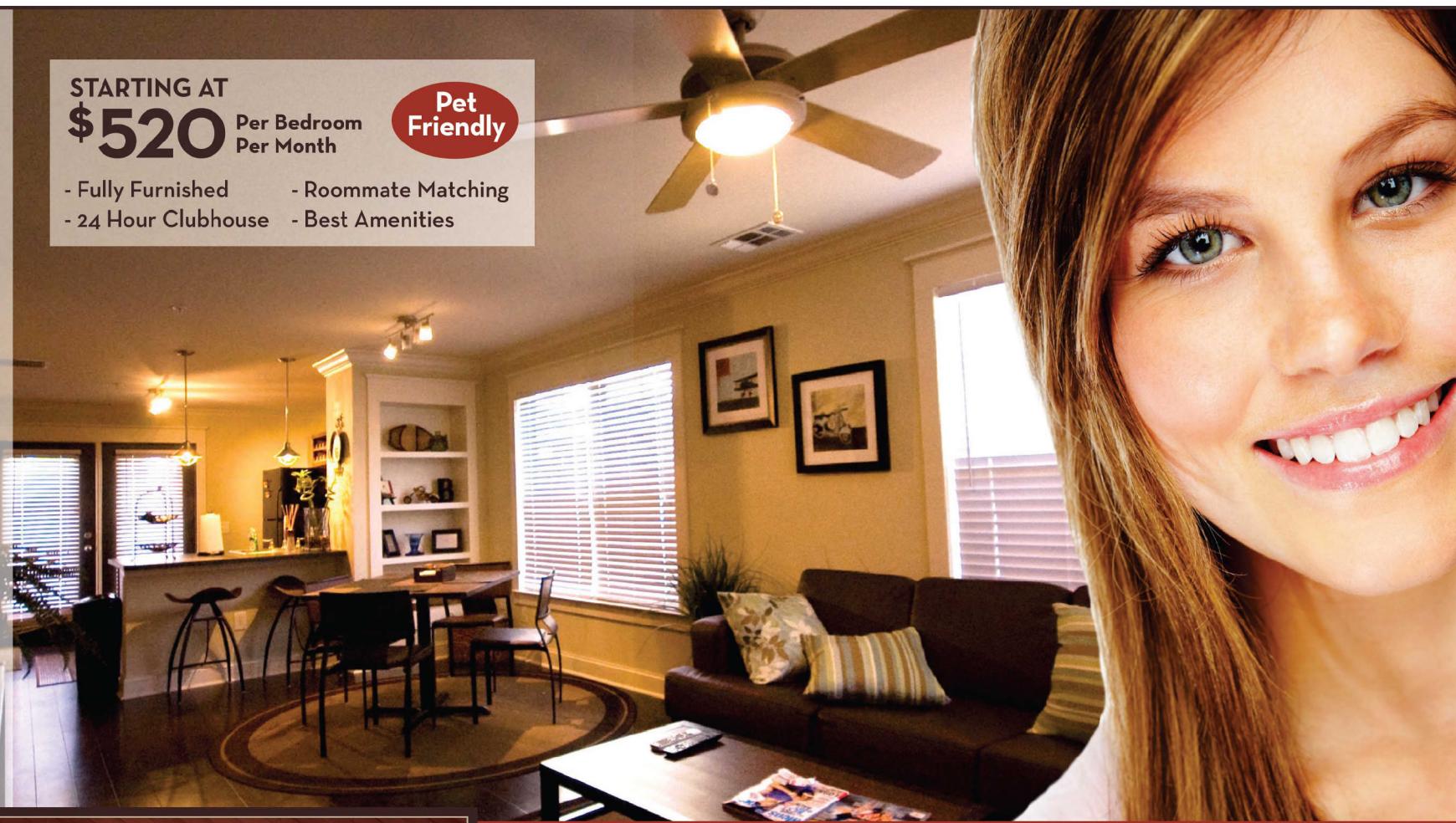
"The needles are small," said Leona Harter of the Academy for Five Element Acupuncture. "And we bribe you with chocolate cookies."

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## ON CAMPUS

# Students smash 'taboo' bricks

By MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Contributing Writer

When the dust settled, students started to smash.

They approached the fallen wall on the Plaza of the Americas and began to throw cinder blocks with phrases like "Treehugger" and "Homos are Sinners."

The Writing on the Wall project ended Friday when project staff members, watched by a group of about 100 students and faculty, pulled the wall down with ropes.

The project is an annual event in which students paint offensive or taboo words on cinder blocks. Project staff build a wall with the blocks, and the wall is torn down to symbolize the breaking down of barriers between people.

The a cappella group No Southern Accent performed Three Dog Night's "Joy to the World."

Padma Chamathy, the director of the project, said it was introduced to UF eight years ago from the University of Utah.

Last year, Chamathy found a brick she didn't understand. It read, "I'll pay."

Chamathy said she later discovered the author's brother had offered to pay for his sister's abortion.

"It just made me sad for her," Chamathy said.

Jamie Sipp, a criminology senior, said he's felt the pain of being called several of the names painted on the wall.

"Seeing it torn down makes you feel pretty good," Sipp said. "It makes you feel like you're not alone."

Gerri Sterne, a project staff member and graphic design sophomore, said she hopes the project stimulates conversation between people.

Sterne said the project is meant to make a long-term difference, and she doesn't expect the project to have an immediate effect on students.



Laurie Michaelson / Alligator

**Sean O'Brien, 26, smashes a "prick" brick at the Writing on the Wall demolition Friday afternoon.**

# Laptop fundraiser 'Souper Fun'

## ■ THE COMPETITION RAISED ABOUT \$15,000.

By CINDY TAVERAS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Soup was served with a side of hospitality in the St. Francis Catholic High School gymnasium Sunday.

Thirty Gainesville restaurants competed for eight titles at the third annual Souper Fun Sunday, a soup-tasting competition held to raise money so the school can provide incoming freshmen with laptops.

Sherry Houston, the department director of the event, said the competition raised about \$15,000. The entry price for children was \$7.50, and the price for adults was \$15.

About 700 people sampled chowders and bisques, which were all made from scratch.

The creations varied from shrimp bisque and pasta fagioli to cheeseburger chowder and pumpkin soup.

Radio personality Storm Roberts, TV anchor Paige Beck, Sen. Steve Oelrich, HOME publisher Scott Costello and local activist Nancy Perry judged the competition.

The Judge's Choice award was tied between The Flying Biscuit Café for its chicken corn chowder and the Great Outdoors Restaurant.

The People's Choice award went to Embers Prime Steaks Wood Grill for its crab bisque.

June Allen, one of Embers' own-

ers, hopes the award will spark business for the 6-month-old restaurant.

Storm Roberts, radio personality for KTK 98.5, favored the Great Outdoors' New England clam chowder.

"The first thing that hits you is the aroma," Roberts said about the soup. "You always taste with your nose first then with your eyes."

Barbara Grimes, who attended the competition with her daughter, who teaches at the school, said she enjoyed every soup.

"Even the ones that I don't like, I liked," she said. "There's not one that was bad."

Grimes drove about 70 miles from Jacksonville to taste the different soups.

"Soup's such a great comfort food," she said. "Who doesn't like soup?"

# Gainesville residents peruse art on monthly walk downtown

## Artists ranged from diploma framers to cellists

By MINCH MINCHIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Panhandlers, Main Street construction and an economic recession have not been kind to artists in downtown Gainesville.

But that did not stop 10 downtown art establishments from participating in the Gainesville Art Walk Friday night.

The Art Walk, held on the last Friday of every month, gives local artists a chance to promote and display their work.

The displays ranged from an artisan who frames diplomas to a tattooed man who played songs for passers-by on a cello covered in purple feathers.

Artists and shop owners enticed visitors to come into their stores with giveaways.

"I used to give out wine until I realized that I was just attracting underage people who were coming in here and taking it," said Troid Brett, owner of Floating Island Gift Shop. "Now I just give cookies."

Wine or no wine, getting visitors to

participate in the Art Walk is becoming increasingly difficult.

Sales are down about 50 percent since the recession set in, Brett said.

Several artists, however, said they foresee brighter days ahead for the downtown art scene.

The conclusion of the Main Street construction is expected to increase both foot and vehicle traffic, said Jeff Knee, a promoter for the South Main Community Arts Center.

# Equality director holds open forum

By CJ PRUNER

Alligator Writer

Speaking before a crowd of about 15 people at the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, Gainesville Equal Opportunity Director Cecil Howard made a promise.

"What I'd like to do is bring together a sense of community," he said. "We won't be deemed the roach motel, where a case comes in but doesn't come out."

Since assuming his new role in late October, Howard has worked with numerous organizations to ensure equality for all Gainesville residents.

"Discrimination based on any factor is wrong and robs Gainesville of its intellect and talent. When the city discriminates, it's a loser."

Craig Lowe

Gainesville City Commissioner

Speaking for about an hour, Howard discussed some of the programs his office is pursuing.

He promised the crowd that acts of intolerance within Gainesville will not be tolerated.

"If someone goes over to an apartment and is told, 'We don't want your kind,' my office needs to know about it," he said.

Howard said there's much more work to be done, primarily in racial and gender equality.

Terry Fleming, the co-president of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, agreed with Howard's notion, pointing out how his office still gets complaints from those who feel they have been discriminated against.

Although he emphasized the need to educate people on their rights and protections, Fleming expressed much excitement at how much Howard's office has been reaching out to the community.

Howard also hopes to establish communication with the Dove World Outreach Center, which has raised controversy with its statements regarding Islam and the gay community.

Since taking office, Howard has earned the respect of many of his constituents and colleagues, including Gainesville City Commissioner Craig Lowe, who attended Sunday.

Lowe praised Howard's work, noting his proactive approach and his participation in community outreach.

For Lowe, who has championed equal opportunity initiatives and is gay, the fight to ensure equal rights is personal.

"Discrimination based on any factor is wrong and robs Gainesville of its intellect and talent," he said. "When the city discriminates, it's a loser."

The completion of the new downtown dog park and the science museum should also help revitalize the area, he said, as should the expected county-wide crackdowns on homelessness and vagrant activity.

For art-loving locals, the revitalization cannot come soon enough.

"Art is important," said Nita Garland, who lives three blocks from downtown and frequently visits art shows and shops around Main Street. "The Art Walk is important. What Gainesville expresses through the Art Walk is important."

## LOCAL NEWS

# Ye olde faire draws 15,000

By STEFANIA FERRO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Shawn Bauldree is a preschool teacher, but this weekend, she donned a purple gown and fairy wings, her identity further concealed by the swirled and glittery makeup around her eyes.

At the 24th annual Hoggetown Medieval Faire, Bauldree, 46, goes by Tatiana, this year's fairy queen.

An actress at the fair, she greeted about 15,000 damsels and knights who came to the festival this weekend for an afternoon of jousting and fire-juggling fun.

The festival, organized by the City of Gainesville's Division of Cultural Affairs, featured animal rides, more than a dozen games and 150 artisan booths selling medieval clothing.

Linda Piper, the fair's coordinator, said in the 15 years she has organized the event, it gets bigger each year.

Besides the fair's returning entertainment, several new acts were added, including Albannach, a Scottish band, and Menage A Cirque, a group of acrobatic performers.

Piper said she expects about 50,000 people to visit the fair during the two weekends it runs.

Adam Richards, a UF computer engineering junior who has gone to the fair for the past two

years, said he was looking forward to watching this year's jousting match and acrobatic performers.

"I just really like the atmosphere, and it's not a bad price for the experience," said Richards. "It's really awesome to see everyone dressing up in all the outfits."

**"I just really like the atmosphere, and it's not a bad price for the experience."**

**Adam Richards**  
UF junior

And some students like Loren Plunkett drove three hours to attend the festival.

"It's just a really cool period," said Plunkett, an art history major at the University of South Florida. "I love the [medieval] movies, so it's really cool to see it walking all around you."

For the past three years, it has taken \$250,000 to put on the fair, according to Piper.

The fair continues for one more weekend: Feb. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from Feb. 6 to 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alachua County Fairgrounds, 2900 NE 39th Ave.

Admission is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children 5 to 17. Friday admission is half price.

# UF crackdowns on energy consumption

## ■ UF HAD A \$40 MILLION ENERGY BILL.

By NICOLE LYNN GREINER  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF is trying to take a bite out of last year's \$40 million energy bill for UF and Shands at UF.

A new campaign, "Chomp Down on Energy," begins today and encourages all UF departments to take simple steps, such as turning off electronics, to reduce energy usage.

All departments are asked to choose a green team captain to help spread the word.

Anna Prizzia, the director for the Office of Sustainability, said the campaign is separated into two phases.

The first phase aims to get involve

the entire campus in cutting down energy use. Prizzia said turning off copiers and fax machines when they aren't in use could save the university a significant amount of money.

Prizzia said the money saved from the campaign will go back to the university.

Students can take part in the campaign by turning off lights and electronics and even adjusting the thermostat in class, she said.

Prizzia said phase two will involve keeping computers and monitors shut off when they are not in use.

Samantha Evans, a health promotion specialist in the Student Health Care Center and a green team captain, said the center will work to recycle, turn off lights and reduce the amount of paper it uses for brochures.

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## Editorial

# Janu-weary

## Last month was a sore spot for equality

January was a sad month for equality. Hatred and callousness have shown themselves all over the world. In case you've forgotten the examples of that, let the Editorial Board give you a recap of the highlights of Dismal January.

Five men in Liverpool were cleared of gang-raping a woman because she had chatted online with one of them and talked about group sex. She never consented to sex with those men, but apparently that didn't make a difference to the U.K. judge who decided group-sex fantasy and gang-rape consent are the same thing.

A Filipino woman was sentenced to 100 lashes for becoming pregnant when she was raped in Saudi Arabia. Her rapist went unpunished, but the woman miscarried due to harsh conditions in prison, where she awaits her punishment.

Halliburton/KBR continues its attempt to silence a woman who was raped, beaten and locked in a shipping container five years ago while working in Iraq. Despite a court ruling allowing the woman to sue despite the company's arbitration policy, KBR is stopping at nothing to defame and humiliate her in hopes of winning its case.

The Hawaii State House killed a civil union bill that would have given nonmarried (including gay and lesbian) couples the same rights as married couples. The House voted to stall the bill indefinitely, meaning it won't see light again this session.

Massachusetts voters rejected the congressional bid of Martha Coakley, who led a state campaign against the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which aimed to destroy attempts at marriage equality in the U.S.

U.S. Congressman Todd Tiahrt introduced a bill that would take away states' rights to offer in-state tuition to illegal immigrants — students whose parents brought them to the U.S. and who worked their way through the education system and deserve to go to college.

Conservative talking head Pat Robertson — who blamed Hurricane Katrina and the Sept. 11 attacks on homosexuality, liberalism and secularism — suggested that the devastating earthquake in Haiti was a result of a pact with "the devil." The conservative Christian Broadcasting Network immediately issued a statement in Robertson's defense.

The Transportation Safety Administration launched an investigation after it was found that supervisors at an Orlando TSA office used a Jeopardy-style board with categories like "pickle-smokers" and "creatures" to ridicule and humiliate lesbian, gay and black employees.

What these incidents tell us is that the world is far from peaceful. Despite the efforts of some people and groups to fight hatred and injustice, people are nowhere near equal.

The point of this isn't to be a downer. We simply hope that if people pay attention to the gross injustices that happen every day, we can stop giving in to the bystander effect and take every chance we get to prevent them — and we can start by supporting President Obama's efforts to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Obama announced in his State of the Union address that he would focus this year on getting rid of the discriminatory practice. As he said in his speech, "It's the right thing to do."

Already, the president is facing Republican opposition. House Minority Leader John Boehner — who habitually does all in his power to limit freedom and restrain progress — said today on "Meet the Press" that this isn't the right time to work on defeating the policy. Well, we think it is the right time.

Do whatever you can to encourage the death of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Tell your lawmakers that you won't sit back and watch as Americans continue to have their rights denied.

Happy February, Alligator readers. Here's to hoping it'll be better than January.

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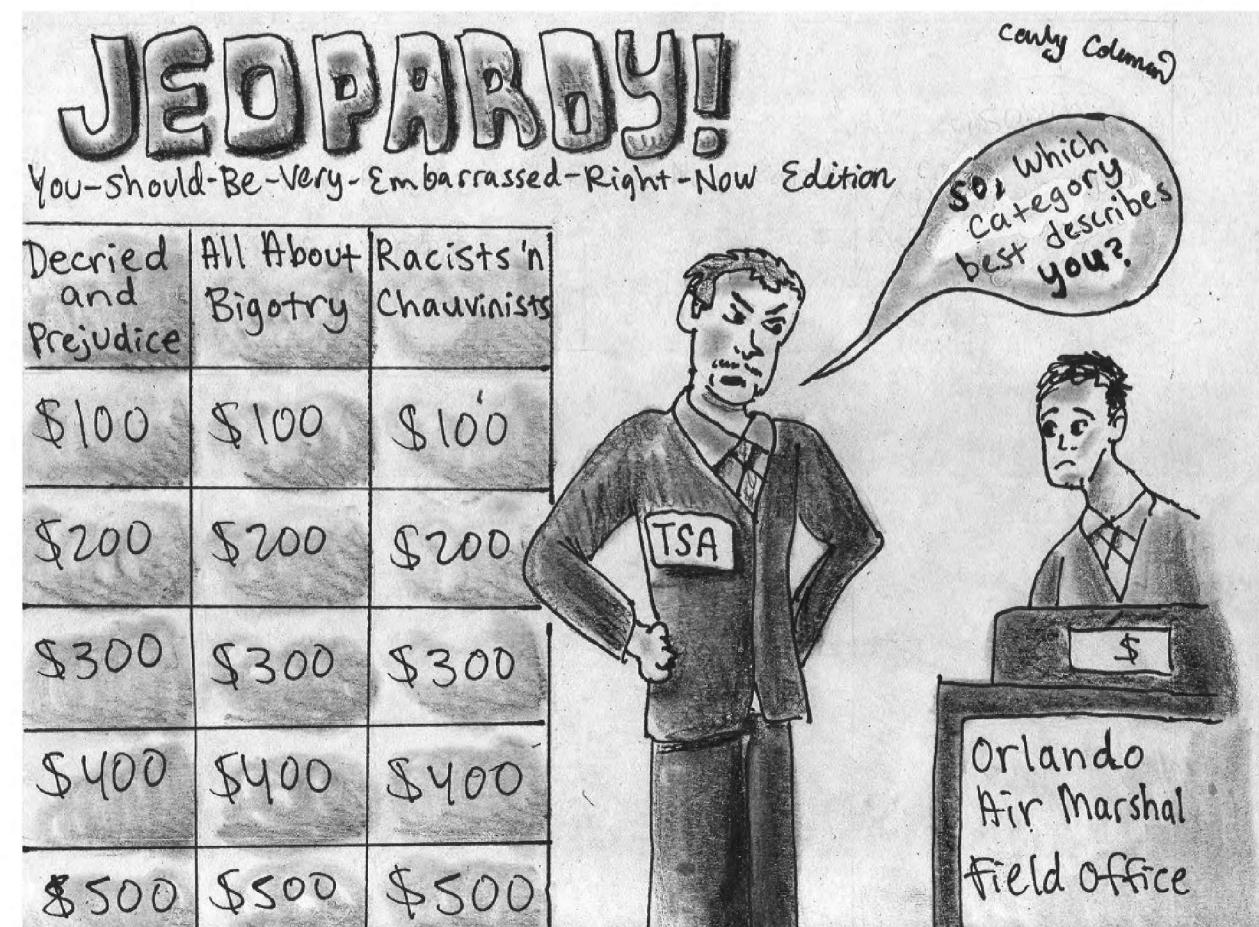
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# Opinions

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## Column

## Apple's release of iPad a letdown

**T**here was a torrent of publicity surrounding Apple's unveiling of its iPad last week. I watched a video of Steve Jobs presenting it, and needless to say, I wasn't impressed. Here's a quick rundown of what transpired:

So there's Steve, standing on a stage in front of a giant screen, dressed to impress sporting mom-jeans with no belt, looking like a hybrid of casual-Friday Barack Obama and circa-'93 Jerry Seinfeld. He wears his most cloyingly excited face as he vaguely describes the device before a digitally projected puff of smoke reveals its name — iPad.

I had problems with the name from the get-go, figuring Apple would run into some trouble using it, as "iPad" sounds vaguely like an already-established product. Well, my intuition was on the right track, although it wasn't Tam-pax that came calling but Fujitsu, Siemens, Magtek and a slew of other companies that all have products bearing the name, with varying locales of trademark registry. (Bravo, Jobs — I suppose "iSlate" was too edgy.) Jobs whips out a working iPad, and I can't help but think the thing looks like a big, fat iPhone, as if they sent it to Wisconsin for a month to gorge itself on cheese, beer and Packers fans' tears.

To start this high-flying product tour appropriately, Jobs begins by showing the iPad's unique user-customized backgrounds. Customizable wallpaper intro? It's like a car salesman pointing out, "Hey — this one's got a steering wheel!"

My initial frustration with the presentation's awkward beginning is briefly lifted by a tour of the iPad's Internet experience, which Jobs, in his most innocently pretentious tone, describes as "the best browsing experience you've ever had," referring to the iPad's finger-manipulated interface. All right, I'll take the bait on this one: Instead of browsing or surfing the Web, you get to massage your way though it. Whatever scant sense of Apple's all-important consumer affection I'd adopted was gradually dismantled with Jobs' subsequent descriptions of the most obvious and mundane features ever described in seemingly sedative-quelled gaiety.



**Ryan Spencer**  
[letters@alligator.org](mailto:letters@alligator.org)

It's "phenomenal for mail," he said. (Mail? But what type, Jobs? Don't say e-mail; I might blush.) Also, the virtual keyboard is "a dream to type on." (Of course it is, but not because it's tangibly illusory, right?) Jobs makes sure to point out the iPad comes with both a calendar and an address book. (Standard?!) And apparently, with the calendar, "You can see your months' activities, or your days' activities and everything in between." (You mean "weeks," Jobs?) The car salesman continues to point out "seats" and "wheels."

All things considered, though, awesome job, Jobs. You proved my initial appraisal of the iPad as a big, fat iPhone totally wrong, which is to say, it's a big, fat, underachieving, Cro-Magnon cousin of the iPhone. I think this is the first time a line of technology has actually devolved, which is to say, has gotten larger and accomplished less. I mean, your customers certainly wouldn't have had any use for a camera to shoot the thousands of photos they can store on the iPad, and it's definitely too cumbersome to use as a phone.

Now, to be fair, I realize Apple wasn't looking to replace the iPhone but rather compete in the e-book market with one that browses the Web. Mission accomplished. Oh, except for the fact they're competing in a paperback-sized market with a large-print-hardcover-sized product that costs up to \$829. You know, why not go the extra mile and make a coffee-table-book-sized iPad. Call it the iPrude. Instead of five absurdly large, traditionally printed books, you'll just have one absurdly large e-book that costs, say, your good judgment.

So, is the iPad neat? Sure, that's what Apple does. Is the iPad revolutionary? Of course not, but making people see it that way is also what Apple does. Bottom line: I'm not paying \$800 to fingerbang the Internet.

Ryan Spencer is a psychology senior. His column appears on Mondays.

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## Reader response

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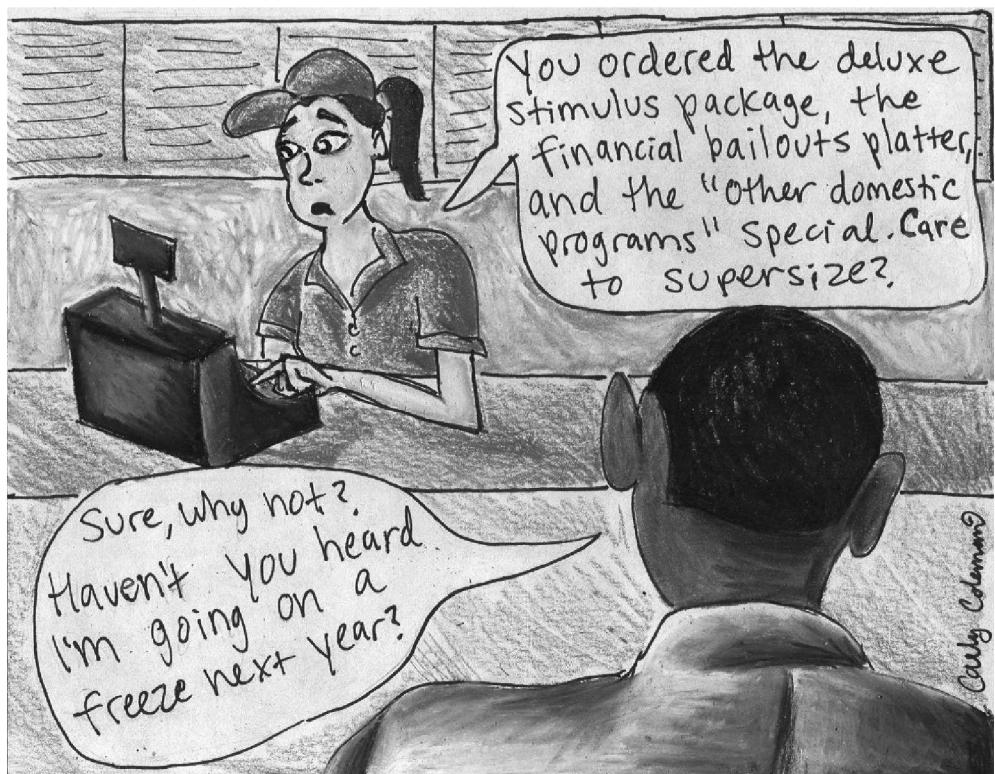
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#### Letter to the Editor

##### **Sex column not appropriate for high schoolers**

I am a 43-year-old father of two. My son is a junior at Gainesville High School, and my daughter is a ninth-grader. Both of my children are exceptional students with bright futures, and they both have a strong desire to attend the UF. While on campus attending sport events and such, they frequently bring home the Alligator to read the latest news on sports, music and campus life.

I was disappointed, to say the least, in the article in the Avenue written by your Amelia Harnish and Jared Misner titled, "Blowjobs are a boy's best friend, girls: not so much." Mostly with Mr. Misner.

The views expressed by Jared Misner about relationships, sex, intimacy and oral sex are extremely warped and sad. If what he wrote paints a picture of what the Student Body at UF embodies and believes, I fear for the next generation of this country. His idea that oral sex has "evolved to fit the idea of a handshake more than an act of intimacy," has "become a casual, name-not-necessary greeting among strangers in a bar and drunken friends alike," is disturbing and frankly disgusting. I've had my share of drunken debauchery, but allowing myself to be "serviced" by anyone in a bathroom, a pool, a bar, etc., as Mr. Misner alludes to, leaves me to believe he is void of any sense of morality and decency. His comment that "the casual nature of oral sex is gaining general acceptance across all societal and gender lines" is preposterous. Have UF students become a bunch of self-gratifying sexual misfits?

The last thing I want to see is my children reading some misguided writings from some college "man whore," for lack of a better word, who is going around Gainesville letting any Tom, Dick or Harry give him oral sex just because he needs it and it feels good. I would have hoped after the negative repercussions the Alligator received for the Haiti SexToon that the writers and staff would have better judgment in what is put into print.

I hope UF students don't fall prey to the depravity of Jared Misner. Oral sex can transmit STDs in both men and women, including HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis B. Your newspaper should be publishing articles on how students can protect themselves from being exposed to STDs during their drunken stupors and acts of unprotected sex.

Again, I'm disappointed in the quality of writers you choose to employ.

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## LOCAL

# 1,000 hunt air potatoes in rain

**By CJ PRUNER**  
Alligator Writer

With rain pouring off their backs and soil covering their jeans, volunteers throughout Gainesville got their hands dirty at the 11th annual Great Air Potato Roundup Saturday.

More than 1,000 people traipsed over soil and through trees in pursuit of anything resembling *Dioscorea bulbifera*, the brown, ball-shaped lumps more commonly known as the air potato.

The volunteers, most representing various service organizations, were stationed in about 30 differ-

ent locations, according to Geoffrey Parks, a habitat naturalist with the City of Gainesville's Nature Operations Division.

"Given the weather, we were blown away."

**Geoffrey Parks**  
habitat naturalist

Although the number of volunteers was fewer than last year's Roundup, which drew more than 1,200 people, Parks was pleased with the turnout. He expected only several hundred people to show up due to the rain.

"Given the weather, we were

blown away," he said.

The air potato is considered an exotic invasive plant, which means it is not native to the U.S. and can grow quickly.

According to Parks, January is the best time to find the air potatoes since the tubers, the part of the plant that stores nutrients, begin to fall off the vines. He said those still attached are visible enough to be picked out of the trees.

According to Ronald Lange, who acted as a supervisor for the UF Nursery site, the air potatoes pose a serious threat that, if allowed to grow for an extended period of time, can blanket and smother surrounding vegetation.

## 'Divas' group up for NAACP award

■ 3 MO' DIVAS UP AGAINST KANYE WEST, BLACK EYED PEAS AND JAY-Z.

**By MELINDA CARSTENSEN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

When Gainesville resident Marion J. Caffey describes the recent success of musical group 3 Mo' Divas, he embraces their less-than-mainstream status.

"Underdog," he said, is an understatement.

The group was nominated for an NAACP Image Award under the category for Outstanding Duo, Group or Collaboration.

Caffey, the group's creator, said the competition is steep. The group is pitted against several radio regulars, including the Black Eyed Peas, Kanye West and Jay-Z.

"Anyone from 8 to 70 would know who the other nominees are," Caffey said. "The miracle for us is that the nominating committee actually opened our CD."

Caffey, who is also the group's producer, director and choreographer, said 3 Mo' Divas is the only group in the category not from a major label.

"Our 'thank God' moment is that somebody really thought of nominating them," he said. "I hope it helps the world know who they are."

Laurice Lanier, Nova Y. Payton and Jamet Pittman, the three women who make up 3 Mo' Divas, are all classically trained opera singers who sing music from a variety of genres, including R&B, jazz and soul, he said.

"They sing in 10 different styles of music in three different languages, and that's unprecedented," he said. "None of the famous divas we know can do what they do."

The 41st NAACP Image Awards airs live Feb. 26 on Fox at 8 p.m.

Voting lasts until Feb. 18.

For more information on 3 Mo' Divas and how to vote for the awards, visit <http://www.3modivas.com>.

## UF Habitat needs project funding

**By ALINA TORRES**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF Habitat for Humanity needs some help before it can help others this semester.

Teng Hui, spokesman for the campus chapter, said the recession has prevented many donors and businesses from making contributions, which are vital to beginning construction.

About \$20,000 is needed to begin a new housing project, not including building supplies.

Alachua County Habitat for Humanity and the campus chapter raise money for the projects, but the county chapter said it was out of money at the beginning of the year, Hui said.

Students in the organization will be focusing on fundraising activities this semester, he said.

So far, volunteers have been working concession stands at sporting events to receive a small portion of the profits.

Stephany Vento, fundraising chairwoman for the campus chapter, said the organization is planning three major events this spring: its annual 5K Hustle for Humanity, a spaghetti dinner and possibly a benefit concert.

Along with the fundraising, the group hopes it can still help families in need by repairing household items free of cost.

The campus chapter usually focuses on building two to three houses per semester in Celebration Oaks, a locally owned neighborhood created by the county chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

"We have a lot [more] UF students signing up to volunteer than spaces we have provided," Hui said. "Unfortunately, we have had to turn them away because of what is going on."

Hui said things are slowly picking up and money is being generated, and Habitat believes it will begin building again after spring break.

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# Unite, Student Alliance parties interview candidates

■ SLATING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH TUESDAY.

By ELIZABETH BEHRMAN  
Alligator Writer

Interviews for Student Government positions with the Unite and Student Alliance parties began Friday and will continue today and Tuesday.

Fifty Senate seats are available. Unite Party Sen. Ben Meyers said the Unite Party interviewed 43 students Friday.

Meyers said all of the potential candidates came with great ideas.

"I think we're seeing the cream of the crop from every college and every constituency," Meyers said. "We're extremely honored that they've come out and chose to slate with Unite."

Yevgen Sautin, the director of recruitment and slating for the Student Alliance party, said between 25 and 30 students interviewed with the Student Alliance Party on Friday.

"We're bringing together a very diverse and energetic body of students," Sautin said.

Mary Liu, a sophomore math

major, chose to interview with the Student Alliance party because she wanted to learn more about SG and help modernize the way SG handles its budget.

"I really want to work with Student Alliance because they have a greater connection with the majority of the Student Body," Liu said.

UF freshman Sam Kahn slated with the Unite Party because he said he believes in the platform goals of

diversity, progression and results.

"I want to give back to everything that UF has given me," Kahn said.

Slating interviews for both parties will continue Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 284 of the Reitz Union. Students should bring a resume and a Gator 1 Card.

Supervisor of Elections Ariana Alfonso said the Action Party and the Valence Party are registered but did not interview any students.



Max Reed / Alligator

**Tom Gabel, lead singer of Against Me!, sings at The Atlantic on Sunday night.**

## The money went to the Red Cross CONCERT, from page 1

"We love to see the outpouring of donations on a local level after such a devastating event," said Laura Mager, executive director for the North Central Florida Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mager said the money donated to the Red Cross is used to bring food and water to Haiti.

The Red Cross is partnering with the United Nations World Food Programme to feed survivors of the earthquake by establishing food distribution sites in Port-au-Prince.

The Red Cross is also bringing buckets of water to Haitian families.

Thomas said organizing the concert was easy, and bands were eager to join the cause.

"Gainesville is the type of place where all the members of every band hang out together a lot," he said.

When Grabass Charlestons started the show at 5:30 p.m., about 80 people were

at the venue, but the number of people and donations increased throughout the evening, culminating with the Against Me! performance at 9 p.m.

"We love to see the outpouring of donations on a local level after such a devastating event."

**Laura Mager**  
executive director for the North Central Florida Chapter of the Red Cross.

The show attracted some people that simply wanted to listen to local music, regardless of what the cover charge went to.

"To be honest, I came to see the shows," said John Eassey, a criminology grad student at UF. "Helping Haiti is a nice bonus."

To donate \$10 to the Red Cross' Haiti relief efforts, students can text "Haiti" to 90999.

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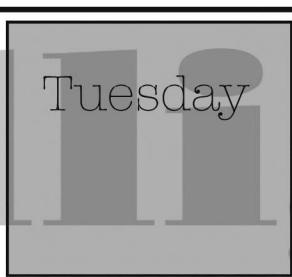


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**UF TRACK & FIELD**

# Proctor qualifies for NCAAs with record long jump

**By RYAN BUTLER**  
Alligator Writer

Another meet, another record-setting performance for a UF track and field athlete.

Senior Shara Proctor finished first in the long jump at this weekend's Texas A&M Challenge — one of three Gators to win an event.

Proctor landed a 6.60m/21-8, breaking her own UF record for the event and finishing with the best distance of any athlete in the NCAA so far this season.

"We expected that from her," UF coach Mike Holloway said. "(Jumps) Coach Brian O'Neal has

done a great job preparing her and everything she has done in practice has shown she could do this."

Six other UF athletes qualified individually at the provisional level for the NCAA Indoor Championships during the meet, joining three Gators who qualified earlier this season.

"We had a good competition," Holloway said. "Our goal was to get better and I think we did that."

Proctor, a four-time All-American, will join teammate Mariam Kevkhishvili in the NCAA Indoor Championships after breaking the automatic qualifying mark in

the long jump by nearly a quarter of a meter.

After recording a career-best throw in the Kentucky Invitational two weeks ago, Kevkhishvili broke the minimum NCAA qualifying standard again with a throw of 18.19m/59-8.25 in the shot put.

She finished first in the shot put for the ninth consecutive time in an indoor competition.

Distance runner Charlotte Browning also finished first for

UF, winning the 800-meter run in a career-best time of 2:05:50.

She cut nearly seven seconds off her previous best and was only a half-second away from an NCAA automatic qualifying mark.

Holloway said he was also impressed with the performance of freshman Jeremy Postin. Postin finished third at the meet in the weight throw, recording an 18.15/59-6.75.

Sophomore Gray Horn put together a solid effort in his first heptathlon of the season with a second-place finish and score of 5,538. But he was overshadowed by Oregon's Ashton Eaton's

NCAA-record 6,256 points.

"What can we do about something like (Eaton's performance)?" Holloway said. "All we can do is take care of the Gators."

Thirteen-time All-American Calvin Smith qualified at the provisional level in his first 400-meter run of the season. The senior ran a 46.48 to finish second.

Sophomore Rebecca Lowe finished fourth in the 3,000-meter run with a provisional qualifying time of 9:30:69.

Omar Craddock, in his first meet for the Gators, also racked up a provisional qualifying result with a 15.46/50-8.75 in the triple jump, finishing third in the meet.



Proctor

## HOT SHOTS

Stats shown are from UF's games against Georgia and Tennessee



Alex Tyus

He missed the potential game-winner in Knoxville, but Tyus was the only Gator to turn in two impressive performances this week. He led the team in scoring against Georgia (23 points) and Tennessee (18 points) while shooting 68 percent over the two games. He nearly led UF to an upset of the No. 14 Vols despite a horrific showing from the

backcourt, and only one other player scoring in double figures. The junior power forward is UF's most reliable scorer, with double-digit points in 12-straight games.

**Stats:** 41 points, 17-of-25 shooting, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 blocks.

Beginning with Southeastern Conference play, the alligatorSports staff will vote on the top three UF basketball performances of the week each Monday. The No. 1 player will receive three points, the No. 2 player two points and No. 3 player 1 point. At the end of the season, the player with the most points will take home the coveted title of alligatorSports Player of the Year, an honor that still keeps Nick Calathes warm on chilly Greek nights.



Chandler Parsons

Tyus kept the Gators in the game against the Volunteers, but Parsons nearly recaptured his late-game magic. He scored seven-straight points to put Florida ahead 60-59 with 30 seconds remaining, but he and the Gators came up short. Still, Parsons was the only other Gator to score more than nine points against Tennessee, and he showed the ability to be a reliable late-game scorer. Parsons was not quite as impressive against Georgia (eight points, four rebounds), but he didn't have to be. The junior forward also led the team with 12 rebounds this week.

**Stats:** 22 points, 9-of-13 shooting, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals



### STANDINGS

Tyus - 6
Walker - 6
Boynton - 3
Parsons - 3



Erving Walker

Walker couldn't have started off the week on a better note notching his first career double-double against Georgia (21 points, 10 assists). But he came back down to Earth on Sunday, as the Vols kept him in check. He finished with just nine points on 3-of-9 shooting (1 of 6 from three) and more turnovers (six) than assists (four). After an otherwise-incredible start to Southeastern Conference play, Walker will have to put the Tennessee game behind him if the Gators are going to have a chance throughout the rest of their conference slate.

**Stats:** 30 points, 7-of-19 shooting, 5-of-12 from three, 14 assists, 3 steals

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## UF LACROSSE

# Gators drop warmup to U.S.

By TONI-ANN MILLER

Alligator Writer

Florida will have to address consistency and communication problems before its inaugural season opener Feb. 20.

UF lost 8-17 to the U.S. National Developmental team in an exhibition match Saturday in Orlando.

Coach Amanda O'Leary attributed the defeat to poor second-half play and the lack of communication on both ends of the field.

"The first half we played really well; both offensively and defensively and through the midfield," she said. "In the second half, we faltered. We got away from our game plan, and we had some troubles."

After trailing 0-1 early in the first half, UF rallied and scored two goals to take the lead. The U.S. team then pulled away, and UF trailed 4-7 at the half.

Things continued to go downhill for UF as the U.S. team scored five unanswered goals to begin the second half, en route to the 17-8 win.

O'Leary said the team needs to address its fundamental and on-field communication problems.

"In the second half, we started dropping a lot of passes, and they weren't even pressured passes," she said. "We need to do a little bit better job of communicating; it just hasn't quite clicked yet."

The match was called using international rules — playing with one less player for two minutes if a yellow card is given and 5 minutes for a red card.

Conversely, college lacrosse rules would allow another player to be substituted for the carded athlete.

UF played "man down" for almost 20 minutes throughout the match, O'Leary said, and the quality of UF's opponent made it more difficult.

"We can't play man down against a team like the U.S. National team," O'Leary said. "They're just way too talented and they're just too good, so when we started to get into foul trouble, it really took its toll on us."

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The change in timing didn't seem to affect the Gators' performance in their final dual-meet of the season as the women defeated Tennessee 170-130 and the men followed with a 164-133 win.

With the win against Tennessee, the No. 6 men's team (9-0, 4-0 SEC) finished undefeated for the first time since the 1987-88 season. The win also marked the first time the UT men have lost in the two-year history of the Allan Jones Aquatic Center.

Conor Dwyer continued his dominance by winning the 100-yard freestyle (44.49) and 400-yard individual medley (3:49.86).

On the No. 7 women's side, Gemma Spofforth won the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes, events in which she's the defending NCAA champion.

On the diving board, Kara Salamone notched two first-place finishes.

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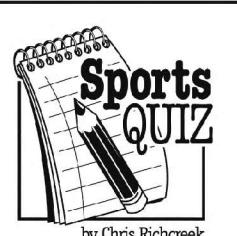
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## Vols sink Gators with late shot

■ THE LOSS ENDED FLORIDA'S FOUR-GAME CONFERENCE WIN STREAK.

By ADAM BERRY  
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All season, Billy Donovan has talked about making sure his team has at least a chance to win at the end games.

The Gators had their chance Sunday afternoon, but it bounced off the rim twice and fell to the hardwood.

Junior power forward Alex Tyus scored a game-high 18 points but missed a short jumper with five seconds left, and Florida (15-6, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) ended its four-game conference winning streak with a 61-60 loss to No. 14 Tennessee (16-4, 4-2 SEC) in Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, Tenn.

"We've been on both sides of it," Donovan said. "We were on the other side of it when Chandler Parsons throws in a 75-footer and made a great shot last weekend against South Carolina."

UF had a one-point lead with 25 seconds left, but Volunteers guard Scotty Hopson came out of a timeout and drained a long fadeaway jumper over Parsons.

That gave the Gators the ball with no timeouts and 17 seconds to go. Sophomore point guard Erving Walker passed out of a double team to Tyus, who spun to his right and put up a shot in traffic that fell off the iron and into the hands of Hopson.

Although he couldn't make his last shot, Tyus was largely responsible for the game staying as close as it was. He shot 7 of 11 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds in 33 minutes.

If not for a late run by Parsons, Tyus would have been the only Gator to score in double figures.

Parsons, who finished the first half with seven points and seven rebounds, went quiet until the final minutes, when he scored seven straight for the Gators and put them ahead 60-59.

The junior forward went just 2 of 5 from the free-throw line



AP Photo

Tennessee guard Scotty Hopson shoots the game-winner in the Volunteers' 61-60 win over the Gators on Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn.

in the final three minutes, but he also connected on a driving layup and a three-pointer from the top of the key with 30 seconds left.

Parsons led the team with eight rebounds but grabbed just one in the second half, when the Vols dominated on the glass.

UF led by as many as 10 points in the first half, holding UT to 36.4 percent shooting and taking a 20-14 rebound advantage, but the Vols outrebounded the Gators 27-12 after halftime.

Donovan said the blame for the rebounding disparity shouldn't be placed on UF's frontcourt. Instead, Donovan pointed to poor defense by Walker and freshman guard Kenny Boynton as part of the problem.

"Our guards got beat off the dribble way too much," Donovan said. "When they were beat off the dribble, our big guys had to constantly shut off penetration, and doing that took them out of rebounding position."

Walker and Boynton didn't fare much better on the offensive end of the floor, shooting a combined 5 of 20 from the field and 1 of 11 from three-point range after scoring 21 points apiece against Georgia on Wednesday.

**SEE HOOPS, PAGE 19**

### TEeing off with Phil Kegler

■ Nothing is more ridiculous than this golf "scandal" about wedges. If there is an exception allowing Phil Mickelson's wedge, then other golfers should get the same 20-year-old club. I'm not buying this "spirit of the rule" nonsense. ... Just when you thought the Tiger Woods saga was bad, there are reports that Chelsea's John Terry had an affair with a teammate's girlfriend and got her pregnant.

## Florida loses big lead but holds on

By EUGENIO TORRENS  
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The Gators got their second win in Mississippi on Sunday, but not before they gave Ole Miss a chance at a comeback.

UF (12-9, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) was led by guard Steffi Sorensen's 18 points — all coming from three-pointers on a 6-of-7 effort from downtown — and surrendered a 17-point lead before winning 67-64 in C.M. Tad Smith Coliseum.

"I'm just really proud, once again, of our toughness," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "Not hanging our heads when some things didn't go our way, but bouncing back and showing a lot of resiliency."

The Gators shot 48 percent from the floor and 52 percent (11 of 21) from beyond the arc for one of their most consistent offensive performances in conference play.

"We finally shot the ball like we know we're capable of, and that felt really good," Butler said.

UF guard Lonnika Thompson and forward Sharielle

**SEE W-HOOPS, PAGE 19**

## Tebow's future isn't bright

It isn't always easy to hear the truth.

Sometimes it is shocking; other times it is unsurprising.

Either way, it's often unavoidable.

I'm beginning to believe Tim Tebow isn't suited to be an NFL quarterback.

That might be one of the most unpopular thoughts in this town, but it is something Gators fans might need to come to terms with. Regardless of where he gets drafted in April, his pro prospects aren't very bright.

And while I could be wrong, before you start cursing my name, why don't you think about why you're so certain he will succeed at the next level?

In his first "pro" setting at Saturday's Senior Bowl, Tebow completed 8 of 12 passes for 50 yards. He rushed four times for



a net of 4 yards. He fumbled twice: once in his throwing motion and once

on a run (only one was lost, though). His longest completion was 11 yards. He led the South team on five drives that resulted in three points.

None of it should be that surprising.

He was playing with strep throat. He was playing with a new center and a line that struggled all game. He had only one week to get used to the receivers, and the wideouts didn't do the best job of making Tebow look good.

**SEE PHIL, PAGE 19**

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** Where will Tim Tebow be in three years?

### SENIOR BOWL

■ Former Florida QB Tim Tebow threw for 50 yards on 8-of-12 passing with two fumbles and four yards rushing on four carries in his team's 31-13 loss. Former Gators WR Riley Cooper caught two passes for 37 yards.



AP Photo

**Junior Alicia Goodwin finished first on the uneven bars with a 9.925 in UF's 196.725-195.05 win over LSU.**

# UF tops LSU with season-best score

■ IT WAS THE FIRST MEET ASHANÉE DICKERSON DID NOT WIN THE ALL-AROUND.

By TOM GREEN  
Alligator Writer

Friday night in the O'Connell Center for the fourth-annual Gators Link to Pink meet to support breast cancer awareness, No. 4 Florida (3-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) came out and put together its best performance of the season.

In front of a crowd of 9,198 energized fans — the third-largest in school history — the Gators toppled No. 13 LSU (3-3, 1-2 SEC), 196.725-195.05.

"We had so much energy tonight, and our whole team was just having so much fun," junior Alicia Goodwin said.

Goodwin, whose aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer last August, led the Gators on the uneven bars with a 9.925 after sticking a double-front dismount to claim her second-consecutive win in the event.

She wasn't the only Gator to excel on the bars, though, as senior Amanda Castillo scored a season-best 9.875 to take home second place in the event and bounce back after falling during her routines the previous two weeks

against Kentucky and Arkansas.

The evening began for the Gators with a solid overall performance on the vault, putting up a total of 49.225, which was anchored by a 9.9 by sophomore Nicole Ellis and a 9.925 by freshman Ashanée Dickerson.

"We had so much energy tonight, and our whole team was just having so much fun."

Alicia Goodwin  
Junior gymnast

The vault scores were good enough to give the Gators a .550-point lead after one rotation.

It was a lead the team would not relinquish..

"We were just so into our own little bubble," UF coach Rhonda Faehn said. "The girls were just performing so well and feeding off each other that there was nobody else there, in our heads."

Florida's performance Friday night showed how the team has improved in such a short time as 11 of the routines performed by the Gators against the Tigers set or matched collegiate-bests.

Among those was a 9.825 by freshman Liz Green on the balance beam, which was good enough to tie for a share of the event title with LSU's

Susan Jackson, and also marked Green's second-consecutive title on the event.

Jackson, who came into the meet as the top-rated all-around gymnast in the nation, scored a 39.525 total for the event to take home the all-around title.

It marked the first time this season that Dickerson did not win the all-around competition.

Dickerson, however, still shined Friday in front of what she said was the largest crowd she had ever been in front of. Her total of 39.450 was her second-best score of the season, just not enough to win.

"I just like being in front of the crowd and feed off of how loud they are," Dickerson said.

On floor exercise, she utilized the crowd's energy to propel herself to a 9.925 to tie for the event win with teammate Maranda Smith, who said she felt great against LSU after battling back from injury.

"I don't really know what to say about Ashanée because every time she steps out there it's the same thing. It's amazing," Faehn said. "She's like a cat on the floor."

Faehn also said she is excited about the progress the team has made so far this season, and that she "definitely thinks" the team is on schedule to peak at the right time.

## Sorenson led Gators with 18 points

### W-HOOPS, from page 18

Smith each finished with 11 points, and center Azania Stewart found the basket more in the second half, including two clutch free throws with 14 seconds remaining.

UM guard Bianca Thomas, the SEC's leading scorer, hit her season average with 21 points and added eight rebounds.

Guard Kayla Melson added a career-high 20 points on 8-of-15 shooting, playing all 40 minutes.

Down 13-9, the Gators fired off a 21-2 run — with 12 points coming via three-pointers — to take a 30-15 lead over the Rebels with 5:37 remaining in the first half.

UF shot 46.9 percent (15 of 32) including a 7-of-14 effort from behind the arc in the first half. Sorenson and Thompson led the team in the half with nine points and four assists each.

The Rebels (14-7, 5-3 SEC) had a tough time holding onto the ball, committing 11 first-half turnovers. Florida was opportunistic, converting those into 16 points.

Ole Miss came into the game averaging the most assists per game in SEC play, but it was the Gators who dished the ball around with 12 assists in the first half.

Despite trailing 17 with 2:37 in the first half, UM used a 9-2 run to close out the half and whittle the Gators' lead to 10.

Feeding off the end of the first half, the Rebels came out after intermission and went on a 13-4 run

highlighted by three Ole Miss three-pointers.

Elizabeth Robertson had two of those and had nine second-half points.

"Obviously Ole Miss had the better halftime talk because they made some great adjustments," Butler said.

Florida lost a bit of offensive fluidity when Thompson got her second and third fouls within two seconds and sat out for a stretch where Ole Miss tied up the game.

After relinquishing the lead for the first time since 12:50 in the first half, the Gators responded with a Ndidi Madu bucket that tied up the game and an ensuing Sorenson three-pointer, her fifth, that gave UF the lead back.

After a pair of Madu free-throws, Sorenson hit another dagger and on the next possession found Smith for a three from the corner with the shot clock expiring.

Aside from her team-high 18, Sorenson also finished with six boards and five assists.

"The stakes were high for us, and we knew that coming in," Sorenson said. "We knew we had to go in and match their intensity — especially on their home court — and we definitely did. We outlasted them. We made plays when we needed to."

*A radio broadcast contributed to this report.*



### PHIL, from page 18

So if we're judging on a really generous scale, let's say Saturday's performance was average.

Now, let's go back to his three years as a college starter. We'll use that to evaluate his pro potential.

Oh wait — he became one of the best players in college football history in a spread offense that maximizes his strengths (and really doesn't give any idea of how he'll fare in the NFL).

But, some say, Tebow will succeed in the NFL as long as a pro franchise works its entire offense around him.

You know why that is so easy to believe?

Because it hasn't been proven wrong yet, and it can't be proven wrong unless a team drafts him and tweaks its entire offensive philosophy for him.

The 6-foot-2, 236-pound quarterback was great in college at picking up crucial yards on the ground and bowing over people.

That doesn't seem like a skill that will translate when going up against quicker

and stronger players in the pros.

He showed this season that he is often slow reading defenses. Combine that with a less-than-speedy delivery, and NFL defensive backs will feast on his throws.

But he has all the intangibles, you say.

You're right, he does have the "it" factor.

That won't make his throws any crispier. It won't make him any quicker. It won't make him a better decision-maker in the pocket.

Intangibles take a pretty good quarterback and make him great. They can allow a player to raise the level of his teammates.

They won't make him any better at the physical task of being a quarterback.

I really like Tebow. I think he has been great for the college game, and I admire him for being a really great person, someone who never snapped despite all the pressures at Florida. But none of that makes him any more qualified to be a NFL quarterback.

The truth isn't always easy to swallow.

That doesn't make it any less true.

## Backcourt logs uncharacteristic day

### HOOPS, from page 18

The starting backcourt also committed 10 turnovers and dished out only seven assists.

"Those guys are better than that," Donovan said. "Erving seemed like he had a hard time keeping his footing tonight. He never really got into the flow of the game."

"The part for Kenny and for Erving wasn't so much the off shooting night, because that's going to happen. I didn't think our backcourt did a great job taking care of the ball."

*A radio broadcast contributed to this report.*



**Men's  
Basketball**



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**UF senior Antoine Benneteau won his doubles match (8-4) and his singles match (6-0, 6-2) in the Gators' 7-0 victory over Georgia Tech on Sunday.**

**UF TENNIS****Men and women advance in tourney to round of 16**

By ANDREW OLSON

Alligator Writer

The No. 8 Gators women's tennis team remained perfect (4-0) beating FIU on Sunday in the championship match of ITA Kick-Off Weekend, advancing to the round of 16 of the ITA Team Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis., on Feb. 12-15.

Coming off of a 4-0 sweep Friday over No. 67 BYU, Florida dominated No. 31 FIU with another 4-0 win Sunday.

UF's women's coach Roland Thornqvist prepared his players for deeper sets and tougher competition, but against FIU, the Gators made quick work in their matches.

In the matches that were finished, his team won in straight sets with the closest set being 6-2.

"We never let them into the game," Thornqvist said. "If we had not come out as focused, it could have been closer."

Thornqvist was impressed with freshman Allie Will's more aggressive play as of late.

"It's easier in practice to be aggressive than during games," Will said. "I've been learning to play to my strengths."

No. 13 Will's singles match Friday was tied 3-3 before the weather prevented her from finishing it on Friday, but she clinched the Gators victory against FIU with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Chrissie Seredni.

The Gators' win was their 81st-consecutive regular-season home victory.

The No. 11 Gators men's tennis team (3-1)

will also be advancing to the round of 16.

Florida defeated Georgia Tech in a shutout match Sunday to earn its spot in Charlottesville, Va., for the ITA Indoor Team Championships on Feb. 12-15.

Before the match, UF's men's coach Andy Jackson told his team Georgia Tech was underrated.

"We know Georgia Tech is capable of beating us, so we're excited that we beat them," Jackson said. "I told our team that I really believe Georgia Tech will be in the top 20 by the end of the year."

A pair of freshmen, Billy Federhofer and Bob Van Overbeek, got the Gators off to a strong start by winning the first doubles match from the No. 3 position.

"For them to play in a match the way they have been in practice was a huge boost for us," Jackson said.

It was the pair's first doubles victory of the season.

Senior Antoine Benneteau, who won his doubles and singles matches Sunday, has noticed the freshmen's elevated play.

"We have a lot of fighting spirit," Benneteau said. "Even the new guys on the team are showing that. They've shown they can play for a top-10 team."

Benneteau provides Jackson with much needed reliability on a team with three contributing freshmen.

"Half our team has experience and the other half really doesn't," Jackson said. "The half with experience are showing the way for us right now."

**Black History Month 2010****Monday, February 1**

Opening Ceremony  
Rion Ballroom, 7pm

**Tuesday, February 2**

Rudy Currence  
Orange and Brew, 7pm

**Wednesday, February 3**

Weeks of Change  
Arbor House, 3pm

**Alum Nights**

Presidents' House, 7-8:30pm

**Thursday, February 4**

Sophistication is...  
Appreciation Day  
*La Casita (Men) and Institute of  
Black Culture (Women)*, 6-9pm

**I am Human Before I am Black**

TBA

**Friday, February 5**

University Gospel Choir & SGP  
present GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA  
2010  
*Curtis M. Phillips Center*, 6pm

**Friday, February 5 -**

**Saturday, February 6**  
GatorNights! Movie: "This Is It"  
Reitz Union

**Saturday, February 6**

Black Student Leadership  
Conference  
*Ustler Hall*, 9am-4pm

**Sunday, February 7**

Church Service  
*Missionary Baptist Church*, 11am

**Monday, February 8**

ACCENT Speaker: Hill Harper  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

**Tuesday, February 9**

First Annual Great Gator Debaters  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

**Wednesday, February 10**

Poetry Nights with Dana Gillmore  
Orange and Brew, 6:40pm

**U vs. Them Forum**

NEB 101, 7pm

**Thursday, February 11**

Meet the Black Gator Legends  
Campus-wide, 9:30am-2pm

**BSU Meeting**

NAACP Forum  
7pm

**Friday, February 12**

The Miss Black and Gold  
Scholarship Pageant  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom,  
6:30pm

**Saturday, February 13**

Kids Day  
Northwest Boys and Girls Club,  
11am-3pm

**Saturday, February 13**

UF Who's Got Talent?  
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom, 6pm

**Sunday, February 14**

Church Service  
*Springhill Baptist Church*, TBA

**Monday, February 15**

Breaking the Silence  
34 Anderson Hall, 7pm

**Tuesday, February 16**

Sophistication is... Health Fair  
Reitz Union Colonnade, 10am-2pm

**GAME NIGHT In Love with the**

Fast Life: BHM Taboo Rendition  
Orange and Brew, 7-9pm

**Wednesday, February 17**

Weeks of Change: Board Game  
Extravaganza  
*Northwest Boys and Girls Club*,  
2pm-6pm

**Wednesday, February 17**

ACCENT Speaker  
and SGP: John Legend  
Stephen C. O'Connell Center, TBA

**Thursday, February 18**

FISS Future Fair

TBA

**College to Career Workshop**

TBA, 6pm-8:30pm

**Friday, February 19**

Reclaiming the Set  
Turlington Plaza, 11:30am-2pm

**Friday, February 19**

Fashion X-Clusive  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

**Saturday, February 20**

Greek Fest  
Flavet Field, 11am-3pm

**Saturday, February 20**

Florida Invitational Step Show  
Stephen C. O'Connell Center, 7pm  
Doors open at 6pm

**Sunday, February 21**

Church Service  
First Assembly, TBA

**Oratorical Competition**

TBA, 5-7pm

**Monday, February 22**

BINGO Night  
Orange and Brew, 7pm

**Tuesday, February 23**

Black Male Extravaganza  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

**Wednesday, February 24**

In an Ivy League of Her Own: An  
Evening with Harvard's First  
Female MBA  
Emerson Alumni Hall, 7pm

**Thursday, February 25**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Book Klub: "The Conversation"  
TBA, 7pm

**Friday, February 26**

BHM Comedy Show  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

**Saturday, February 27**

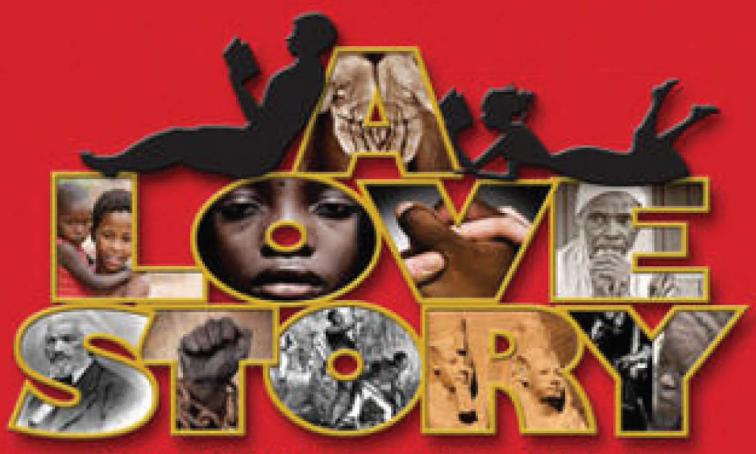
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**Sunday, February 28**

Church Service  
COGIC Church, TBA

**Closing Ceremony**

Reitz Union Rion Ballroom



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