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The Count of Monty Crisco

Monty Sibley, 21, scarfs down a 5-pound Monte Cristo Sandwich at Jeff's New York Deli on Thursday night. Sibley won an eating contest against four others to promote the restaurant.

County sends officials to DC

By **MATT HARRINGER**
 Alligator Writer

The Alachua County Commission sent a delegation to Washington, D.C., this week to ask the county's elected officials to support a cleanup of a local environmental nightmare.

Commissioner Paula M. DeLaney and Legislative Affairs Director Rick Mills met with Rep. Corrine Brown, staff from Rep. Cliff Stearns and Sen. George LeMieux.

The delegation urged the federal lawmakers to support cleaning up the Cabot/Koppers site, which has been a serious environmental issue for Alachua County since the 1980s.

The commission also requested \$2.6 million for education programs, \$4 million for the county's homeless initia-

tives, \$750,000 to revamp Santa Fe Hills' water system and to get funding for green-collar jobs.

The county already supports all of the programs, but federal funding in the form of millions of dollars in federal appropriations keep the programs alive.

Sen. LeMieux said he will not support earmark spending, or funding for specific programs and institutions.

This means he will likely vote against the funding of these programs for Alachua County.

"We don't come and ask for money for anything we're not already spending on," DeLaney said.



DeLaney

Justice guest at law panel

■ HE SPOKE TO A CROWD OF ABOUT 700 PEOPLE.

By **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Writer

In the office of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is a bust with a plaque that reads, "Old Man Can't is dead — I helped bury him."

The quote serves as a tribute to Thomas' grandfather, who taught him to never quit.

Thomas passed on the same message of perseverance Wednesday in front of an audience of about 700 at the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard in the UF Levin College of Law.

"You all have a better chance of becoming president than I did of becoming a justice on the Supreme Court," he said. "The question is: Do you have the will to prepare?"

A panel of four UF law students asked Thomas questions.

For more than an hour, they addressed issues ranging from his views on the U.S. Constitution to the role of technology in the legal world.

"Many of you are passionate about your Florida Gators. But how passionate are we about the principles that underlie our country?"

Clarence Thomas
 Supreme Court Justice

Thomas stressed the important societal impact of the Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution.

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Airline holds shoe drive for Haiti victims

By **MATT HARRINGER**
 Alligator Writer

When Atlantic Southeast Airlines set out to collect 3,500 shoes for victims of the earthquake in Haiti, the company didn't know the Gainesville branch alone would come close to meeting the goal.

The airline is collecting shoes as part of Soles4Souls' larger campaign to donate 1 million shoes to earthquake victims.

With help from the Gainesville Police Department, Rotary Club and other organizations, ASA has

collected more than 2,500 shoes.

Kenneth Williams, Gainesville's ASA station manager, said the most important donations come from individual community members dropping off shoes at the airport.

"They don't say much," he said.

"They just smile, carry their valuable cargo to the boxes and donate."

The 10-day shoe drive ends today, and anyone who wants to donate shoes can bring them to the Delta terminal at the Gainesville Regional Airport from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local News

■ UF point guard Erving Walker made the game-winning layup with 11 seconds remaining in the Gators' 66-65 win over the Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Thursday night. See Story, Page 13.



Competitors race to eat 7 pounds of food at downtown deli

Five contestants scarfed down 7 pounds of food Thursday night for a promotional event at Jeff's New York Deli.

Participants attempted to eat a 5-pound Monte Cristo sandwich, a pound of fries and a pound of cheesecake in 20 minutes.

"We just want to have fun and let people know where we are," said Ira Baron, co-owner of the deli.

The winner, Monty Sibley, stood up and

danced to Taylor Swift's "You Belong With Me" as he dunked his food in a water cup and ate it without hesitation.

After time was up, Sibley said he was too full to think.

"As an amateur bodybuilder, few things in life have conquered me," he said. "That sandwich is one of them."

—ANA GONI-LESSAN

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Hip-Hop Collective Presents: Icing on the Break

Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight
Santa Fe College, Room R-001

The Hip-Hop Collective is hosting its first two vs. two break-dancing battle and hip-hop jam of the year that will include a popping-and-locking showcase, freestyle emcees and a special performance by Shay-J.

You will see break dancers battling out intense moves, you will hear crazy rhymes, beats and performances and you will be immersed into the underground world of hip-hop. This is not "America's Best Dance Crew" or "So You Think You Can Dance." This is the real thing. The event is free to UF and Santa Fe students with valid student ID and \$5 to the general public.

The UF Model United Nations: 7th annual Gator Model United Nations Conference

Today through Sunday
Reitz Union

This year the conference is hosting 270 high school delegates from around the state to compete in committee simulations of real United Nations bodies and historical events.

For the weekend, students become delegates in important international forums addressing complex global issues such as the future of stateless people, solutions to the global economic crisis and the development of peaceful nuclear technology.

All proceeds from T-shirts and Valentine's Day carnations will go to the American Red Cross mission in Haiti. If you're interested in volunteering as staff or have any questions, please contact Secretary General Ariana Tuchman at gatormun@gmail.com or visit the Web site at gatormun.org.

Passionately Pink Party

Today, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Gainesville Place Clubhouse, 2800 SW 35th Place

The entrance fee is \$6. There will be food, pink mocktails, karaoke and much more. There will be a contest for the best pink outfit and raffles for prizes from TutoringZone and other great places around Gainesville.

All proceeds will be donated to Susan G. Komen For the Cure, a breast cancer research foundation. Contact Severin Walstad at 941-725-1363 or swalstad@ufl.edu for more information.

African Student Union Meeting

Today, 6:30 p.m.
Computer Sciences/Engineering Building, Room E22

This is an opportunity to learn about African culture and have fun at the same time. We will discuss the upcoming golden anniversaries of several African nations and their current accomplishments and the progress that still needs to be made. There will be free food.

Student Government Debate

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

The debate will be hosted by economics professor Mark Rush.

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All parties will be represented.

Gator Growl 2010 is hiring

Gator Growl 2010 is now accepting applications for director positions. Applications for positions in a wide variety of fields are available in the Florida Blue Key Office on the third floor of the Reitz Union. Applications are due today.

Shabbat with Yossi Chajes

Today, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.
UF Hillel

Yossi Chajes, associate professor of Jewish history at the University of Haifa, will lead a Carlebachian service on Friday night at Hillel, followed by dinner at 8:30 p.m.

Services continue on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Hillel, followed by lunch and a learning session with Dr. Chajes. On Saturday at 8 p.m., join Dr. Chajes and UF students at Pizza Palace, 604 NW 13th St., for a kumsitz, or traditional Jewish jam session.

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 above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

LOCAL

Murphree residents celebrate Black history Month

The Murphree Area Council will host its first BYOB: bring your own background event Saturday in order to broaden the cultural celebration of Black History Month.

MAC residents and resident assistants will be supporting Haiti and staging various cultural performances at "Showcase your Culture."

The free event will take place from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Murphree Area Commons.

Courtney Hubbard, an RA for Sledd Hall said she chose a hand print graphic to symbolize the act of reaching out to people of other cultures, and it also represents individualism because every person's fingerprints are unique.

RAs will be collecting cash and material contributions to donate to Club Creole for the relief effort in Haiti, said Caitlin Plowfield, an RA for Murphree.

Traditionally, the February event is specifically geared toward commemorating Black History Month, Plowfield said. But this year, the RAs have decided to make the event more inclusive by incorporating mul-

tiple cultures.

She said those attending should look forward to good food, awareness of different cultures and satisfaction of the soul.

"I think it shows the global awareness of students at UF to be able to come together and do a program like this," Plowfield said.

— SOMA NWOKOLO

UF's Gospel Choir to give annual concert today

University Gospel Choir will host its annual spring concert Friday at 7 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Gospel Extravaganza, an event co-sponsored by Student Government Productions, will feature Ricky Dillard, a gospel recording artist and director of the Grammy Award-nominated New Generation Chorale. It is one of the Black Student Union's events for Black History Month.

"By the term 'extravagant,' it's big in the sense that it's in a big location. We have big voices and we're expecting a big amount of people," said Courtney Amaro, the choir's special events coordinator.

This year's venue has 1,700 seats, and the choir's Vice President Alton Edmond wants to fill each one.

Friday's event will be one of the largest gospel celebrations held in the Gainesville area in nearly five years, said Cortney Whitlow, the choir's public relations director.

Dillard was paid about \$8,000 to perform and to be a guest director at Gospel Extravaganza, Amaro said.

Student Government gave the gospel choir a \$10,000 grant to help pay, she said.

"We chose him because he's a crowd teaser," Amaro said. "He's been at this for almost 20 years. He is capable, available and willing."

— LEANDRA VALENTINE

CORRECTIONS:

An article in Thursday's Alligator incorrectly spelled the name of Ken Hyneman.

Another article, "Professor discusses future of personal identity," says Disney uses biometrics for face scans of employees. They use biometrics for fingerprints of customers to ensure people don't sell or illicitly use their park passes.

A letter to the editor in Tuesday's edition of the Alligator was signed Josh Winegar. Winegar did not write the letter. The letter was fraudulently signed in his name.

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LOCAL

ZipCarts offers free Friday rides

By **TATIANA QUIROGA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students will have a new way to travel around campus on Fridays in February.

Starting today, they can catch free ZipCarts rides from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ZipCarts are energy-efficient carts that hold six passengers. They normally cost \$3 per person per ride and provide nighttime transportation throughout downtown Gainesville.

Students can flag down the drivers of the carts and ask for rides, said Justin Root, public relations senior and UF Bateman Team member.

Root said three carts will be used for Free Ride Fridays.

The rides are a part of the UF

Bateman Team's "You + Me = censUS" public relations campaign.

In the Bateman Case Study Competition, UF's team competes with teams across the nation to create the most effective campaign for the U.S. Census.

Bateman Team members will be driving the ZipCarts, and they hope to talk to students about the importance of completing the census, he said.

Riding the ZipCarts will hopefully give students extra time to complete the census form, Root said.

Root said census data affects local businesses.

When Root met with the co-owners of ZipCarts in the fall, they were applying for a federal grant that they didn't receive.

If more people fill out the

census, the data collected will be more complete and will help estimate the number of possible ZipCarts clients, Root said.

The data would help determine the amount of money that should be awarded to local businesses through grants, Root said.

Ryan Clarke, co-owner of ZipCarts, said partnering with the Bateman Team is a good marketing opportunity.

Clarke said students may be more likely to hitch rides after participating in Free Ride Fridays.

Rachel Wheatley, a nutritional sciences freshman, said she will probably complete the census form and may even hop on a cart.

"If I saw it, and it wasn't overcrowded with people, I might hitch a ride," Wheatley said.

Band namesake collects for Haiti

■ SHE WANTED TO HELP HAITIANS AFTER MANY VISITS TO THE COUNTRY.

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

Sister Hazel Williams is no stranger to charity.

Williams, a Gainesville resident who has done ministry work for about 65 years, said she has been to Haiti on missions many times in the past, her most recent trip after the earthquake.

Williams, who is the inspiration for the Gainesville-based rock band of the same name, has seen a lot in her work and travels, but she said she'll never be able to clear the images of Haitians eating dirt patties with leaves from her memory.

"I wanted to do everything in my power to help these people," Williams said. "The earthquake is not from man. People, however, can prevent starvation."

Williams, head of the Sister Hazel Angel of Mercy Ministries, is collecting materials to send to Haiti for earthquake victims.

Williams estimated that she's filled seven to eight storage units with furniture, clothing and other necessities.

The Peaceful Paths Thrift Store, where she stores donated items, is overflowing with piles of bags filled with essentials, and Williams has no plan to stop collecting.

"You feel good when you're doing something," she said. "I'm fearless in what I'm doing."

She said she is trying to coordinate with the Miami Dolphins and the UF men's basketball team to help with her relief efforts.

Local News Although she's hoping to raise as much money as she can, Williams refused to disclose how much she has raised, only noting there's much more needed for the Haitian people.

"You don't sound the trumpet when you give alms," she said, referring to a passage in the Gospel of Matthew. "Do [works] in private, and your reward will be in heaven."

To donate to the Sister Hazel Angel of Mercy Ministries, call 352-378-9496.

Grant will send 3 to graduate school
School received \$800,000

By **ASHLEY HEMMY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A new program at UF will open doors for students concentrating on special education.

The project, "Preparing Researchers in Assistive Technology Application in Inclusive General Education Contexts for Students with Significant Disabilities," will offer full scholarships to three incoming doctoral students to allow them to conduct research and learn about changing technology, said Diane Ryndak, associate professor in special education and principal investigator of the project.

Students applied to the College of Education graduate program in October, and Ryndak is in the process of choosing the three recipients.

"These students will read the most recent research," Ryndak

said, "and they will conduct new research of their own, which is all focused on helping children with special needs."

"There is a national trend of decreasing special education faculty. Programs such as Project PRAIS will fill positions that are already vacant."

Diane Ryndak
associate professor in special education

The project will be funded by an \$800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Ryndak said. The Office of Special Education Programs developed a board of officials to look over applying universities and chose about 10 proposals, including UF's, out of

hundreds.

UF's College of Education will receive \$200,000 a year for up to four years. Along with the three incoming doctoral students, the university will fund eight postdoctoral fellows, who will each work a semester at UF during the four years.

"There is a national trend of decreasing special education faculty," Ryndak said. "Programs such as Project PRAIS will fill positions that are already vacant."

Students will be working on the project in three areas: helping children with severe disabilities, working to include children with disabilities in general education classes and learning about assistant technology, which will help students in the classroom, said Ann-Marie Orlando, the coordinator of Project PRAIS.

"It's hard to get through a doctoral program," Ryndak said. "A grant that pays for full tuition and funds all research will make life easier."

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Drummers Nii Sowa-la and Owenson "Rocky" Humphreys talk before their performance of African-style music at the Wilhelmina Johnson Center Thursday, in memory of Rosa Parks' birthday.

LOCAL

Event honors Parks

By ERICA JOHNSON
Alligator Contributing Writer

More than 50 people filled the Wilhelmina Johnson Center Thursday night to celebrate the birthday of the renowned civil rights activist Rosa Parks with poetry, songs, presentations and dance.

In 1955, Parks, who would have turned 97 Thursday, refused to give up her bus seat to a white person in Montgomery, Ala.

Her actions that day led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

The Rev. Milford Lewis Griner, chairman and founder of the Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Committee that organized the event, said Parks' actions were a crucial component of the civil rights movement.

"Through her simple act of refusing to move from a bus seat, she ignited flames of justice that could not be put out," Griner said. "She gave folks in Montgomery and all over the South hope and encouragement that one person really can make a difference."

Griner emphasized the program had a three-fold purpose: to remember

the day Parks was born, to celebrate the life she lived and to focus on educating others about who she was and what she believed.

A main focus of the event was on educating youth about an event that happened more than a half century ago but is still relevant today, Griner said.

"She gave folks in Montgomery and all over the South hope and encouragement that one person really can make a difference."

Milford Lewis Griner
chairman and founder of the Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Committee

He said Parks' actions continue to inspire him to stand up for his beliefs every day.

"This means to me that I don't have to be quiet or stand back in the face of apparent racism," Griner said. "I have the freedom to stand up against inequality because I am a citizen of America."

Local Toyota dealership responds to gas pedal recall

More than 7.6 million models were faulty

By MINCH MINCHIN
Alligator Contributing Writer

The local pace of an international Toyota recall seems to be stuck in the slow lane.

The recall, which was made to fix faulty gas pedals in more than 7.6 million Toyota models made in the last six years, has come as a surprise to local Toyota owners.

"I don't think it's a big deal,"

said Gene Branch, a retired grocer who recently bought a 2009 Tundra pickup truck from Gatorland Toyota in Gainesville. "I haven't had any problems at all."

Service personnel at Gatorland Toyota, who repair about 2,500 cars each month, have not heard any recent complaints about the recall, said Robert Hurlbert, Gatorland Toyota service and parts director.

"I'm certain there are some [problems], though," he said.

However, since the announcement of the recall, Hurlbert has tried to reassure Toyota customers they will be properly taken care of.

"My biggest job right now is preparing the staff to deal with the massive influx of jobs we're going to be having," he said.

Meanwhile, other Gainesville mechanics who will not be involved replacing pedals and mats are left wondering what the fuss is all about.

"There have always been problems with vehicles just like this, but you never heard nothing about it," said J.L. Tyson, owner of JL's Auto Repair in Gainesville and a Toyota owner. "It's blown out of proportion."

As far back as Tyson can remember, no Toyota owners have

come to the garage complaining of gas pedal problems.

The large amount of attention put on Toyota in the last week may not be a conspiracy, he said, though he estimated the situation was certainly political.

"Some are just jealous because Toyota's always made a good vehicle," Tyson said.

Those affected by the recall should bring their cars to Gatorland Toyota, located at 2985 N Main St.

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Editorial

Happy Friday, Gators.

We're suspecting a lot of you just got your first test grades back and are contemplating changing your majors to family, youth and community sciences.

But no matter what happens in your lives, you can always count on the Editorial Board to deliver your weekly dose of they-might-make-you-rip-your-paper-in-half-but-we-know-you-love-us edition of

Darts & Laurels

The Editorial Board has a bone to pick with a certain rodent. That's right, we're talking to you, Punxsutawney Phil.

And your cute, little face and furry features aren't going to distract us.

You clearly didn't read our editorial the other day, which offends us a little but not as much as the fact that you gave us six more weeks of winter.

That's why we have part of the Editorial Board on the lookout for PETA — so the other part can chuck a big ole **DART** at **Punxsutawney Phil** for seeing his shadow.

And while we're on the subject of individuals we wish would get underground and stay there, the Editorial Board would like to publish a book of **DARTS**, use PAC money to buy a million copies of it and give one to **Sarah Palin** for wasting \$63,000 buying her own book and another \$8,000 on "Going Rogue" bookmarks.

We don't know about you, but we definitely don't want a bookmark with Sarah's face on it. But we guess if you donated money to Sarah Palin, you probably deserve to have it wasted on ridiculous garbage.

Speaking of ridiculous, this next dart is for all you disillusioned people out there who actually think you look like David Beckham and Angelina Jolie. We hate to break it to you (who are we kidding? — no we don't), but 98 percent of you have little to no resemblance to that hottie in your profile picture.

And that's why we're sending out the tanks to shoot an army of big fat **DARTS** filled with common sense at all you **ridiculous doppelgänger-wannabes** out there — the fact that you have a twin sister does not mean you look like an Olsen twin.

On the other hand, we'd like to shower a handful of thanks-for-keeping-it-funny **LAURELS** at the **ladies** who made your defaults John Stamos, **guys** who posted Johnny Bravo and **anyone** who posted Janet Reno.

And while we're on the subject of Facebook, the Editorial Board would like to wish everyone's favorite networking site a happy birthday.

That's right, Facebook turned 6 years old Thursday.

So for bringing us all together — old friends, parents, future employers and that guy in the back of the class you have a crush on — we're going to present creator **Mark Zuckerberg** with a cake decorated with **LAURELS**.

We hope you can stick around for many years to come.

We also wished Conan O'Brien would stick around, but we didn't get what we wanted.

Nonetheless, we're giving a bright red **LAUREL** to **Coco** for paying each of the 50 crew members from his show severance pay out of pocket. Whether you were Team Coco or Team Leno, you have to admit it was a nice move.

So have we done enough this week to piss you off? If so, write about it in a Letter to the Editor.

If not, see you next week for another edition of Darts and Laurels.

Until then, take down that stupid picture of pre-baby Jennifer Lopez. Seriously, we're all laughing at you.

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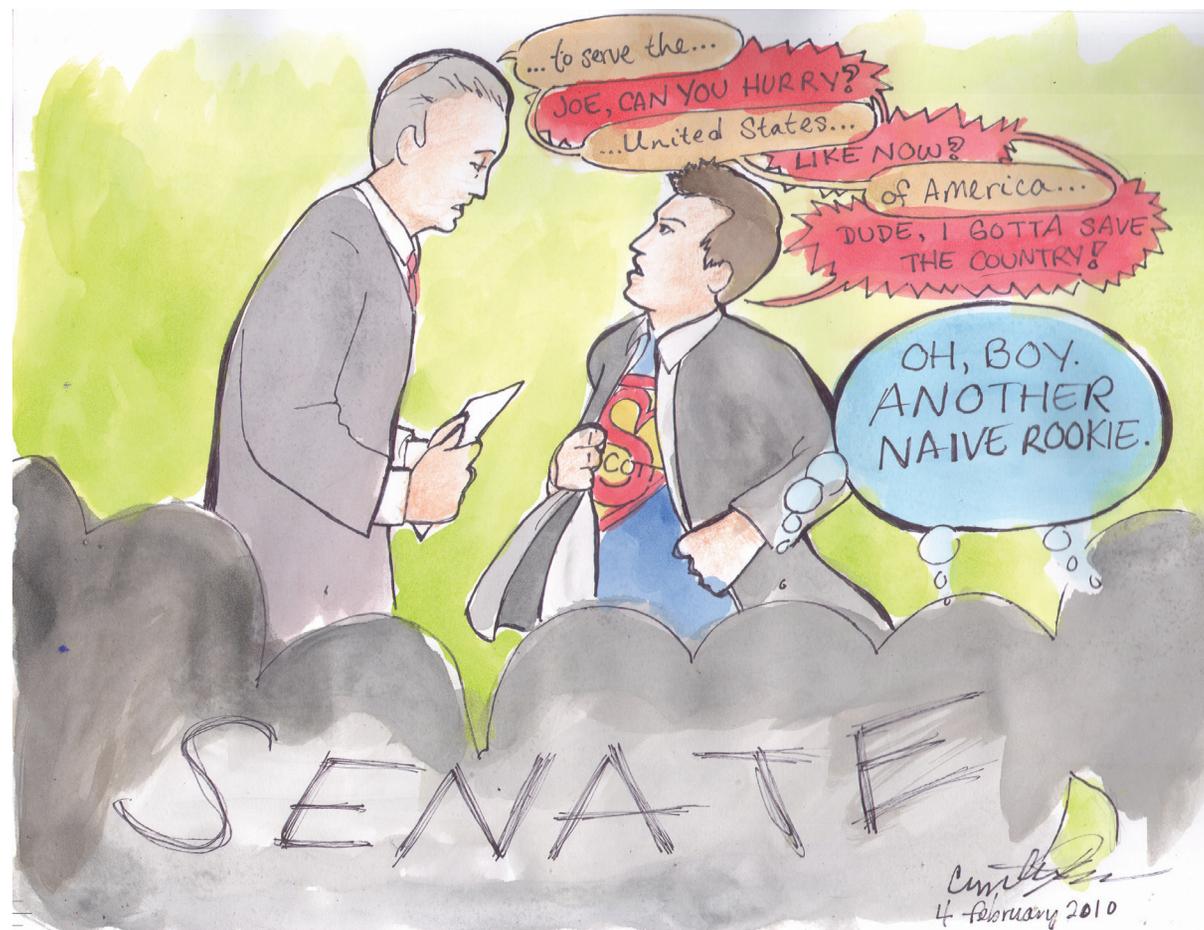
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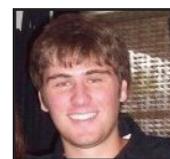
I don't understand the Tea Party. I'll admit that I've spent the past day trying to research what they want on the Internet, and the only thing I can come up with is they just don't want to pay taxes. I can understand the frustration. I hate when I go to Publix to buy a newspaper and I have to pay an extra 6 or 7 cents in sales tax. But that's mostly because I just don't feel like getting that much change.

There are a few specific things about the Tea Party movement I can't wrap my head around — one being the question of why all this is happening now. There's utter hatred of President Obama from conservatives in the U.S., and I feel like the Tea Party movement is simply the manifestation of such hatred. This is evidenced by the fact that while the Republican government under President George W. Bush took our taxes and spent them on two imbecilic (at best) and illegal (at worst) wars, there were no Tea Party protests. Tea Party members maintain they weren't happy with government spending under the Republicans, but they didn't protest. Not until there was a Democratic president.

Another thing I don't understand is what the Tea Partiers propose we should have done to get out of the recession — other than the opposite of what the federal government did. Instead of letting the banking industry crumble, which would lead to further economic turmoil, the government (Democrats and Republicans) decided to do whatever it could to bring the country back from the brink of a second depression. The same thing happened with the auto industry.

I understand the frustrations surrounding these two decisions because they frustrated me, as well, but I can also see why the government did what it did. When top economic advisers are telling the leaders of the country to do something to help jump-start the economy, we should follow their advice and do whatever we can. However, there should be stipulations put in place to prevent such an event from happening again. Looking at the situation from the outside, it seems the government actually handled itself very well because the economy is well on its way to recovery.

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This brings me to the issue of taxes. Tea Partiers don't want to pay taxes, or at least they don't want to pay higher taxes. The most baffling thing, to me, is that President Obama has actually cut taxes for 95 percent of Americans since he's been in office. Although it's not much, Americans have been taxed less and have received money back from the government. It seems to me

the time for these anti-tax rallies would have been during Bush's presidency, when taxes were cut for the wealthy but stayed relatively the same for the middle and lower classes. At least the money the government collects from its people is being spent on things inside the country now, since we will soon be out of Iraq and Afghanistan for good, and we won't have to spend more money over there.

Finally, I see some inherent wrongs with the Tea Party as a whole. I assume the Tea Party patriots have to travel to their conventions and rallies by driving. Do they advocate the use of taxes to repair the roads they use? How about the public education system? Should it be privatized, forcing families to pay through the nose for elementary and high schools? Are all government programs bad or just the ones that are outside your district, or ones Democrats support? And how about the Tea Party convention this week? Would the \$549 per person not be better spent helping out someone in Haiti or helping out a lower-income family? But I better watch myself. My want to help the downtrodden is sounding pretty Socialist right about now.

The original Tea Party was an act of frustration against the British government for taxing the colonies without allowing them to represent themselves in Parliament. The current Tea Party just seems to be an act of frustration against the Democrat-controlled American government.

Paul Murty is an English sophomore. His columns appear on Fridays.

Reader response

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Letters to the Editor

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If undergrads ever want to see a change in Student Government, it isn't going to come through a self-defeating, lawsuit-happy "Indy" party that does nothing but whine in Senate chambers and does ridiculous stunts on election day. And it isn't going to come from the party that acts as a mouthpiece for the administration. What needs to happen is real electoral reform. Students need to be represented and participate in the system — not decide between which party is worse, which is nearly impossible at this point.

Justin Wooten
Gainesville Resident



Super Bowl commercial should not be prejudged

I am writing to express my full support for the Tebow family ad that is expected to air during the Super Bowl. I am outraged at women groups such as N.O.W. for denouncing and condemning the 30 second ad before they even get to see it. From what I gather regarding the ad, it will discuss Pam Tebow's courageous decision and story to have Tim. Why is the ad vilified as anti-abortion simply because it has a pro-life message? I do not believe for a moment that either Tim or his mother will be chastising others for their opposing views during the commercial. Tim Tebow has been a model student, athlete, humanitarian, and young man. Those that differ with his pro-life position should in no way call into question his integrity and passion.

David Ruiz
Gainesville Resident

Guest column

US Senate should put end to gender pay discrimination

A year ago, dozens of women's and civil rights activists gathered at the White House to watch President Barack Obama sign his first piece of legislation into law: the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act.

The signing was a triumphant moment — especially with its namesake, Lilly Ledbetter, standing with us. The bill restored the ability of workers to seek redress for ongoing pay discrimination, and its importance to ending inequity cannot be overstated.

But another year has passed, and pay discrimination persists.

The most recent U.S. Census Bureau statistics show that the pay gap between men's and women's earnings actually widened slightly between 2007 and 2008 from 77.8 (generally rounded to 78 percent) to 77 percent. Based on the median earnings of full-time, year-round workers, women's earnings were \$35,745 and men's earnings were \$46,367.

The gap in median earnings for minority women is even wider. In 2008, the earnings for black women were \$31,489, 67.9 percent of men's earnings (a drop from 68.7 percent in

2007), and Hispanic women's earnings were \$26,846, 58 percent of men's earnings (a drop from 59 percent in 2007).

In fact, if you look at The National Committee on Pay Equity's The Wage Gap Over Time table, you'll see how little the gap has changed in this century. There's still a battle to make things right.

Ledbetter thought she had won her battle years ago. As a manager at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Gadsden, Ala., for more than 19 years, she received the top performance award and was one of four area managers — and the only woman — selected to initiate light truck production at the Gadsden plant.

Then, the plant was about to close. Ledbetter decided to retire. Just before she left, someone slipped her an anonymous note that compared her salary to that of three male counterparts.

Though she had always suspected pay discrimination, when she was hired she had agreed to never discuss salaries with other workers. Until the note, she had no way of knowing she was being underpaid because of her gender.

Linda Meric
American Forum

Ledbetter filed suit. She won — but on appeal. The Supreme Court ruled against her in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., overturning her original jury award because she hadn't filed a charge of discrimination within 180 days of her first discriminatory paycheck.

The Supreme Court's 2007 decision against Ledbetter reversed more than 40 years of employment law interpretation and implementation.

Although she received no monetary awards for her fight against pay discrimination, her story led to the introduction of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act in 2007, which passed the House of Representatives and Senate in January 2009 and was signed into law by the president on Jan. 29, 2009.

Ledbetter has become an icon of the movement for fair pay.

Still, the Ledbetter Act was only the first hurdle.

Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act is the next step to build on the Ledbetter bill. It

is comprehensive legislation that updates the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and strengthens penalties courts may impose for violations of existing equal pay laws. It also prohibits retaliation against workers who inquire about or share wage information, a critical protection for women to be able to find out if they're being paid fairly and to do something about it if they're not.

While Ledbetter restored the law, Paycheck Fairness strengthens it and plugs loopholes in the 1963 Equal Pay Act. The Paycheck Fairness Act was passed by the House alongside the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009 with more votes than even the Ledbetter Act. But action by the Senate is pending.

In these tough economic times, no one can afford to be shortchanged by pay discrimination. But pay discrimination is more perilous now than ever when so many more families depend on the wages of a woman to make ends meet.

Linda Meric is executive director of 9to5, National Association of Working Women. For information about our efforts to close the pay gap, visit www.9to5.org.

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6 Furnishings

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23 Orkan sign-off word
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25 *Receptacle for choice slips
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55 *Danseur noble's partner
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61 63-Across hdg.
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63 Besiege
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67 Musher's wear
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70 Extra large?

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4 Actress Barkin
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Walker's late layup leads UF to road win

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Florida's game-winning play came on a floater that Billy Donovan thought "rolled around the rim forever," but the game-saving play came seconds later from a player who scored no points Thursday night.

Sophomore point guard Erving Walker put the Gators ahead with 11 seconds left, and senior forward Dan Werner knocked away an inbounds pass in the final seconds to give UF a 66-65 win against Alabama in Coleman Coliseum.

Walker, who finished with 16 points, drove past Alabama guard Anthony Brock and put up a shot that hit seemingly every part of the rim before falling and giving the Gators (16-6, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) a one-point lead over the Crimson Tide (13-9, 3-5 SEC).

"Brock was playing good defense on me throughout the game, but I knew I could get by him," Walker said. "I just had to go to the hole strong. I had open floor, just me and him, and I was able to get by him."

With a lead secured, UF could only avoid a two-game losing streak by stopping Alabama in the final 11 seconds. Junior power forward Alex Tyus, who scored a team-high 19 points, blocked Mikhail Torrance's runner out of bounds to set up the final play of the game with just over three seconds remaining.

Alabama freshman Tony Mitchell took the ball out of bounds and attempted to lob it into the lane to forward JaMychal Green, but Werner slammed the ball all the way to the other side of the court, letting time expire as the Tide desperately chased after it.

Werner scored zero points, but his teammates and Donovan praised the senior's awareness on the final play.

"Dan's smart," Walker said. "He's been here for a long time. He knows all the tricks. That was a really heady play."

Donovan said the inbounds play was not one Alabama coach Anthony Grant had used before, which made preparing his team for the play during the timeout far more difficult.

Grant, a longtime assistant under Donovan, said the play he drew up in the huddle wasn't good enough, and he didn't think he would sleep Thursday night given the way it turned out.

"That one's on me," Grant said.

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UF guard Erving Walker struggled in the first half, scoring just two points, but rebounded to finish with 16.

Greed drives possible NCAA Tournament expansion

Every once in a while I allow myself to get lost in the feel-good "amateurism" of college sports.

It just warms my heart to see thousands of students cheer for their peers on game-days, watch walk-ons overcome all odds and interview athletes who graduate with degrees they never could've earned without that little champion of underdogs otherwise known as the NCAA.

Amid my dreams of sunshine and rainbows, I am too often awoken by the dark, cloudy skies of reality.

College sports are ruled by the almighty dollar, and that realization makes it difficult to simply roll over and fall back into that delightful dreamland.

I was reminded of that fact yet again this week when SportsbyBrooks.com re-



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ported the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament will be expanded from 65 teams to 96 as early as next season.

I've been listening to a lot of Lil' Wayne lately, and the NCAA could use a little advice from the rapper.

"If it ain't broke, don't break it."

The college basketball postseason format is hands down the most perfect of any sport in the country, amateur or professional.

As a result, it's also the most popular among viewers, which means the NCAA and big-time television companies are

seeking a way to make an extra buck or two — or one million — by adding more games to the slate. Companies like CBS, ESPN and Fox are expected to be involved in the bidding war.

A 96-team field would add a total of 31 games to the Tournament slate, which equals a substantial amount of additional TV revenue and a bigger contract for the NCAA.

Even Florida coach Billy Donovan said this week he is in favor of expanding the field.

"I always think that it's better to include more. That's just been me," Donovan told reporters Tuesday. "Now how all that works and how longer is the tournament and how many weeks they got

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New DC leaves for Bills

By KYLE MAISTRI
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One day after signing one of the best defensive recruiting classes in recent memory, Florida lost its defensive coordinator for the second time in a month.

George Edwards, who was hired on Jan. 8 to be UF's new defensive coordinator after the departure of Charlie Strong, accepted the same position with the Buffalo Bills on Thursday, according to ESPN.

New Bills coach Chan Gailey worked with Edwards when he was the head coach in Dallas almost a decade ago.



Edwards

Edwards coached the linebackers there and with the Miami Dolphins before coming to Gainesville for

roughly a month.

The Gators will begin the search for a new defensive coordinator and could hire from within the program.

Safeties coach and co-defensive coordinator Chuck Heater expressed interest in the position before Edwards filled the job following UF's Sugar Bowl win.

"I'm interested in having a leadership role, whatever that might be," Heater said on Dec. 28. "But I don't have to be entitled or anything. I just want to be in a good room with a good exchange of ideas with good guys."

Defensive line coach Dan McCarney has also been mentioned as a possible candidate, though he told media members that he was not interested in the increased responsibility on Dec. 28.

TEERING OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ T.C. Williams High, the school from Remember the Titans, forfeited 15 basketball games for using two fifth-year seniors. Since when's that not OK? Ronnie "Sunshine" Bass and Julius Campbell were deep into their 20s when they led the Titans to a state title. ... Say what you want about George Edwards leaving, but his stint as defensive coordinator brought in the best D-line recruiting class ever.

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: How many teams do you think should make the NCAA Tournament?

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■ UF's men's and women's tennis teams will be in action this weekend. The men will host FAU on Saturday, and the women take on Troy on Sunday in Gainesville. For full coverage, check out alligatorSports.org.



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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators struggle shooting in loss to Commodores

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The Gators thought they had found their shooting stroke, but instead found frustration and missed shots Thursday.

UF (12-10, 5-4 Southeastern Conference) dropped its home game against Vanderbilt (17-6, 6-4 SEC) 66-58.

Florida failed to sustain its hot shooting from the Ole Miss victory, when the team shot 48 percent from the field and 52.4 percent behind the three-point line. Instead,

the Gators shot 41.5 percent from the field, but struggled from beyond the arc at a 23.5-percent clip.

"From the tip, Vanderbilt set the tone," coach Amanda Butler said. "We adjusted to the tone that they set, and we're just not very good that way."

Despite a size advantage and outrebounding the Commodores 36-28, both teams tied with 32 points in the paint.

"We did a good job on the boards, but that's pretty much where it ended in terms of the positives about our performance," Butler said. "I don't think we had

an effort problem tonight."

Azania Stewart and Sharielle Smith finished with a team-high 13 points each, while Jennifer George and Steffi Sorensen followed with nine a piece. Stewart, Smith and George – all post players – combined for a 68-percent effort from the floor.



Sorensen

Aside from Sorensen, who hit two of her three three-pointers in the first half, the bulk of Florida's first-half scoring came from the

frontcourt with Stewart, George and Smith totaling 18 of the Gators' 26 points.

The Commodores got scoring from their whole lineup. Seven of eight players who played scored in the first half, with Jence Rhoads leading the way with eight points. She finished with 14 and teammate Lauren Lueders had 13 and seven rebounds.

UF had trouble communicating on the offensive end and committed 11 turnovers in the first half and finished with 18, while the Commodores had 13.

The Gators also had problems

from the free-throw line. They shot 55.6 percent, but only hit 2 of 6 in the first half, while Vanderbilt finished 9 of 12 at the line.

"The shots that are more concerning to me are not necessarily the missed threes, as the missed free throws," Butler said. "That's not something that has been a weakness for us, it's something we've been able to do consistently well."

Florida will look to bounce back hosting Mississippi State on Sunday. Florida snagged a 55-52 road win against the Bulldogs on Jan. 17.

Parsons sees time at point guard

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"I take full blame for that."

The final seconds brought about redemption for Walker and Werner, whose mistakes turned UF's four-point lead with about a minute to go into a one-point game. Brock stole the ball from Walker near half-court and sped down the floor for a fast-break layup, which he turned into a three-point play after Werner fouled him.

Walker also struggled to score in the first half, getting just two points on three shots in the opening period, but he penetrated from the wing more after halftime — something he and freshman guard Kenny Boynton were able to do with junior forward Chandler Parsons running the offense.

Donovan said whether Parsons plays

more point guard the rest of the season will depend on how much pressure opponents put on Walker.

"When a guy's playing (36) minutes and he's his size, to be under that type of duress every single possession — we've got to find a way to relieve him a little bit," Donovan said of Walker.



Men's Basketball

The Gators won't have much time to savor the win, as UF will match up with Mississippi State (16-6, 4-3 SEC) at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.

"Everybody knows the goal is to make the NCAA Tournament," Walker said. "If we're going to do that, we've got to get these types of wins."

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to add? I don't know all that. But I think every college coach would be the same way."

No disrespect to Donovan, but every college coach also wants to have a better chance of getting his team into the Tournament and keeping his job.

Without question, the biggest slap in the face is delivered firmly to the collective cheek of college basketball fans.

For years, college football fans, analysts and coaches have pleaded with the NCAA to fix the disgrace-

fully inefficient BCS.

Behind the guise of academic integrity and complicated logistics, the BCS has remained in place for the exact same reason the powers that be are more than happy to change a perfect system.

"The money is the motive," Lil' Wayne wheezes on the same song.

The college football bowl sponsors and college basketball TV networks couldn't care less about determining a true champion in the fairest way possible.

The darkest cloud of all: I'm beginning to think neither does the NCAA.

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UF will test new routines

By **TOM GREEN**
Alligator Writer

Coming off of her team's best performance of the season, UF coach Rhonda Faehn wants to see if a different lineup could improve on that score.

Faehn plans to use the No. 3 Gators' meet at No. 22 N.C. State tonight as an opportunity to switch things up, all in hopes of getting a higher team total.

Florida (3-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) will be trying out a few new routines as well as changing some existing ones.

Among the possible changes, senior Courtney Gladys may perform a more difficult first pass in her floor exercise.

"It's something she has originally wanted to do all fall, and we just didn't use it in competition," Faehn said. "But if she warms up well, we may give her the opportunity to get out there and go for it."

One of the new changes the team will use this week is a bar combination by sophomore Elizabeth Mahlich, who scored a team-low 9.775 against LSU on bars.

Faehn said she and the other coaches feel it will help Mahlich score higher.

Standout freshman Ashanée Dickerson will also be tweaking her bar routine, and Marissa King will be carrying out a slightly different balance beam routine this week.

But new performances won't be the only changes UF will make against N.C. State. Freshman Randy Stageberg will return to the lineup on floor and beam after sitting out the LSU meet with an illness.

Faehn said she will use this opportunity near the midpoint of the season to rest some gymnasts, including senior Maranda Smith on floor exercise.

"We're treating each athlete as an individual, according to their bodies and their needs to determine whether or not they can go for us," Faehn said.

The meet was originally scheduled as a tri-meet with George Washington, but the team dropped out of the competition for undisclosed reasons.



Gymnastics

UF TRACK AND FIELD

Gators head to VT for meet

By **RYAN BUTLER**
Alligator Writer

Calvin Smith has always been focused on making himself one of the best sprinters in the nation. Now he is looking to make his team one of the best as well.

After his personal-best in a season-opening race last week, Smith and the No. 5 UF men's and No. 9 women's track and field teams are looking to continue building their momentum heading into this weekend's Virginia Tech Elite Meet, which begins today at 5 p.m..

"I want to leave with an individual title and a team title," Smith said. "I feel if I put my best effort forward, then the team will too."

Smith, a 13-time All-American, is among 12 individuals and relay groups on the men's and women's teams to already qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championship.

The senior attributed his NCAA qualifying mark of 46:48 in the 400-meter dash last weekend to increased motivation for his last season as a Gator.

"Because it's my senior year I'm not sure if I'll ever run again so I'm pushing myself harder," Smith said. "The freshmen are

looking to me so they know what to do." This weekend in Blacksburg, Va., he'll look to add a qualify in the 200-meter dash.

He's also a part of one of the elite 4x400 relay teams in the nation, which will compete against some of the best teams in the Atlantic Coastal Conference and Southeastern Conference, including in-state rival FSU.

Smith is not the only one who will be looking to qualify for the NCAA Championships this weekend.



Smith

Christian Taylor, the anchor of the 4x400 team, will try to qualify individually in the triple jump.

Taylor, the defending national champion in the triple jump will compete in the event for the first time this season in this weekend's meet.

The sophomore said he's treating this meet like a post-season competition.

"You don't have to wait to the SECs to do something big. When you perform at a high level (in regular-season meets) it gets easier at the big meets," Taylor said.

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