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The Great Debate

Tara Tedrow, a first-year UF law student, participates in the Great Gator Debaters' inaugural event Tuesday night at the Reitz Union. See Story, Page 3.

Melting Pot short changes workers

■ **EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT GOTTEN FINAL PAYCHECKS.**

By **ROXANNE FRASER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gainesville Melting Pot has closed, but the question of employee payments remains open.

Former employees still have not received valid final paychecks or W-2 forms, though the restaurant closed in September.

The fondue restaurant, located at 418 E University Ave., was closed for renovation by the city and may remain closed ultimately.

"We found out on a Saturday and, basically, on the Tuesday of that same week we were closed down," said Regina Kypriandes, a former Melting Pot employee.

Employees worked off an IOU system because the restaurant didn't have enough money, according to Kypriandes.

"We would get what we made that night written on a piece on paper," she said. "We would get paid when someone's tables paid in cash."

Kypriandes added employees either could not cash their final paychecks or the checks bounced.

Justin Santoro, former franchise manager and owner of the Gainesville Melting Pot, is working with attorneys to send out W-2 forms.

"My main priority is to get my employees taken care of," Santoro said.

According to corporate headquarters in Tampa, the company did not know about this issue.

"We were just made aware this week from prior employees that they didn't receive their W-2 forms," said Bob Johnston, president and chief operating officer of The Melting Pot.

Santoro said former employees should receive their W-2 forms within the week.

ON CAMPUS

IRHA hosts balloon fight

By **VINCENT ALVARADO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Placed under lock and key in Rawling's dorm, thousands are waiting to be released.

For the next three weeks, students will be gathering in the Rawlings bathrooms from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in hopes of filling 140,000 water balloons.

The Inter-Residence Housing Association will host a water balloon fight Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. on Flavet Field to raise breast cancer awareness.

This is the second time UF is hosting an event of this kind.

Microsoft set the world record in Australia at the Xbox 360 launch with about 2,849 participants and 51,000 balloons.

UF fell short in October 2008 by 300 people.

The University of Kentucky broke the re-

cord in August with an estimated 119,411 balloons and 3,902 people, according to "The Guinness Book of World Records."

UF junior Roderick Clelland, whose mother struggled with breast cancer, is a participant.

"Rain, shine or Armageddon, we're going to be out there throwing balloons."

Sheldon Clark
event marketing director

Throwing water balloons gets people to come out and show their support for a disease that Clelland said could affect anyone.

"Rain, shine or Armageddon, we're going to be out there throwing balloons," said Sheldon Clark, the event's marketing director.

SEE BALLOON, PAGE 5

SG changes fee stance

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
and **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writers

Student Body President Jordan Johnson recommended Tuesday that graduate assistants should not have to pay a potential fee to help fund the expansion of the Reitz Union.

Johnson said his decision is the result of four months of discussions with students, faculty and administration.

During this time, Johnson said he's learned about the financial burdens faced by graduate assistants, who serve as research and teaching assistants and also subsidize the cost of instruction.

"We've had multiple opportunities for people to speak up and engage in this conversation, and this is a group

of students who have identified themselves as, you know, not being capable of absorbing another fee," Johnson said.

Graduate students and undergraduates students would still pay the potential fee, Johnson said.

Johnson said he plans to talk with the Board of Trustees about his decision at the board's next meetings on

March 15 and 16.

Matt Vernon, vice president for Graduate Assistants United, said graduate assistants are very pleased with the new stance on the fee.

"The entire objection of the GA community was that, financially, we are very strapped," he said.

■ The Gators will have the difficult task of trying to defend the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer, Devan Downey, when they take on the Gamecocks tonight in Columbia, S.C. See Story, Page 15.



Makeup bandit returns after 6 month absence

CHANDLER, Ariz. — A bandit who likes to steal makeup from a well known drug store chain has returned after a six month absence.

Chandler police said the "Blue Basket Bandit" attempted a theft Monday at a Walgreens store.

Over the past two years, police said the thief has stolen about \$10,000 worth of cosmetic merchandise from Walgreens stores around Chandler and neighboring cities.

The Blue Basket Bandit enters the store,

picks up a blue shopping basket and proceeds to the cosmetics section where he removes various cosmetics.

He then removes a Walgreens plastic bag from his pocket and transfers the cosmetics from the basket to the bag.

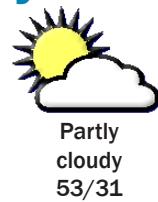
The thief then walks out without paying.

Police said the Blue Basket Bandit often changes his appearance and will use different vehicles for each theft.

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News Today

African Student Union and Black History Month present "Us vs. Them"

Today, 7 p.m.
NEB, Room 101
This interactive forum will discuss the disconnect African-Americans and black Caribbeans feel toward Africa as a result of the African Diaspora. Representatives from African, African-American, Haitian, Jamaican and other cultures will be in attendance. Cosponsoring organizations include Black History Month, the Caribbean Students Association and Club Creole.

Senate and the City

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Come meet the UF students slated for Senate seats from all parties. Learn more about their campaigns and party platforms and register to vote. Gainesville mayor and city commission candidates will be here to speak with you about their campaigns and answer any questions about local government. There will be free food.

RUB Entertainment presents Local Brew

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
This concert will feature local bands The Haps, Homemade Handgrenade, and Douglas Shields and the X-Factors.

RecSports Valentine's Event: Salsa and Partner Yoga

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Student Recreation and Fitness Center, Activity Rooms 1 and 2
Join RecSports to learn sexy and

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fun salsa moves or enjoy a relaxing yoga class with a partner. Both couples and individuals are welcome.

Mario Kart Wii Tournament

Friday
Southwest Recreation Center
Registration deadline is on Wednesday at 5 p.m. Participants need to register online through the RecSports Web site, recsports.ufl.edu

STATE

Schools cited for missing Fla. class size limits

TALLAHASSEE — Sixteen schools in eight districts and on a university campus have been cited for failing to comply with Florida's class size limits.

The State Board of Education on Tuesday voted to remove \$267,263 in operating funds from their budgets. They can keep the money but must use it to increase classroom space.

Out of compliance are Florida Atlantic University's laboratory school and eight county districts — Alachua, Columbia, Indian River, Manatee, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Union. Education officials initially found 72 schools out of compliance but most successfully appealed.

Schools must average no more than 18 students in kindergarten through third grade, 22 in fourth through eighth grade and

25 in high school.

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NATIONAL

NY boy faces charges over pencil attack

SAUQUOIT, N.Y. — An 11-year-old boy faces assault and weapon charges for trying to stab a classmate with a pencil over a math problem.

Police in New Hartford, 80 miles west of Albany, said the boy was mad because a classmate kept trying to help him in math class on Monday. When the would-be helper wouldn't back off, police said the boy lashed out with a sharp pencil and inflicted a scratch treated by the school nurse.

Officer Shane Yoxall, working as a resource officer at the Sauquoit Valley Middle School, investigated. The 11-year-old, whose name wasn't released, was suspended from school and charged with felony attempted assault and misdemeanor criminal possession of a weapon. He must report to Oneida County probation officials on Feb. 23.

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RUB offers students chance to find love

By **TATIANA QUIROGA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students looking for a little love in the lonely days before Valentine's Day got their chance at the Reitz Union Board of Entertainment's second annual Dating Game at the Orange & Brew Tuesday night.

The event consisted of three rounds in which one contestant asked questions to three or four contestants of the opposite sex and then chose his or her favorite based on those responses.

About 60 audience members cheered as participants answered questions ranging from "Do you like to cook?" to "What's the best thing about being single?"

"We wanted to do something Valentine's Day related," said Tiffany Whitten, RUB Entertainment's

lecturers and comedians director. "It was a big hit last year. Whether they find love or not, it's still a fun, interactive game."

Sara Patton, a first-year accounting graduate student, said she hoped to meet new people at the game show.

Patton chose freshman Austin Griffin as her winning contestant out of four males.

"I'm a little nervous but happy," Griffin said. "The fact that the girl chose me shows I have a shot in the dating game of life."

Laurie Tweed, a zoology junior, said she attended the event to support her roommate, who was a contestant, but she said she had a great time in the end.

"It was really interesting and made me laugh," Tweed said.



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Freshman Elizabeth Elzer (left) and Pharmacy graduate student Isabel Gutierrez (center), answer sophomore Ian Mitchell's (right) questions at RUB's dating game Tuesday night at the Orange & Brew.

Two teams debate how to close racial gap in education

About 100 people attended the event

MINCH MINCHIN
Alligator Contributing Writer

The U.S. Department of Education should be dismantled and the money from the department given to individual states, according to a five-judge panel at the inaugural Great Gator

Debaters policy debate Tuesday between the Military Law Student Association and Esquire, the Society of Minority Pre-law Students.

About 100 people gathered in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom to hear the two sides argue about the best way to lessen racial disparity in the public education system.

The Esquire Minority Law Society, represented by Andre Haughton, a political science junior, and Leonard Thompson, a UF freshman, said the U.S. government is making strides in closing the racial gap in schools. Full equality is possible, they said, if federal funding to programs are increased.

The Military Law Student Association, represented by Tara Tedrow and Corey Squires,

both first-year law students, said the federal government is incapable of bringing about positive change in education. Local governments are better suited to solve the problem, they said.

After 45 minutes of debate, the panel, which included local attorneys and debate coaches, decided 3 votes to 2 votes to name the Military Law Student Association the winners.

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Candidate discourages apathy

Editor's Note: This is the third segment of the Face in the Race series.

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ**

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A 10-foot Christmas tree stands in the corner of Monica Leadon Cooper's living room.

Although the holiday season ended nearly two months ago, she's been too busy planning her mayoral campaign to take it down.

The 55-year-old musician and local nutrition business owner said she's ready to lead the town she has lived in for more than 40 years.

"I think we need some new leadership to address the issues important to our city," she said.

Fiscal conservatism and environmental responsibility are central components of her campaign, and if elected, Cooper said she will scrutinize the city budget and eliminate wasteful spending.

She pointed to Mom's Kitchen, which she said the city purchased for \$160,000.

The building remains unused.

She also pointed to Koppers Inc.'s cleanup efforts and the residents surrounding the site who have felt the repercussions of contaminated soil and drinking water.

This issue is personal for Cooper because she lives within two miles of the industrial site.

"I will not settle for anything less than residential standards," she said.

But she also knows a voice isn't always enough in the political arena.

"You can have an opinion, but it's better to have a vote," she said, picking up the gavel she received after her seven-year tenure on the



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Monica Cooper poses for a photo inside her home.

Gainesville Development Review Board.

"This is what you need to run a meeting," she joked.

As the March 16 election approaches, Cooper urged apathetic students to familiarize themselves with the issues.

"[Students] can make a huge difference in four years," she said.

Cooper also plays guitar in the country-rock Leadon Family Band

and released her first CD, "Summer Rain," last September.

For the musician who hopes to be the next mayor of Gainesville, there is one thing she thinks her opponents will have a hard time topping.

"I've been a Gator since 1964," she said, alluding to her time in Gainesville. "No one can beat that."

Chaplain urges acceptance

■ ABOUT 60 ATTENDED THE SPEECH.

By **JOEY FLECHAS**

Alligator Writer

In the mind of Chaplain Khalid Latif, there is no divide between the practice of Islam and the acceptance of cultural diversity.

Latif, 27, is the Chaplain of New York University and the New York City Police Department.

He spoke to more than 60 people Tuesday night in the Reitz Union's Rion Ballroom. The event was organized by UF's Islam on Campus as part of Islam Awareness Month.

"It is most definitely acceptable for a variety of cultures to exist within the Muslim paradigm," he said.

Latif discussed the complexities of addressing Muslim diversity.

He emphasized that Islamic tradition calls for diversity while noting that some people just don't get it.

"You see a lot of people who just don't know how to deal with people who are not like themselves," he said.

Through his work at NYU, he has firsthand experience with misconceptions about what it means to be a Muslim.

He told a story of a conversation he had with a young Japanese woman who was afraid to convert to Islam.

When Latif asked her why, she said she had heard from older Muslims that, if she converted, she would have to marry a Japanese man to be a good Muslim.

Latif could not believe it.

"That is actually the furthest thing from anything that can be remotely called Islam," he said.

Karim Khan, a microbiology and political science sophomore, said he appreciated how Latif was able to highlight the differences in perspective between older and younger Muslims.

"I can relate a lot to not being able to relate to my parents' culture," he said.

Ali was impressed with Latif's scholarly knowledge of the faith, especially for his age.

After the speech, Latif suggested community service as a way of uniting students across faiths to better understand diversity in religion.

"You don't have to be of a certain faith to paint a house, to tutor a kid or serve someone a hot meal," he said.

He was paid \$1,200 to speak, according to Ismail ibn Ali, Islam on Campus president.

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El Anatsui, Ghanaian, *Old Man's Cloth* 2003, aluminum and copper wire
Museum purchase with funds from friends of the Harn Museum

To help the survivors of Haiti, the Harn will be collecting supplies for Gators United for Haiti during Museum Nights. Visit the Harn's Web site at harn.ufl.edu for a list of supplies needed.

Flower research sweetens scents

By **ASHLEY LARA MOSES**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Future Valentine's Day flowers may have longer-lasting, sweeter smells thanks to UF researchers in the environmental horticulture department.

Thomas A. Colquhoun, a research scientist in the environmental horticulture department, and David Clark, a professor of environmental horticulture, have discovered a way to manipulate the scents of petunias and plan to apply their research to other flowers. He said UF researchers identified genes in petunias that determine fragrance and manipulated them to see how they affected the flower's overall smell.

UF Research By turning down a gene or turning it off completely, they could see what role the gene played in creating the flower's scent, Colquhoun said. He believes the work is significant because scientists may be able to fine-tune fragrances in other flowers as well to make their scents more appealing to consumers.

Clark said the research has important implications as Valentine's Day approaches.

Some roses sold around the holiday have no fragrance, he said.

Clark said that according to consumer panels and marketing research, costumers are willing to pay 10 percent more for fragrant flowers.

Clark said flowers appeal to the eyes, but he wants them to appeal to the nose as well.

"We hope to put the fragrance back in roses," Clark said.

IRHA hopes to have 140,000 balloons

BALLOON, from page 1



Max Reed / Alligator

Students fill water balloons in Rawlings Hall Tuesday night for the Inter-Residence Hall Association's water balloon fight.

This year, Clark aims at having 140,000 water balloons with at least 5,000 participants. The record will be recorded by a witness of the community who is of high standing.

"This year, we pushed the event to February so we can have time to make it better," Clark said. "If everyone gave \$1, then we can raise at least \$5,000 or more."

Natalie Hyman, director of the water balloon fight committee, said IRHA is within the standards of UF's sustainability program because the sprinklers on Flavel Field will be turned off several days before and after the event.

Donations will be collected at the event and all proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

The event will also feature a student-run carnival.

Guest speakers will include breast cancer survivors and members of the American Cancer Society.

Hyman said the event will cost IRHA's budget about \$3,000 and is free and open to the public.

"Breast cancer is something that affects so many people, and this is a fun way for people to come out and give money to help with a cure," Hyman said.

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Editorial

Move it, move it

First lady's exercise campaign unrealistic

Michelle Obama launched the "Let's Move" campaign to end childhood obesity Tuesday. While the Editorial Board knows the program will succeed to the same extent the "Just Say No" campaign did, we question the methods the first lady plans to use to fix the growing problem by 2020. (She thinks America can kick this habit in a decade? Really?)

Even the campaign's official site admits the most difficult obstacle in creating a healthier nation is the lack of affordable and accessible nutritional food.

As any college student strapped for cash can testify, it's difficult not to choose a Totino's pizza over a navel orange when they both cost around a dollar.

Junk food is just cheap. Healthier food isn't.

We don't see how either Obama could help right that wrong, especially given a bad economy. We know the first lady was only thinking of the children when she launched the program, but she should have considered her timing, too.

We also object to the saccharine-sweet programming bound to result from the first lady's cooperation with Disney in spreading the word about healthy lifestyles. As if the "very special episode" disease wasn't bad enough, government-inspired Hannah Montana shows about working out sound cringe-worthy.

Unlike some people, we don't see this program as propaganda. We just think it'll make our little cousins and siblings annoying as hell when we explain why we haven't been to the gym in a month.

Buzzed

Social media seems to have settled down into its middle age. People are happily married to their Twitter accounts and Facebook pages, some are stuck with Myspace, their high school sweetheart. A few even ended up with the strange one from the bar like Dogbook or Stache Passion.

Well, Google announced Monday that it wants to play the part of toned pool boy or steamy secretary home-wrecker with its new product Google Buzz.

The new platform is described as being similar to Facebook's status update, with sharing of links, photos and videos readily supported.

The major difference is that Google Buzz will live inside Gmail, which already has over 100 million users,

making the social experience more message based than profile based.

Buzz automatically converts all Gmail contacts to the Facebook equivalent of friends (or the Twitter equivalent of followers), allowing you to post your favorite LOLcat photo simultaneously to friends, coworkers and that project partner from two semesters ago.

Luckily, Google has included a feature that many Facebook users have been screaming for, a "dislike"-esque button which will teach Buzz to filter out the annoying and unwanted.

Once again, Google has created a tempting product that prompts the question, how much information are we willing to turn over to a single company to enhance our online experience?

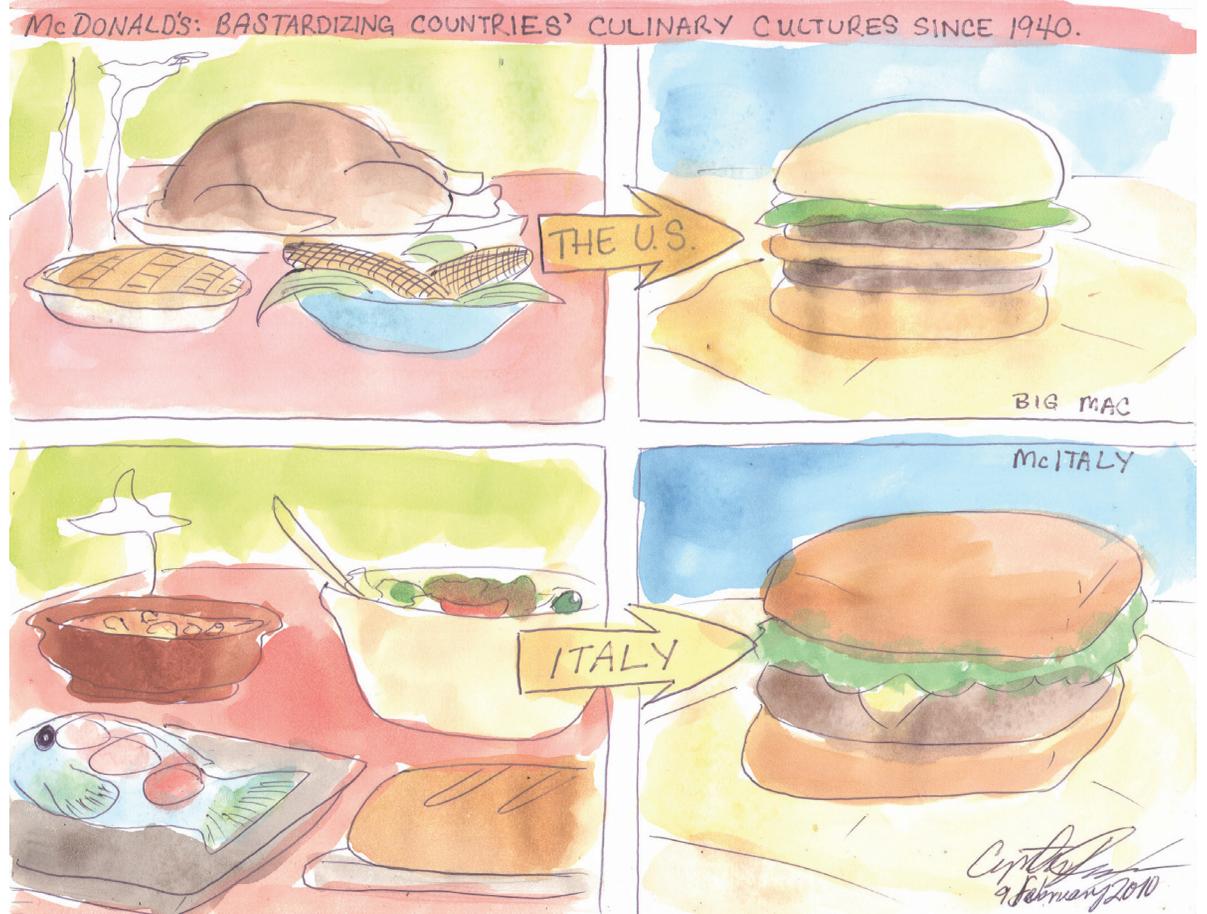
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Column

SG opposes union fee for grad assistants

During my time as Student Body President, I have constantly tried to work with any student that has an opinion about how Student Government can improve the lives of students at UF.

This has been the case when discussing issues of promoting safe transportation for students, protecting students' interests during the first wave of budget cuts and providing more options for late-night study areas on campus.

The issue of the rebuilding of the Reitz Union has been no different. That's why when the first concerns were raised about the future of the building, I began talking with students about how we could best solve this issue.

This is how I first learned of the burdens our graduate assistants face at this university. While basically acting to subsidize our education here at UF, these valuable members of our community remain underpaid and overworked and are expected to help carry the load of teaching for our esteemed faculty with little recognition.

They deserve better. That's why I will be proposing at the next Board of Trustees Meeting that all UF students classified as graduate research assistants and teaching assistants who receive tuition waivers be exempt from any future fees that may be levied for the rebuilding of the Reitz Union.

While working for the university, graduate assistants have only seen their fees increase, a trend that is likely to continue without a major shift in policy.

In order to counter this, I also plan to insist on pay raises for graduate assistants to help ease the burden of existing fees. It has been demonstrated to me that these students, who essentially teach about half of the classes

Jordan Johnson
Speaking Out

at UF, contribute a substantial amount to this university. If UF is to remain the first-rate university that is, we have to do more for our

graduate students.

However, our mission to rebuild the Reitz Union has not changed.

We all know that the Reitz Union will need drastic repairs along with substantial expansion to accommodate the growing needs of our student body. A student fee, coupled with private donations and state funding, is the most viable option to do this.

Tomorrow's student union will benefit graduate students and undergraduates alike while providing more space to study, gather, meet and eat.

We will take a union built for a student body of 19,000 in the 1960s and turn it into today's heart of The Gator Nation.

Our new student union will exemplify a place where a diverse Student Body of today and tomorrow can interact, learn and experience campus life.

I did not come to this decision easily, and I want to thank everyone who engaged me in this discussion about the future of the Reitz Union. This includes the leaders in the graduate student and undergrad communities with whom I met over the past few months.

Now, I would like to challenge you, the Student Body, to engage in this debate over rebuilding the union.

It is my honest belief that you will come to the same conclusion that I have: It is time to invest in the Reitz Union and time to improve the student experience for our entire Student Body.

Go out and ensure your voice is heard by voting in the spring SG elections. Go Gators!

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Reader response

Today's question:

Will you participate in the water balloon fight?

Tuesday's question:

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Guest Column

Animal rights debate to inform students

As vice president of policy and governmental affairs for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), I have debated animal protection issues around the world.

But a funny thing happened seven or eight years ago: The other side stopped showing up.

Even though the livestock industry makes billions of dollars on the backs of unwilling animals every year, its representatives don't often want to defend it. Thankfully, UF's College Republicans are up to the task.

Last October, I came to UF to discuss the cruelty and environmental devastation inherent in today's livestock industry.

Bryan Griffin, chairman of the UF College Republicans, did not attend. If he had, he probably would not have told the Alligator at the People Eating Tasty Animals Barbecue that "loving animals does not exclude you from eating meat."

To be clear, PETA does not believe that animal rights is a partisan issue — we believe quite the contrary.

In a cover story for The American Conservative, Matthew Scully, former speechwriter for President George W. Bush, argued that "when

Bruce Friedrich we live off a cruel and disgraceful thing like factory farming, we are to that extent living unjustly, and that is hardly a trivial problem," regardless of other benefits we individually contribute to society.

But if the College Republicans feel strongly that torturing animals for our meals is acceptable, we are happy to have that discussion.

Cows, turkeys, pigs and chickens living on factory farms and dying in slaughterhouses face abuses so severe that they could warrant felony cruelty to animals charges if dogs or cats were the victims.

Would someone who knew these facts then turn around and organize a barbecue in protest of a group seeking to inform people of such suffering, as Griffin and his organization did?

In light of the cruelty of meat production, I was interested to hear his justification for eating meat, so we challenged the College Republicans to a formal debate on whether animals should have rights.

To their credit, and my surprise, they quickly agreed to participate.

I was surprised because finding

people to make the case that such cruelty is acceptable is no easy task.

Last spring, for example, I challenged the dean of Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to a debate on the ethics of eating meat.

He is chair of the United Egg Producers Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and is an adviser to McDonald's on animal welfare issues. He refused to debate.

A University of Georgia professor in the Poultry Science Department and an adviser to Kentucky Fried Chicken on animal welfare standards, has also declined.

If I included the full list of "respected" industry representatives who have responded in kind, this column would be too long to print.

Thankfully, this is a debate that UF students want to see, and I'm excited to participate.

I encourage people of all backgrounds and viewpoints to attend "The Great Animal Rights Debate" at 11:30 a.m. Friday in FAB 105. Enjoy the free food, listen to the discussion and decide for yourself what's ethical.

Bruce Friedrich is the vice president of policy and governmental affairs for PETA.

Letter to the Editor

Letter stating the military doesn't want homosexuals to serve is inflammatory, absurd

Matt Simmons' letter in Monday's Alligator absolutely infuriated me. It was so full of fallacies and ignorant homophobic assumptions that I don't know where to begin.

I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served proudly in two combat tours of duty. The law of averages tells you that I would have had to have served with a number of men who identify themselves as homosexual. If they were, I had no clue. Their sexual preference did not make them any less of a Marine, or for that matter, any less of a hero for answering the call to duty — something Simmons obviously knows nothing about.

For Simmons to say that 99.9 percent of the military don't want homosexuals in its ranks is absolutely outrageous, inflammatory and absurd. One has to assume by lack of any specific details that Simmons neither served in the military nor received an education past the eighth grade.

For the Alligator to even bother printing this rubbish boggles the mind. In addition, it disturbs me that in the year 2010, we still have individuals who think the way Simmons does. What is even scarier is how he obviously aligns himself with the conservative/republican movement.

I am truly embarrassed that this person is a part of humanity and actually has a say in society. Please do us all a favor and refrain from ever printing his letters again so that he may disappear into the backwoods from which he came.

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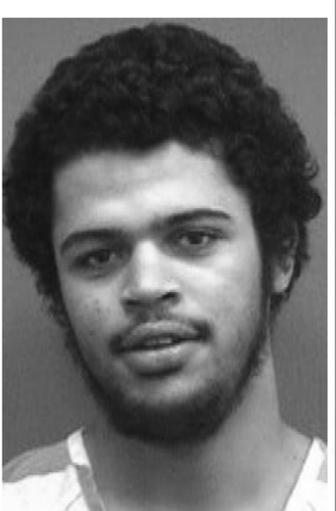
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Bush's move to first base allows Bruder to remain in right field

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bit higher than initial expectations." The shift allows Bruder to stay in a position where she made the All-Southeastern Conference defensive team last year, and moves Bush away from the spot where she had only a .937 career fielding percentage and led the team with 10 errors last season.

"We have a good combo going with Megan and our new freshman Brittany Walker mixing at short and Megan taking over some duties at first," Bruder said. "She looks great over there."

Rounding out the infield are All-SEC second baseman Aja Paculba and senior stalwart Corrie Brooks at third base.

The speedy Paculba will once again be batting leadoff, where she will use her ability to hit for a high average and her propensity for drawing walks to set the table for Francesca Enea, Bruder and Tiffany DeFelice in the three, four and five spots.

"We're far from having the great scoring machine we're looking for, and this is close to what I'd like to have, but the speed-power-average balance is in place for sure," Walton said.

As for Brooks, she's been a constant presence at UF over the last three years, starting in a total of 200

games and drastically improving her batting average each year.

When talking about UF's leadership, Walton cited Brooks as one of the players who leads by example.

"Corrie doesn't say or do a whole lot as far as being a leader goes, she just goes out and plays ball," Walton said. "She goes out and plays hard every day."

Having players with the Brooks' mentality should come in handy on a team loaded with freshman talent.

"(Walker and Brittany Schutte) are going to be opening day starters, and we're looking for some good things out of the two of them," Walton said. "The other two that could see some significant time in the first weekend, (Samantha) Holle and (Kelsey) Horton, can do some things too. They've both had good falls and both are working hard."

Still, Walton doesn't expect a roster with only two seniors compared to seven freshmen to have any issues with leadership.

"We lead a little differently," Walton said. "When you talk about a female sport and female athletes it's hard to pick one individual that's typically a leader."

"There's a lot from the junior class in terms of leadership, personality, and a little more flare, and there's where the leadership is going to come from."



Alligator File Photo

UF junior Megan Bush committed a team-high 10 errors last season short stop and has a career fielding percentage of .937.

Kadji to miss rest of season

HOOPS, from page 15

he went right around the trap."

Walker said he doesn't expect the Gamecocks to change their offensive game plan, as it was nearly effective enough to get them a win against the Gators earlier this season.

UF only escaped with a victory due to Chandler Parsons' last-second three-pointer.

"They had success with that on our court," Walker said. "We ended up

having to win at the buzzer, so I'd think they'll use the same strategy."



Men's Basketball

KADJI SET FOR SURGERY: Sophomore center Kenny Kadji will undergo season-ending surgery to repair a bulging disk in his

back today.

He hasn't played since UF's 80-59 win over Florida A&M on Dec. 1.

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But rather: How did Florida basketball — three years removed from back-to-back national championships — reach the point where a player like Dan Werner is the best option to log those 29 minutes per game?

Whether it has been bad luck or bad recruiting — or both — Donovan and the Gators find themselves here for four main reasons:

1. The early departures of Marreese Speights and Nick Calathes for professional careers.
2. The decisions to transfer by Jai Lucas, Jonathan Mitchell, Allan Chaney, Eloy Vargas and Brandon Powell.
3. The injuries sustained by Adam Allen and Kenny Kadji.
4. The lack of development by Shipman and Murphy.

All those things left Donovan with five functional players plus Werner, who toes the

line between functional and comatose.

And so Werner continues to play even though he has scored two points or less 10 times this season, and 10 points or more only four times this season.

He continues to play even though he has failed to make more than one shot from the field on 13 occasions, including his current eight-game streak.

And many fans who can't remember what it was like to have Chris Richard as the first player off the bench will say that Werner's value isn't in scoring points, ripping down boards and dishing out assists. Instead, Werner shows up to work every day ready to set screens, dive for loose balls and play smart-help defense with his lunch pale in hand.

The little things are important, but there was a time in Gainesville not too long ago when a player occasionally needed to bring his jump shot, athleticism and ballhandling if he was to log 29 minutes per game.

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By **ADAM BERRY**
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There's no easy way to stop South Carolina guard Devan Downey.

When asked how he plans to do so, UF coach Billy Donovan gave a desperate response.

"Go to church and pray," Donovan said.

Downey scored 36 points against the Gators in Gainesville on Jan. 23, and he's been nearly as impressive against the rest of the Southeastern Conference.

The 5-foot-9 guard is averaging 30.9 points, taking 22.5 field-goal attempts and getting to the line 9.25 times per league game.

"I wish I could sit here and say, 'OK, we're going to make him go left every time and he's never going to score,'" Donovan said. "He gets 30 for a reason against everybody. He's really a problem."

Florida will get another chance to try to stop Downey tonight at 8, when the Gators take on the Gamecocks in the Colonial Center in Columbia, S.C.

"He has the whole package," Donovan said. "He has deep three-point range. He can stop on a dime and shoot runners. He goes to the free-throw line eight to ten times a game. When he gets in the lane, he's one of the few guys I've seen at his size that plays like a monster in the paint."

The only thing that might slow down Downey is his health entering the game. According to The State, he did not practice and wore a protective boot Tuesday after rolling

his ankle Monday, but he is still expected to play tonight.

When preparing to face an elite player like Downey, UF usually designates someone to simulate that player in practice. Sophomore point guard Erving Walker said Downey's skill set kept the Gators from finding one player to mimic him.

"He has so much freedom on that team. He's pretty much going to get his," Walker said. "It's hard to stop a player like that."

"He's probably half of their offense, maybe more than half, so we expect him to shoot a lot of shots — I'd say at least once every other time."

Walker's estimation isn't that far off based on Downey's statistics in conference play.

Downey has taken 180 shots, more than twice as many as the next South Carolina player (Sam Muldrow, 87) and 37.6 percent of his team's output.

Even though everyone knows the Gamecocks offense runs through Downey, Donovan said it's nearly impossible to keep him from taking that many shots.

He took 25 in the O'Connell Center last month, and no matter what defense the Gators threw at him, he found a shot.

On the Gamecocks' last possession, Downey drove the length of the court, burned UF's entire team and banked in an improbable floater to put his team up by one.

"I don't think you can just eliminate his shots," Donovan said. "There were things we tried to do, trapping him at the end of the game, that were very ineffective because he



Donovan



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South Carolina guard Devan Downey scored 36 points against the Gators earlier this season and is averaging 30.9 points per game in conference play.

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Gators shake up infield

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At the end of the 2009 season, the general consensus was that the 2010 UF softball team's infield would feature a quartet of upperclassmen ready to build on the excellence of the 2009 unit.

It only took one freshman to change that plan around completely.

Freshman shortstop Brittany Walker from Tomball, Texas, has parlayed some excellent work in practice and a stellar fall season into a spot in

the starting lineup.

Her emergence, along with Megan Bush's successful transition over to first base, has led to coach Tim Walton deciding to keep junior Kelsey Bruder in the outfield for at least one more season.

"Brittany Walker was probably the biggest factor (in the decision)," Walton said. "Her ability to play the infield is maybe a little



Softball

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Werner gives little more than minutes

Of all the twists and turns in Florida's unlikely basketball season, there's one fact that I can't wrap my mind around.

It isn't the win against then-No. 2 Michigan State or the ensuing top-10 national ranking.

It isn't the back-to-back losses to Richmond and South Alabama.

And it isn't the Chandler Parsons' buzzer-beaters, either.

The thing I can't understand is how Dan Werner is averaging almost 29 minutes per game, a career high, while setting career lows in nearly every meaningful statistical category.

The senior forward is averaging 5.2 points, 4.3 rebounds and 2.1 assists while shooting 34.5 percent from the field and 28.8 from three.

In Southeastern Conference play, it's even worse. Werner is logging 3.4 points per outing while shooting 24.2 percent shooting from the field and 17.6 percent shooting from three.



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As for his in-conference rebounding numbers, Werner has pulled down exactly one more rebound than 5-foot-8 guard Erving Walker.

Despite all of that damning statistical evidence, I actually agree with the argument that Dan Werner is playing nearly 29 minutes per game because he's the best option UF coach Billy Donovan has.

Somehow, Ray Shipman and Erik Murphy haven't earned playing time by proving they can help the team win more than Werner.

So perhaps the most baffling question isn't: How is Dan Werner logging 29 minutes every night as a zero-sum basketball player?

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TEERING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ If there wasn't such a big outcry over the Erin Andrews video, there could be many other female sideline reporters with nude tapes out there, as the guy appeared on his way to attempting to film others and establishing a new fetish: peephole sports reporters. ... So what the Colts lost this year's Super Bowl? They are already the favorites to win it in 2010. That's got to mean something.

UF SOFTBALL

■ The No. 3 Gators were picked to win the Southeastern Conference East by league coaches Tuesday. Florida was voted to finish second overall behind No. 2 Alabama.

UF TRACK AND FIELD

■ Two Gators picked up SEC honors Tuesday. Jeff Demps earned Male Freshman of the Week (this is his first year of indoor track), while Shara Proctor was named Female Field Athlete of the Week.

Florida getting the most from its bench

■ JORDAN JONES SCORED 21 POINTS AS A RESERVE SUNDAY.

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Jordan Jones started Sunday's game against Mississippi State in an unfamiliar position: on the bench.

Her name wasn't blared as part of the starting lineup, as it had been in 21 of UF's previous 22 contests, but that didn't bother Jones.

"I've done it twice this season, and we're 2-0," Jones said. "I've had pretty decent games. It puts a chip on my shoulder — not to prove coach Butler wrong — but to show where I belong."

Coming off the bench for the first time since Nov. 29 — when she scored a season-high 25 points — Jones scored a game-high 21 en route to an 80-78 double-overtime win over the Bulldogs.

Jones is the Gators' leading scorer at 9.9 points per game, but she aver-

aged just 6.2 points in Southeastern Conference play prior to MSU.

That didn't change when Jones first came into the game, as she was held scoreless for nearly seven minutes after taking the court.

But with 5:22 remaining in the first half, she hit a layup, was fouled and drained the ensuing free throw, her first of an 11-for-11 day from the charity stripe. After that free throw, Jones added 18 more for her second-highest scoring game of the season.

Part of her performance was due to observing the opposing defense before she went out on the court.

"Coming off the bench is a place where you can sit back and see how the flow of the game is going," Jones said.

She wasn't the only starter relegated to the bench. Azania Stewart, a 20-game starter, also sat out early.

Stewart added seven points and six rebounds, giving the Gators' bench even more depth.

"Having bench players, always one of our targets is to outscore the opponents' bench because we do have a great bench," Stewart said.



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South Carolina guard Devan Downey scored 36 points against the Gators earlier this season and is averaging 30.9 points per game in conference play.

Gators fall to 12th place after struggling in second round

UF will play its final round today

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With 36 holes completed and one round left in the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge in Palos Verdes, Calif., the UF women's golf team dropped two spots to 12th place.

The squad shot a 309 (+25) on Tuesday, bringing its total to 613 (+45).

"Obviously, we are capable of much better than what we have shown the last two days,"

head coach Jan Dowling said. "We've got to keep looking at the positives, we've got to continue working hard and take a good honest look at our last two rounds. Hopefully, we play tomorrow depending on the weather."

Freshman Isabelle Lendl led the Gators with a two-round total of 149 (79-70, +7). She shot a new career-low of 70 (-1) in her second 18. Lendl moved up 35 spots and is currently tied for 20th place.

"The great thing about this team is that

they've got a lot of potential and a lot of talent and some of that is just taking advantage of the golf course," Dowling said. "When things don't quite go your way, you've got to make sure that you understand that you're a great player."



Golf

"Isabelle played very well today and I was very happy to see her shoot the scores that she shot today."

On the flip side, UF's leader on Monday, junior Jessica Yadloczky, dropped to 45th place after adding nine strokes for a total of 155 (73-82, +13).

"It's a difficult golf course," Dowling said. "If you're not feeling comfortable, that course can really eat you up pretty quickly. The round got away from her [Yadloczky] a little bit, but it's not Jessica, it's not the way she normally plays."

Matching her previous round's score, sophomore Marika Lendl finished Tuesday with a two-round total of 154 (+12).

Lendl double-bogied on her second hole, but quickly redeemed herself with nine pars and two birdies.

Her 36-hole score is good for a 40th-place tie.

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