



ON CAMPUS

Stood-up group protests at union

By JOEY FLECHAS
Alligator Writer

The members of the Student/Farmworker Alliance who walked through the Reitz Union Food Court Wednesday didn't stop for a bite to eat. Instead, the group of about 20 students chanted to protest the treatment of the workers who pick tomatoes in Immokalee, Fla.

Aramark, UF's food provider, purchases tomatoes picked by the Immokalee workers.

The gathering was originally planned as a meeting between the alliance and Aramark representatives in the Reitz Union Amphitheatre, but the representatives cited an emergency and canceled, asking to reschedule for Tuesday at 2 p.m.

UF environmental science senior Krissy Abdullah, a member of the

Student/Farmworker Alliance, said she questions whether Aramark wants to meet with students.

"It makes me wonder if it's just a tactic of avoidance," she said.

Holding signs with slogans like "Aramark vampires - workers' lives are not a food source," they marched to the Gator Dining Services office in the basement of the Reitz Union and spoke to Melanie Poling, UF operations analyst for Aramark. She apologized and asked to come to the rescheduled meeting.

"I think we're after the same thing," she said.

Moments after the group had dispersed, University Police Department officers arrived because they received a call about a disturbance in the Reitz Union.

Officer J.A. Savona said, according to Florida law, protesters were not supposed to be inside the building or even on the colonnade.



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Justin Wooten (left) and Diana Moreno (right) protest with others in the Reitz Union Food Court on Wednesday for the Student/Farm Workers Alliance against unfair treatment and wages of workers in Immokalee, Fla.

Former GPD officer on trial for abuse of infant daughter

■ THE BABY SUFFERED INTERNAL BLEEDING, FRACTURED RIBS AND RUPTURED ORGANS.

By MINCH MINCHIN
Alligator Writer

A trial continued Wednesday for a former Gainesville police officer charged with the neglect and abuse of his 2-month-old daughter in January 2007.

Herbert Priester, 39, allegedly squeezed her, causing internal bleeding, fractured ribs and ruptured organs, said Chief Assistant State Attorney Jeanne Singer.

According to testimony from Priester's wife, Tabitha Priester, 25, the infant was found lying naked and covered with scratches and bruises in the couple's home in southwest Gainesville shortly after her husband returned home from work.

The defense said the wounds were caused by the Priester's family dog, Bandit. The infant was released from the hospital after 10 days and is now healthy. The state charged Herbert Priester with abuse and neglect.

The pediatric radiologist at Shands who handled the case, Jonathan Williams, said during the trial that such damage would be "highly unlikely unless it was a very large dog."

In her testimony, Tabitha Priester defended her husband and dog, blaming herself. Priester once worked for the Florida Department of Children and Families, she said.

"It's not the dog's fault," she said. "It's my fault for not securing the dog."

Testimony will resume today at 9 a.m. at the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center.



Priester

V-Day sales may dip

By ALLEN HAYNES
Alligator Contributing Writer

Local merchants are concerned smaller wallets will mean fewer bouquets again this Valentine's Day.

This year, the country's total holiday spending is expected to reach \$14.1 billion, which is low in comparison to the \$17 billion spent in 2008, according to the National Retail Federation.

Americans spent about \$14.7 billion on gifts in 2009, according to the organization.

The federation predicts couples will spend about \$63.34 on nontraditional Valentine's gifts, compared to \$67.22 last year. The average person will spend \$103 on Valentine's Day merchandise like candy and flowers, similar to last year's \$102.50.

Local florists are already preparing for another decrease in sales.

Barbara Crevasse, owner of Crevasse's Florist, said total sales have slowed in the last two years, and the trend toward cheaper arrangements is increasing.

She said people are still sending flowers to loved ones; they're just smaller.

Elizabeth Cavallo, manager of Floral Expressions Florist, thinks the decrease in sales will have more to do with Val-

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■ UF forward Chandler Parsons didn't get another chance for a buzzer-beater against South Carolina, as Florida struggled at the free-throw line and fell 77-71 to the Gamecocks. See Story, Page 18.



Man allegedly steals ambulance with patient inside

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Authorities say a drunken man stole an ambulance from a Wisconsin ski area with the patient and paramedics still inside.

The Dane County Sheriff's Department says emergency responders were treating a patient in the back of the ambulance at the Tyrol Basin Ski and Snowboard Area in Mount Horeb on Monday night. They say a 24-year-old Illinois man got into the vehicle and drove it around the parking lot.

The sheriff's department says deputies arrested the man. But it is unclear how he was stopped.

Fitch-Rona Medical Service Deputy Chief Dale Dow says the ambulance's emergency brake was on and paramedics were still in the back when the man got inside.

He says he doesn't know what happened after that.

No other details were immediately available.

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Man walks into Wal-Mart, smashes 29 TVs with bat

LILBURN, Ga. (AP) — Police in Georgia say a 23-year-old man grabbed a baseball bat inside a Wal-Mart and smashed 29 flat-screen televisions. Police in Lilburn have charged Westley Strellis with 29 counts of criminal damage to property in the second degree. Witnesses tell police he grabbed a metal baseball bat from the sporting goods section Wednesday, walked to the electronics department and destroyed the TVs on display. He was arrested not long after that.

Police say the televisions are valued more than \$22,000. Police say they do not know whether Strellis has an attorney.

NYC terrier mugged

NEW YORK (AP) — A Brooklyn woman said a mugger stole a doggie coat right off the back of her mild-mannered terrier. Donna McPherson said she tied up Lexie, her 10-year-old Westie, outside a supermarket for two minutes while she bought milk. She heard a "funny bark." When McPherson

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went outside, she found the little white dog shivering. His green wool coat, with leather trim and belt, were nowhere in sight.

McPherson said the dog coat was worth \$25. She said that, fortunately, Lexie wasn't wearing his pricier Burberry.

Baraboo man accused of using stun gun on 'sinner'

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Baraboo, Wisc., man was accused of repeatedly shocking a male dance instructor with a stun gun, claiming the instructor was a "sinner" who "defiles married women." A Dane County prosecutor said the suspect, 59, hastily arranged a dance lesson at the instructor's home and showed up with a stun gun and sledgehammer last Friday. The

criminal complaint said the man told a detective his church does not condone touching while dancing and he was going to scare the instructor and tell him to leave the women alone.

The Wisconsin State Journal said the instructor told police the suspect phoned for private dance lessons, and when he opened the door to his home, he began to shock him repeatedly in the neck with the stun gun.

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Art therapy helps patients

By **CINDY TAVERAS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

His head shakes in unison with his trembling hands as he moves his marker across a white paper, leaving behind traces of blue ink.

Chip Colley, 54, is a self-taught artist. He's also one of about one million Americans with Parkinson's disease, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

At Art for Life, a free program offered every Wednesday for people with movement disorders and their caregivers, he is not restrained by his disorder.

"I think it's odd I can hardly write my name," he said. "But I can draw a straight line."

Parkinson's disease is a chronic movement disorder that causes slow, involuntary tremors, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Katherine Castle, an Art for Life volunteer who also has Parkinson's disease, said she

doesn't want to be defined by her disorder.

"I don't want to be the artist with Parkinson's disease — I just want to be the artist" she said. "Parkinson's is part of me, but it's not all of me."

Some of the activities at Art for Life include drawing, sketching, painting and creating origami.

Jill Sonke, assistant director for Shands Arts in Medicine, said the program is an expressive and social outlet for those with the disorder.

"It's a disease that can be managed well but does require support," Sonke said. "It's stressful."

Colley, who couldn't draw before his disorder, wants people to know that living with a movement disorder doesn't have to be negative.

"There can be a blessing in there somewhere. It's helped me cope with it," he said.

Art for Life is offered every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Criser Cancer Resource Center.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Forum promotes unity

By **LYN KRAMER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students learned to find unity within their diversity at the African Student Union interactive forum Wednesday night.

"We want to emphasize that no matter where you're from, we all have a common history," said Roberta Roberts, the public relations director for the African Student Union.

The purpose of the forum, which was held in the New Engineering Building, was to promote unity and dispel stereotypes by bringing black people together, Roberts said.

Jhenny Saint-Surin, an anthropology and political science junior and a member of the African Student Union, said she hopes the forum will be a learning experience for African-Americans.

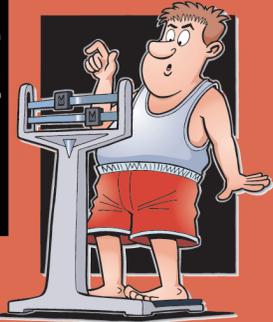
Faye Harrison, an anthropology and African-American studies professor, and Kole Odutola, an African-American studies professor, spoke about the sense of disconnection blacks feel in the U.S. because of the stereotypical labels constantly stamped upon them.

"Race is not something that exists biologically," said Harrison. "It's a material term manufactured by human beings."

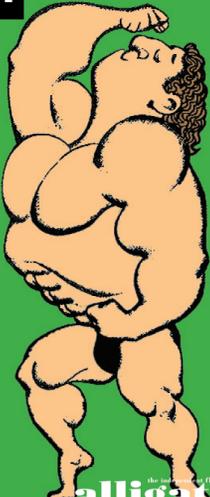
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SMART FROM THE START

NATIONAL NRA holds campus talk

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

Representatives from the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action hoped to trigger student involvement in their campaign to promote gun rights when they visited UF Wednesday night.

Speaking before a crowd of about 60 people at the Florida Gym, two grassroots coordinators from the gun advocacy group came as part of the NRA University program, which attempts to educate college students about their rights to bear arms.

"We're entering an era of very, very close elections," said Seth Waugh, one of the coordinators. "Don't just make a point, make a difference."

The coordinators addressed misconceptions about the impact of guns on society by arguing against a correlation between gun ownership and crime.

Although the event was sponsored by the UF College Republicans, the coordinators stressed their message was nonpartisan.

"We want people to know their rights."

Johnathan Lott
chairman of the UF College Republicans

"We don't care if you're Republican, Democrat, Green Party or Libertarian, as long as you're with us, we support you," said Kristiana Cupp, a coordinator.

Johnathan Lott, chairman of the UF College Republicans, considered the event a success.

"We want people to know their rights," he said. "When people go to the ballot box in August, they'll vote for the people who will protect their Second Amendment rights as opposed to those candidates who will take them away."



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Kristiana R. Cupp, National Rifle Association of America grassroots coordinator, speaks to students in the Florida Gym Wednesday night.

British double-decker bus to make stop in Gainesville

It will go on a 10-month tour around the US

By **CAROLINE LEWIS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A 1966 double-decker bus from London will be stopping in Gainesville tonight to kick off a 10-month tour of the U.S.

Nick Elliott and Darren Cunningham, both 25, traveled here from England to document and experience local culture in American cities.

"We have no idea what we're in for, but we want to get to know

as many people as possible," said Elliott, co-founder of the tour, dubbed **Around Gainesville** Routemaster66.

Elliott and his friend Darren Cunningham, both 25, plan to

stay in Gainesville until Friday before driving to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras.

They want to meet people and let them enjoy the bus while experiencing the city, Elliott said. "You provide the people, and we'll provide the ride," he said.

The cost of buying and remodeling the bus was about \$23,500,

Cunningham said. He and Elliott could not estimate the total cost of the trip.

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ZipCarts to charge \$3

By **TIFFANY SUTTON**
Alligator Contributing Writer

ZipCarts, a nightly shuttle service in Gainesville, and a formerly free ride, is now charging \$3 per person.

"We have to charge because of our insurance with the company. The insurance increased, and in order to pay for it we need to generate more revenue," said Jordan Long, one of the owners and cart operators.

Long said the main problem is that the company can't anchor down large advertisements, so the ZipCarts are now more like a taxi service.

"We're really concerned with keeping the streets safe. We want to keep drunk kids off the street late at night and keep the roads safe," Long said. "We want to be there when people need a safe ride home."

But students can still get a free

ride for now.

ZipCarts teamed up with the UF Census Bureau to offer free rides around UF every Friday in February from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We want to keep drunk kids off the street late at night and keep the roads safe."

Jordan Long
co-owner and cart operator

For Ashley Sammons, a UF senior, the eco-friendliness of the service is the best part. Charging ZipCarts costs 50 cents, and they do not need any gas to operate. Once fully charged, they can go 40 miles before needing to recharge.

"It's a safe and convenient mode of transportation and cheaper than a taxi," Sammons said. "I love how eco-friendly the ZipCarts are. It's great."

Parties debate campus issues

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

Student Government elections may be about two weeks away, but the debate between the Unite Party and the Student Alliance party is already beginning.

The parties' candidates for Student Body president, vice president and treasurer discussed their opinions about the Reitz Union fee, perks for SG officials, reform in the SG cabinet and campus food prices at Wednesday's debate hosted by the Freshman Leadership Council.

All six candidates outlined their plans for the future of the university.

Ben Cavataro, Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body president, said the Student Alliance party would like to make SG open to all students by making the budget more transparent and implementing an online voting system.

"Our vision is one where every student gets a voice, where we open the gates to everyone interested in helping," Cavataro said.

Rafael Yaniz, the Student Alliance party's candidate for treasurer, said that, if elected, the

party's candidates would donate their salaries to the Florida Opportunity Scholars Program, which funds scholarships for first-generation college students.

Ashton Charles, the Unite Party candidate for Student Body president said the salaries are necessary because SG positions leave no spare time for another job.

"It's something that's in place that will allow any student of any economic background to do this job," Charles said.

Student Government Charles said the goal of the Unite Party candidates is to continue making sure students are well-represented by the most experienced leaders on campus.

"We have a really amazing platform coming forward, and we'll continue to advocate on the behalf of the students," Charles said.

Andrew Hecht, director of special events for the Freshman Leadership Council, said he expected more students to be in the audience for the sixth annual debate.

"The reason you put on an event like this is to change the minds of students and make sure they are informed," Hecht said.

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Editorial

All hugged out

Crist-Obama hug not that big of a deal

Hugs don't mean much to us.

The Editorial Board has embraced old acquaintances we'd rather not see, weird relatives we'd rather not hear and ugly babies we'd rather not smell. Sometimes, a hug is just a social maneuver designed to keep the peace or appease the other party.

Marco Rubio doesn't seem to understand this concept, so, as the Republican Senate primary draws nearer, he's holding a rally to remind voters how heinous the Obama-Crist hug was. To emphasize the point, Rubio's speaking at the same spot the offense occurred.

A year ago, Gov. Crist hugged Obama in Fort Myers to show support for the stimulus bill the president was pushing. As we remember, Obama still had that new president smell lingering around him. He was riding a wave of popular support at the time, and most politicians would have been happy to associate with him.

However, feelings change and hope is turning into despair and anger for much of the nation. So, as self-serving politicians have done for centuries, Crist drifted to a more popular opinion, leaving himself open to accusations of changing his stance on various issues.

Politicians change their minds just as everyday people do, although with a keener eye for strategy. The Board would usually shy away from defending Charlie, but Rubio needs to get over his aversion to PDAs and start focusing on the true issues in the Senate race. When the run up to an election reminds us of tweens gossiping about who kissed whom, we tend to roll our eyes.

Rubio should hope other voters don't do the same.

Put a sock in it

This week, the Editorial Board is taking a page out of Bill Maher's book and issuing a "New Rule" of our own: Celebrities and politicians are no longer allowed to speak in public.

Yes, we realize this may cause a bit of trouble when it comes to interviews and the campaign trail, but this epidemic of foot-in-mouth syndrome cropping up in public figures is getting out of control.

John Mayer apologized Wednesday for the latest in a series of eye-roll-inspiring, groan-inducing word choices with "scandal" written all over them. In an interview with Playboy, Mayer joked about being widely accepted by the black community, using the N-word. Granted, we understood what he meant and the meaning was in no way racist, but everyone — except Mayer, clearly — knows the word is off limits.

But he's not the only one (See: Dog the Bounty Hunter, Don Imus, Michael Richards, Mel Gibson, Paris Hilton). Every time we turn around, someone with a household name — lately Rush Limbaugh, Rahm Emanuel and Barack Obama — is formally apologizing to the Special Olympics CEO Tim Shriver and getting Sarah Palin's panties in a twist.

To be fair though, the public could stand to take it down a notch. We get the glass house thing. After all, it's not as though we haven't had the occasional case of verbal diarrhea ourselves; we at the Alligator seem to have a gift for offending people.

All we ask is that next time someone in the public eye decides to use an inflammatory word or phrase, they consider just for a moment the implications. In retrospect (Mayer, Emanuel, Obama, Limbaugh, etc.), sometimes it's best just to shut up.

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Column

Iran covering up 'Lost' set duplicate

The announcement by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei of an Iranian surprise that will "punch" the rest of the world and leave them "stunned" was met with an exaggerated yawn this week from a Western media enervated by vague threats from heavily bearded men.

The cat-and-mouse game Iran has been playing with its super-double-secret nuclear program would be much more compelling if any new U.N. sanctions stipulated that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had to stop referring to himself on Facebook as "the Persian Tom Selleck."

It has been speculated that this stunning punch of an announcement, set for a big reveal today, involves a series of burning flags and pictures as well as some scary-sounding Arabic chants. My own network of confidential sources, who I am now fairly certain are either Chinese hackers or a committed group of wildly talented, Web-savvy wombats, are suggesting that today's surprise is something much more awesome than some lame nukes.

The Iranian government has figured out the ending of "Lost."

It is no surprise that Iran is totally in love with the ABC series, and a Time magazine article from last week by Shervin Malekzadeh went so far as to state that "the U.S. TV series has dominated the underground DVD market in Tehran; almost nowhere in the world is the sixth and final season of 'Lost' anticipated more than in Iran." Obviously my wombats know of what they squeak.

Unknown to everyone not named Ayatollah, the secret Iranian nuclear program is in fact simply a clever ruse staged to keep prying eyes off the real secret Iranian program — a complete, fully operational reproduction of the various research stations built by the Dharma Initia-



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tive on the island.

The crazy machines on the island have somehow used electromagnetism and time travel to create a television show so convoluted and cluttered it makes quantum physics seem like a color-by-numbers preschool session. Iran, through faithful dedication to the intricacies

of the show and a couple hundred million dollars in oil money, has managed to reenact the first five seasons of the show in the last fifteen months. The announcement this week will let the world know that the project is humming along and Iran should break the code of the final few episodes in the next day or so.

Many in the international community are sure to be up in arms over this shocking news and will certainly call for Israel to bomb the secret Iranian underground research stations. If the Jews really do run Hollywood, expect a dozen or so F-16I fighter jets scrambled together immediately, as the final (and extremely profitable) season of the show would be totally one-upped by the Persian version.

George W. Bush, for all his shortcomings, was no friend of Weapons of Mass Confusion and seemed genuinely puzzled when his intelligence told him the Arab "Lost" project was actually in Iraq. While presidents are the favored punching bags of pretty much everyone, who among us can say that watching "Lost" has never prompted them to make a face only Barbara Bush could love?

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

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

Reader response

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Guest column

UF College Republicans does not support animal cruelty

In response to Bruce Friedrich's column printed Wednesday, I must take a moment to point out the grave inaccuracies in both his perceptions and argument against the College Republicans' People Eating Tasty Animals event. First, Bruce pointed out that I was not at his forum/speech held at UF in October. While this is true, it does not negate the fact that he did not show up at my event, either. Bruce was quick to make harsh and thoroughly misguided judgments as to the intent of the event and my beliefs on the issue of animal rights.

For one, I thought this would all be established in the debate I agreed to have with him, so I am not sure why the pre-emptive and wholly false attack on the College Republicans was printed just days before the event. Bruce, although

Bryan Griffin
Speaking Out

many people have refused to debate your extremist views, I am not doing it for you. I am doing it to set the record straight on what a conservative, rational human being's thoughts are on the issue of animal rights in this country.

Let me go ahead and state it, then, in case there is any confusion on Friday: Neither I nor the UF College Republicans support animal cruelty. In fact, I am in favor of government measures to reduce animal cruelty practices in the animal industry, so long as they do not cause the cost of food to exceed affordability by the average American trying to feed their families in hard economic times. I love people more than animals, and I believe people's rights are superior. That

being said, I have a strong respect for the animal kingdom and nature as a whole, and I would never want to see, nor would I actively endorse, cruelty to any living thing.

But, Bruce, our method of accomplishing positive change differs greatly. You and your organization, PETA, spend millions upon millions pushing an extremist viewpoint with unobtainable goals (getting people to stop eating meat), and you call that dedication to the cause. I am going to work within the political system to make positive changes on this earth, including enforcing regulations on the animal industry to reduce animal cruelty practices. That is real dedication to the cause.

Bryan Griffin is the executive director of the Florida Federation of College Republicans

Column

Student Body should not suffer for Unite Party's mistakes

In November, about 75 graduate students showed up to a Student Senate meeting to voice their concerns about a resolution that would tax students for funds to renovate the Reitz Union.

The resolution, authored by Senate President Ashton Charles (now the Unite Party's candidate for Student Body president), would call for students to pay for the proposed \$42.5 million renovation with a new student fee.

Right now the average student pays \$320 per year in fees to Student Government. These fees make up SG's \$14.4 million budget that funds RecSports, campus programs and student organizations, among other things. And at \$10.65 per credit hour, according to Sen. Jonathan Ossip, the fee is already pretty hefty.

Charles' bill would increase student fees by \$3 per credit hour and a semesterly \$20 flat.

Despite the initial protests, the resolution was passed. There was little debate on the merit of increasing student fees in a time of

economic distress, and public discussions concerning other sources of fundraising (such as tapping into UF's extensive alumni network or applying for state and federal grant money) were muzzled.

This is what happens when one party, in this case the Unite Party, holds 88 out of the 100 seats in our Student Senate.

After the resolution was forced through the Senate, Student Body President Jordan Johnson took the passed resolution to the UF Board of Trustees. Johnson used the resolution as evidence of full student support for increasing their own price of tuition to pay for Reitz Union renovations.

Don't get out the pitchforks and lanterns just yet.

After outrage over the fees mounted, Student Senate leaders begrudgingly offered to put a referendum on the upcoming spring election ballot to let the students decide themselves. The same referendum, by the way, was



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what Student Alliance senators Ossip and Alan Yanuck authored last November as a cautious alternative to ignoring the Student Body. Their proposal — the proposal to let students vote — was rejected by the Unite

Party 66 to 18.

Graduate assistants continued to protest the fees, and yesterday, after months of fighting, and with an election around the corner, Johnson wrote to the Alligator claiming he would prevent graduate assistants from being charged a fee. The problem is that it shouldn't take an election to make SG listen. The very purpose of SG is to champion student voices. There's a problem when it takes this long for the Unite Party to respond to student concerns, and it's a problem that will now affect

all students. Because graduate assistants were ignored by the Unite Party for so long, now other graduate students and undergraduates will have to pick up the tab.

So now all students have to pick up the tab for the Unite Party's fiscal irresponsibility, their ad hoc leadership and their ears that are deaf to student concerns. Graduate assistants should be exempt from this fee, but so should everyone else. All students need to come together to reject this wasteful fee and elect leaders who will work to find other sources of funding.

This election season, it's time to kick out the people who have taken the word "student" out of Student Government. It's time to end single-party rule. It's time to return Student Government back to the students.

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Candidate vows to balance city budget

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

By CJ PRUNER
Alligator Writer

With the walls lined with guns and guitars, the small pawn shop at 523 NW Third Ave. hardly looks like the ideal place for a campaign headquarters.

Yet for Richard Selwach, the owner of Best Jewelry & Loan Pawnbrokers, the shop serves as his platform for engaging people to tell them his mayoral campaign plans — whether they want to hear it or not.

"People don't want to hear the truth," he said. "I'm here to tell you the truth."

Selwach said he's offering simple solutions to some of Gainesville's biggest problems.

For students, Selwach wants to keep local bars open until 4 a.m. while requiring them to stop serving drinks at 2 a.m. He argued that this revision would give patrons a chance to sober up before leaving.

If elected, Selwach, a self-described libertarian, vows to balance the city's budget by eliminating programs he sees as wasteful, such as the Office of Equal Opportunity and the Communications Office.

"We need to go back to the basics," he said. "Anything that's not essential is up for the chopping block."

He also opposes plans to build a biomass plant, which he said will burn an unnecessary amount of trees.

Coinciding with his stance on decriminalizing marijuana, Selwach offered a solution of burning hemp in place of the trees.

"They can put it in their biomass plant and smoke it," he said.

Selwach is no stranger to bold statements, especially when it comes to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance, which modifies Chapter 8 of the city's Code of Ordinances to include protection from gender discrimination.

The ordinance allows citizens to use bathrooms that suit their gender identity, defined



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Mayoral candidate Richard Selwach poses with Mossberg and Winchester shotguns inside his pawn shop and campaign headquarters on Northwest Sixth Street.

as "an inner sense of being a specific gender" as opposed to biological sex.

Selwach said that his opposition to the bill stems from what he described as sloppily written language, not an underlying prejudice toward transgender people.

"I'm not here to take any rights away from anyone," said Selwach. "I'm not going to gamble with the safety of the children... a 10-year-old girl doesn't need to see some guy's penis."

For Selwach, the anti-discrimination ordinance is such an important issue that he told Gainesville City Commissioner Craig Lowe, one of the other mayoral candidates who assisted in the ordinance's passage, that he would drop out of the race if Lowe modified

the language in the ordinance.

"I pulled him aside and told him 'Craig, I like you, and if I wasn't running, I'd vote for you,'" he said. "Sometimes it gets really heated but that's politics."

According to the latest campaign financial reports, Selwach has contributed \$2,900 to his campaign.

He is not accepting campaign contributions.

As the March 16 election nears, Selwach insisted that if elected, he would use his role to serve and protect the people of Gainesville.

"In my life, before I go, I want to do the right thing," he said. "You don't want a guy like me to give up... I'm here to do my job."

Local store owners fear a slow holiday

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entine's Day falling on a Sunday than the down economy.

She said people like to have the flowers delivered to their significant others during the week while they're at work. She hopes people will think ahead and send arrangements and gift baskets early this year.

"It's never too early to say 'I love you,'" Cavallo said. "We're hoping people will have things delivered on Friday."

Cavallo said they will offer a substantial variety of arrangements for all budgets ranging from about \$30 orders to custom orders in the hundreds of dollars, including the traditional dozen red roses and a tulip special.

Crevasse said Valentine's Day is their Super Bowl of holidays, even though Mother's Day brings in more total money. She said they hire extra floral designers and delivery drivers to help relieve the pressures of completing the holiday orders.

Cavallo echoed a similar sentiment.

"We have people who want something delivered every hour. That's kind of hard when you're screaming busy," Cavallo said. "Those guys must be crazy in love."

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Rachel Calderon, Hollanda Iwanski, Michelle Colby and Morgan Carlson model perfect pouts just in time for Valentine's Day. Inside: how to get kissable lips, what to drink this holiday weekend, a lingerie fashion special, an all-new sexToon and more. Online: A Cupid-themed gay sex column, a review of romantic hot spots to eat this weekend and a new Alligator musiCast.

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V-DAY PLAYLIST:

By JOEY FLECHAS
alligator writer

Every day needs a soundtrack, especially the holiday of love.

There are plenty of super-sexed songs out there to last all night, but don't forget that Valentine's Day is about the romance, too.

1. "That's How Strong My Love Is" by Otis Redding
2. "Earth Angel (Will You Be Mine)" by Death Cab for Cutie (covering The Penguins)
3. "Two is Better Than One" by Boys Like Girls featuring Taylor Swift
4. "Home" by Edward Sharpe and The Magnetic Zeros
5. "Candy" by LL Cool J feat. Ralph Tresvant and Ricky Bell
6. "Everybody" by Sister Hazel
7. "Just the Way You Are" by Billy Joel
8. "The Way You Look Tonight" by Frank Sinatra
9. "Bonita Applebum" by A Tribe Called Quest
10. "Let's Get Married" by Jagged Edge

sex

Forget the flowers: Cupid's arrow works for singles, too

By MICHAEL PERRONE
and AMELIA HARNISH
avenue writers

He Says...

Seriously, be a man! Whining about not having a date for Valentine's Day is something that only chicks are allowed to do.

You should be happy that you aren't going to be tied down this year. No girlfriend means no stressing over gifts, no grand romantic gestures and certainly no awkward conversations where she accuses you of being sweet only because it's Valentine's Day.

Fellas, I assure you, this weekend is a blessing in disguise. Remember the rationale behind "Wedding Crashers"? Women become horny with jealousy whenever their friends are in happy relationships. Valentine's Day is no different.

Girls become emotionally unstable when they can't secure a date for the Fourteenth, causing them to band together in opposition of this "Hallmark

holiday" and go out in droves.

And since the big day rests on a Sunday, the smell it brings with it will waft into town as early as Friday. That means a three-day open season on all the singles in Gainesville.

Imagine wave after wave of ladies and no couples diluting the field of potential mates. While those in relationships are all out on their picnics, dinner dates or unnecessarily long walks on the beach, their friends will be out looking for a warm body to snuggle with.

But you are going to have to go out into the wild of Gainesville's nightlife if you want to take part in the hunt. Don't think that by surprising the cutie in your class who you never talk to with flowers on Friday will make her yours by Sunday.

When you are out there this weekend, play to their emotions. Talk about how fake and corporate Valentine's Day has become. You could even throw out the sympathy card and tell a story about how your girlfriend just left you,

and all the romantic things you had planned for Valentine's Day have gone to waste. The strategies are endless.

But if preying on the unsuspecting women of UF isn't your style, I understand. There are plenty of other ways to celebrate that have nothing to do with romance. Have a boys' night. Order some wings, pick up some beer, relax and watch whatever game is on.

Overall, girl or no girl, it shouldn't really matter. If you have a significant other, make sure you treat her right. After all, Valentine's Day is all about the ladies. If you're single, relish the fact that you are your own man and be happy to have no obligations to anyone else. Either way, keep in mind that there are more Valentine's Days to come, and that next year, you may be experiencing it from the other side.

She Says...

In three days, single girls everywhere will turn to cynicism and vodka in the name of self-loathing and the patron saint of commercialized love, Valentine.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

Last year around this time I was among the coupled, preparing for a romantic weekend in New York City with my beloved. Little did I know, he was preparing for his breakup speech, which, by the way, began with something like, "So, uh, if we break up, can we still have sex?"

I have good reason to be jaded. I'm tempted to spend Sunday wallowing in my loneliness, blubbing incoherently (from the vodka) to my cat about my terrible taste in men, but instead, I'm going to make like Walt Whitman and sing the song of myself.

Just because you are down a significant other doesn't mean you can't celebrate.

Here are some tips for making Valentine's Day about the most important person in your life - you.

Wake up the right way. Morning masturbation is the key to staying positive on V-Day. Nothing says "I love me" like coloring your day with a self-induced orgasm. Then, eat a nice break-

fast and drink some coffee. A caffeine buzz will keep the positivity flowing.

Relax. What is it about Valentine's Day that drives everyone crazy? Even people in relationships pull their hair out over it, and let's face it, it's just another day. A good bump in business for the floral industry and a nice excuse to eat chocolate, but nonetheless another day for us to celebrate the ones we love, which is something we should be doing every day.

Be proud. Singledom is not equivalent to leprosy, so refrain from hiding. Go to dinner with your single friends, make cards for your roomies and treat yourself with a manicure or mini shopping spree.

Keep the faith. At this age, being single is hardly an omen. One day you will celebrate Valentine's Day with someone special, but until then, don't waste your time wondering why you're single or if you'll ever meet someone. You will. It is better to be alone than to be wasting your time with someone who is constantly letting you down.

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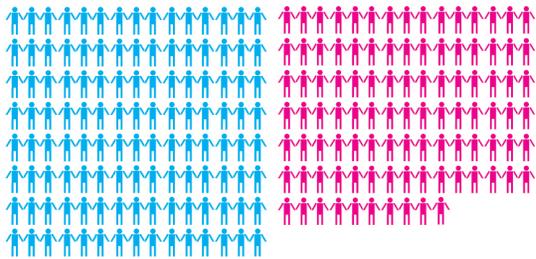
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Condom sales are highest around Valentine's Day, which are 20 percent to 30 percent higher than usual, According to Durex condom co.



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Wining and dining for everyone

By **GABRIELLE FALCONIERI**
avenue writer

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Muah! How to get kissable lips

By **RACHAEL PINO**
Freelance Editor

This Valentine's Day, try to make your kiss, and lips, the main event by following these simple tips from professional makeup artists.

Exfoliate

"The biggest mistake I see is people not exfoliating, especially this time of year. Women remember to scrub their skin but skip out on lips," said Bonnie Cato, a professional makeup artist.

She recommends using a lip treatment with sugar crystals or rice grains.

Joy, who's been a makeup artist for five years, said excessive exfoliation can rub your skin raw, but too little can leave you looking flaky. The right amount of exfoliation is no more than twice a week for 30 to 60 seconds because your skin needs time to regenerate. Joy prefers exfoliates with rounded particles, such as micro beads, over scrubs with crushed ingredients like apricots and nuts, which can actually break down the barrier needed to lock in moisture.

Moisturize

"After exfoliating, you absolutely must moisturize," said Joy, who recommends reading the ingredients list on your balm before purchasing.

"It's nice if they have something else besides wax or petroleum jelly, like shea butter," Joy said. "Anti-oxidants like vitamin A, C and E are the best."

Prime

"Lip primer is a step many women forget about, but it's so important because it fills in any fine lines and smoothes out the texture of the lips," Joy said.

She said you should apply silicone-based primers to the lips and then allow it to sit for a few minutes. Blotting with a tissue should only remove the excess but not the primer.

"Your lips should have a slight slide to them. They

shouldn't be bone dry," Joy said.

Line

"When choosing a lip liner, it's best to get the liner as nude and close to your natural color as possible," Cato said. She also likes to use a reverse lip liner, which is applied to the skin around the lips and acts as a barrier from color bleeding or feathering.

For better definition, Joy recommends using short, light strokes instead of dragging the liner. For pouty lips, try drawing a little caret or triangle in the corner creases of your mouth with the liner.

"You should make little dashes, so it's kind of like connecting the dots," Joy said.

Color

When choosing a lipstick, Cato said to keep your skin tone in mind. Deeper reds are more dramatic, while some more neutral tones can have bronzes or a little pop of color in them.

"Always remember what time of day it is. You don't want to always be wearing the darker tones to work or the lighter ones for a night on the town," Cato said.

Gloss

Women tend to slather gloss all over their lips, hoping to obtain a sexy shine and to keep their lips from drying out. Joy said this just makes a greasy look.

"All you really need is a little dot of gloss in the center of the lip. Then just lightly press," she said. "The gloss will eventually spread over your lips on its own."

Lip plumper, which contains ingredients like cinnamon bark or menthol, can also be used as a gloss. In a study conducted by Good Housekeeping Research Institute, participants found that a stinging sensation occurred for only a few seconds and saw immediate results.

"The extracts irritate your lips in a good way. They circulate the blood up to the surface so your lips swell a bit," Cato said. "It can be that extra oomph you need."

Delicious dessert: chocolate mousse

By **SHAYNA BROUKER**
avenue writer

Supplies:

small sauce pan, small ceramic or plastic bowl, blender

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon water (or 1/2 tablespoon plus 1/2 tablespoon Kahlua coffee liqueur)
- 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Directions:

1. Melt the chocolate chips in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir until smooth. Spoon a small amount of the choco-

late into the beaten egg yolk, stir and return both egg and chocolate to the saucepan. Stir mixture for two more minutes or until it slightly thickens.

2. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Move chocolate to a small bowl and place in freezer or refrigerator for at least five minutes.

3. Meanwhile, pour the whipping cream into the blender and beat until thickened (about 10 seconds). Add sugar and beat until soft peaks form. Fold the cream into cooled chocolate mixture and refrigerate at least two hours.

4. Serve in martini glasses or small dishes and top with fresh or frozen berries. Indulge!

Say cheers, what bubbly to buy

By **RICHARD O. STEHLI**
avenue writer

Go ahead and buy the oysters and strawberries at a grocery store, but when it comes to buying the booze, go to a real wine shop. You will find better selection and lower prices. Gracey Castine, of Dorn's Liquors, had plenty of advice to offer on the subject this Valentine's Day.

If it says "Champagne" on the bottle, it has to be grown in the Champagne region of France, and for a true

French Champagne, you often have to pay a little more. Spanish sparkling wine, Cava, will probably cost less, and you might not be able to tell the difference. For the big spender, Castine recommends Laurent Perrier Rose (\$70), but you will not be disappointed with a Cristalino or Freixenet Rosado (\$10).

And there is nothing wrong with wine. As it is Valentine's Day, you should look for a red and then match it with strong tastes like dark chocolate or blue cheese. Pinot Noir is especially

popular on V-Day.

Again, don't be afraid to spend \$10 or even less on a bottle, so long as you buy it from a reputable source. For those celebrating on a budget, Castine recommends wines from Chile, Argentina and Spain.

Don't forget, there are no liquor sales on Sunday in Alachua County, and you cannot buy beer or wine until after 1 p.m. So, be sure to head to the stores for your alcohol before the big day. Dorn's Liquors is located at 4140 NW 16th Blvd.

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Lace, lust and love

By **ASHLEY MCCREDIE**
avenue writer

Lingerie can be the perfect addition, for boys and girls, to a great Valentine's Day. And with so many styles out there, there's a perfect fit for everyone's fashion taste, body type and level of sexiness.

"Lingerie is suited to show your best assets," said Rebecca Silver, sales associate at French Addiction. "It cups and lifts boobs, and it streamlines the body for a slenderizing look."

Here are three looks that shoppers can choose from for the holiday:

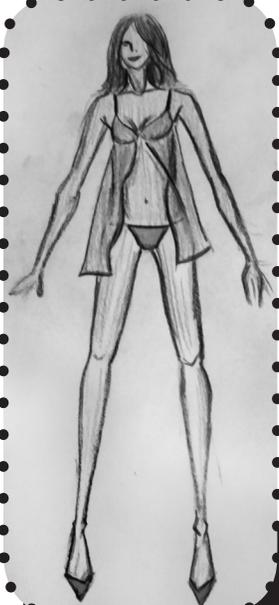


The corset. The corset has been around since the 16th century and is famous for accentuating women's curves and lifting the bust. Try it with a matching garter belt and stockings. This look is great for covering up your stomach after a delicious Valentine's Day dinner.

The basic bra and panty. One can't go wrong with a bra-and-panty-set. This look is seductive with lace; sweet with ruffles and flowers; or wild and crazy with neon colors. This is practical because it can be worn under any outfit, so you can whip off your clothes for a special surprise.



The baby doll. This is perfect for the girl who wants to be more romantic and create a fantasy for her man. The baby doll cut shows a natural, feminine side and reveals just enough to keep him wondering. This is a good start for first-time lingerie wearers.



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Dance like a pussycat

By **ALLISON BANKO**
avenue writer

When flipping through music videos, it is difficult to keep your mouth from dropping at the sight of a Pussycat Dolls music video. Whether you are a boy or a girl confronted with the spectacle is irrelevant. The Dolls' sultry demeanor and flawless stomachs causes most guys to contain themselves in their in-seam and turns girls green with envy.

Luckily, Dolls creator and choreographer, Robin Antin, has sympathized with this small feat of ours. Through the release of her "Pussycat Dolls Workout" DVD, she teaches dances that will give women the chance to come one step closer to becoming a Doll in their own sense. The DVD is divided into five parts that make up an hourlong workout of the warm-up, a dance to "Don't Cha," a dance to "Buttons," a burlesque-style dance, and the cool-down.

The Start of a Possible Disaster

OK, let's confront the big pink elephant in the room. Most of us are a bit apprehensive to even think about anything that involves dancing, even if it is in private. However, Antin has formulated her dances in ways that are so easy, even someone with two left feet could perform them.

On another note, you may want to reconsider those gym shorts you were going to do the DVD in. Antin makes her appearance, along with four other PCDs in the making, sporting sparkly, midriff-bearing outfits. So, you may feel more comfortable doing the workout throwing on that stripper Halloween costume sitting in your closet (Don't act like you don't have one.) And take that hair tie out. You'll need to whip around your mane later on to get the full effect.

The Workout

Antin kicks off the warm-up with sexy head rolls along with other stretches that are sure to loosen you up effectively.

Following the warm-up is the "Don't Cha" dance. The DVD first breaks down the choreography of the dances, and

then following adequate practice of the moves, Antin and the girls perform the dance to the PCD music with you.

If you are the conservative type, moves like smacking your "booty" and "biting your finger" may take you a few tries to get comfortable with.

The section dedicated to the "Buttons" dance includes the most challenging choreography but also holds a delightful surprise. After mastering the moves, lead singer of The Pussycat Dolls, Nicole Scherzinger, makes an appearance in the performance portion of the dance.

By now, all the sexiness is out in the open, and by the time you reach the burlesque-style dance, the red in your cheeks should be fading away. During the start of this piece, Antin prompts you to grab a scarf or a tie if you don't have a boa lying around.

By using the boa, Antin teaches a burlesque routine that is both sexy and fun. After sliding the boa between your legs and lifting it above your head to engage your core, the confident doll in you will be born.



The Final Verdict

Initially one may think this workout is a "pussy" in itself. But you'll be sweating by the start of the second song and thoroughly enjoying the process of finding your inner doll. Antin teaches in a style that is easy to understand and motivating without being too military-sergeant-like. You're guaranteed to feel confident and sexy after shaking your ass and whipping your hair around in the routines. The moves are doable in the smallest of spaces, so your sad little dorm room will work fine.

Oh, and for the guys out there, if you are finding yourself "lonely" in the action department, this DVD contains barely clothed, sexy women doing provocative dance moves. And this may cause fewer viruses on your computer than those porn sites you visit.



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Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger and choreographer Robin Antin show off their toned bodies. The PCD workout DVD uses dance moves to get viewers in sexy, glamorous shape.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Hermit	Marooned	Recluse	Stranded
Individual	Myself	Self	Stray
Isolated	No one else	Single	Unaccompanied
Lonely	Only	Solitary	

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CLUE	DOWN	ANSWER
1. Large lizard		NIAAUG
2. A learned person		CHARLOS
3. Pottery classification		RECCIAM
4. Lightly		FOSLYT
BONUS	CLUE: Tropical _____	
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How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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8th Ave 352-339-2342 2-12-10-10-2

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vided, cent H/AC fenced private backyard,
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mo. 924 NW 9th Ave. 352-339-2342 2-12-
10-10-2

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ACROSS
1 Holy pilgrimage
5 Kids' getaway
9 "Gimme a break!"
14 Nobelist Wiesel
15 "This looks like trouble"
16 Leonard Marx, familiarly
17 "Get going!"
19 Peyotes, e.g.
20 She played Donna in the film "Mamma Mia!"
21 Sinus specialist, briefly
23 Baseball Hall of Famer Speaker
24 *1986 Pulitzer-winning Western novel
28 Feel the heat
31 Food critic Sheraton
32 "Bingo!"
33 X-Games bike, briefly
35 Run at a red light?
38 1968 Troggs Top 10 hit, and a hint to the hidden puzzle theme in the answers to starred clues
44 Jeans joint
45 Yield to gravity
46 Sportage maker
47 Fresh response
50 Serious-and-funny show
53 *Gunpowder, e.g.
57 They're not returned
58 Bosox great
59 Comforting comment
63 Parts partner
65 *Duffer's thrill
68 Native Alaskan
69 Treater's words
70 Persian Gulf land
71 ___ and all
72 Prime minister before Rabin
73 Ancient British Isles settler

DOWN
1 Bridge position
2 Burn balm

3 Fashionable Christian
4 Stevenson physician
5 ___-de-sac
6 Yellowfin tuna
7 Changes places
8 Rising star
9 N.C. State's conference
10 "Who, me?"
11 Tiny
12 When Brutus sees Caesar's ghost
13 Hullahaloo
18 Big-time
22 "I didn't need to know that," informally
25 Birds' bills
26 Humorist Bombeck
27 Islamic leader
28 ___ soda
29 Grinch victims
30 Place for Christmas lights
34 Tee choices
36 Gospel writer
37 Camelot lady
39 Removes gently
40 Eye-opening theater

41 Fellows
42 Rural prefix
43 Beatles' "A ___ in the Life"
48 Security threat
49 Course for weavers?
51 Fired up
52 Like some weights
53 Bochco series
54 City NW of Orlando
55 Brand on a patio, maybe
56 Hole site
60 Foal's parent
61 Fink, often
62 Canterbury's county
64 Some NFL linemen
66 Feature of a two-ltr. monogram
67 Neighbor of Aus.

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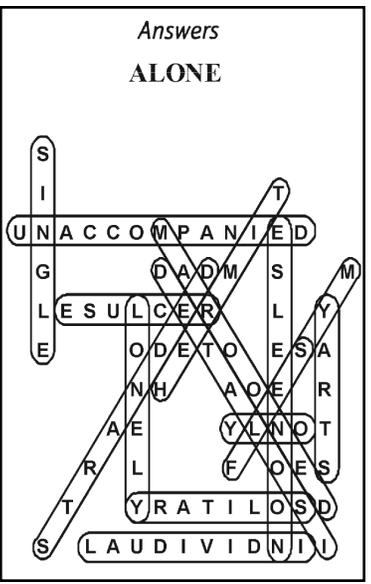
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Poor free-throw shooting downs Florida

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Last year at South Carolina, one missed free throw led to a heartbreaking loss for Florida. Wednesday night, trouble at the line brought about another tough defeat in Colonial Life Arena.

UF (17-7, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) shot 10 of 23 from the free-throw line and fell 77-71 to South Carolina (14-9, 5-4 SEC) on the Gamecocks' home floor.

"If we focused at the free-throw line and made free throws, don't turn the ball over and keep them off the offensive glass, those three things keep them out of the game," said junior forward Chandler Parsons, whose missed free throw last year allowed the Gamecocks to get a full-court pass and fast-break layup as time expired.

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Chandler Parsons
UF junior forward

After jumping out to a 6-4 lead in the opening two and a half minutes, South Carolina didn't lead again until 8:18 remained in the game.

The Gators established a 28-20 lead with 6:38 to go in the first half thanks to some hot early shooting, but sophomore point guard Erving Walker missed two of three free throws that could have pushed the lead to 10.

Florida entered the game second in the SEC in free-throw percentage, shooting 71 percent on the year. But aside from Walker, who scored six of his team-high 20 points from the line, no Gator made more than one free throw despite a combined 13 attempts.

Freshman forward Erik Murphy shot 1 of 5 from the free-throw line.

Parsons finished with a double-double (13 points, **SEE HOOPS, PAGE 19**)



South Carolina forward Sam Muldrow (right) blocks UF forward Chandler Parsons in the first half of the Gamecocks' 77-71 win over the Gators on Wednesday.

AP Photo

Loss could cost Gators Tourney bid

There must be something about the air in Columbia, S.C.

Last year, Florida led for the final eight minutes before allowing a layup at the buzzer to lose 70-69. The Gators went on to finish 9-7 in the Southeastern Conference, go 1-1 in the SEC Tournament and miss the NCAA Tournament.

Wednesday night UF managed to lose a seven-point lead in the final seven minutes to South Carolina, whom the Gators are battling for position in the SEC East and Big Dance.

Florida found a way to lose a game in which it shot 56 percent

while its opponent shot 38.2 percent.

Listen, even the best college basketball teams have a

loss during the year that makes no sense. There is some randomness in 18- to 22-year-olds.

The Gators currently have a better resume than the Gamecocks, but the gap is slimming. South Carolina has nine losses, including Wofford. UF has seven.

Florida has a bad loss too — South Alabama (RPI 226). A strong nonconference schedule allowed the Gators to overcome those screwups. This isn't the time to rekindle poor play.

UF had done a good job so far in SEC play of winning games it should. Florida lost to Kentucky (one of the best teams in the country), at Vanderbilt (the Commodores are having one of their better years) and a one-point loss at Tennessee.

Now Florida has started down a perilous path. It has a lot of games it will be an underdog toward the end of the

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UF set to begin toughest part of schedule

■ THE TEAM'S NEXT FOUR OPPONENTS ARE RANKED IN THE TOP 25.

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The Gators start the most difficult stretch of their regular season tonight staring in the mouths of angry Tigers.

UF hosts No. 23 LSU tonight at 7 in the O'Connell Center to kick off a four-game stint against ranked opponents (No. 5 Tennessee, No. 17 Kentucky and No. 19 Georgia).

The Tigers (15-7, 4-6 Southeastern Conference) are coming off a triple-overtime loss to Ole Miss that dropped them to ninth place in

the SEC. Despite being unranked, the Gators (13-10, 6-4 SEC) are tied for third in the conference with the Rebels.

"Every team in our league is just so good and talented," coach Amanda Butler said. "You look at LSU's conference record and people might ask, 'Are they not that good?' No, that's definitely not the case. They just happen to be playing in the best league in the country."

The Tigers come into the game with one of the nation's stingiest defenses, ranking seventh in scoring.

Holding opponents to an average of 52.7 points per game, LSU boasts the toughest de-

fense UF will have played in the conference. It'll be its most formidable defensive foe since Rutgers, who held the Gators to a season-low 38 points on Dec. 7, just 14 in the first half.

"They pride themselves on defense," guard Jordan Jones said. "LSU, no matter what their record is, they're still LSU. They're going to come out here and be physical. They're going to be aggressive."

The Tigers' aggressive defense is evident. LSU is tied with Kentucky for second in the nation (and first in the conference) in turnover margin (8.0). Meanwhile, the Gators sit tied for 214th in the country (ninth in the SEC) in that category (-.78).

The Tigers will look to pounce on UF's inconsistency handling the ball. There have

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Women's Basketball

TEERING OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ Lil Wayne had his prison term delayed a month so he could repair a cracked tooth that stems from his junk-food diet. I hope this lesson catches on. If you carry a gun, keep a Ring Pop on your trigger finger and you're in the clear. ... On Jeopardy this week, a contestant picked "Jackass" instead of "Dukes of Hazzard" as a Johnny Knoxville movie related to Mike Krzyzewski, yet somehow didn't win.

UF SOFTBALL

■ P Stephanie Brombacher, LF Francesca Enea, RF Kelsey Bruder and 2B Aja Paculba were voted to the Preseason All-SEC Team by the league's coaches.

UF TENNIS

■ Senior Marrit Boonstra was named SEC Women's Tennis Player of the Week, while teammate Caroline Hitimana won SEC Women's Tennis Freshman of the Week on Wednesday.

Downey scores game-high 24 points

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11 rebounds), but shot 1 of 2 from the line, as did junior power forward Alex Tyus (11 points, 15 rebounds, 1-of-4 free-throw shooting).

UF finished with 20 turnovers, compared to South Carolina's six. The Gators wasted an otherwise-solid shooting night with their careless plays, as they finished 28 of 50 from the field.

"We shot such a high percentage, and we got layups and easy shots," Donovan said. "But there were some times we really made some plays that weren't there."

The Gamecocks capitalized on the Gators' plentiful mistakes, but

South Carolina made some changes of its own that kept Florida off-balance.

While it was all Devan Downey all the time in UF's 58-56 win against USC in Gainesville on Jan. 23, the senior guard was far more effective at getting his teammates involved Wednesday night.



Men's Basketball

Downey still scored a game-high 24 points, but nine of them came on late-game free throws when the Gators were fouling to lengthen the game.

"I don't want to sit here and take credit that we did this great job stopping him, because I'm not

so sure we did," Donovan said. "I thought he was a little bit more patient and got some more guys involved."

Forward Sam Muldrow scored 16 points on 7-of-13 shooting, giving the Gamecocks a presence inside to distract the defense from putting its full attention on Downey, but guard Brandis Raley-Ross proved to be a reliable option from the outside as well, finishing with 20 points.

It was the first time this year two Gamecocks scored more than 20 points in one game.

"Their other guys are Division-I players. They're good players," Parsons said. "We just wanted to control Downey and not let them get so many points."

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season. The Gators are likely to lose another close one — five of their last seven games have had a margin of single digits.

UF let a lesser team stick around, thanks to 20 turnovers and a 10-of-23 performance (43.5 percent) from the free-throw line. The Gators led from the 16:31 mark of the first half to 8:18 left in the game.

Earlier this week, I asked what UF's strategy would be for handling USC guard Devan Downey. The SEC's leading scorer had averaged just less than 30 points in his last three outings against UF.

Erving Walker said the plan was to let Downey score but shut everyone else down.

Forget that theory barely worked when South Carolina came to Gainesville. In that matchup, Downey had 36 in a two-point UF win (Chandler Parsons' second buzzer-beater this season). The Gamecocks' second-leading scorer, Sam Muldrow, had six.

So Wednesday night, Downey had what I would call a relatively "off" night. He had 24 points but made only one of six three-pointers and didn't have nearly as many of his trademark unbelievable floaters or runners. It didn't matter because Muldrow had 16 this time around and Brandis Raley-Ross chipped in 20.

Tough to say that strategy worked out, but the truth is South Carolina didn't win this game. Florida lost it.

The Gators lost it with turnovers. They lost it at the free-throw line. They lost it because the Gamecocks were able to have 18 more shot attempts.

And I know Kyle Maistri beat this point into the ground in Wednesday's paper, but Dan Werner's presence on the court at the end of the game did hurt UF against South Carolina. I'm sorry, but it did. You can talk about intangibles and little things, but when one player is literally no threat to shoot the ball, the opponent figures that out eventually. He rarely shoots, even when he should.

And when he took a mid-range jumper late in the game, he airballed it. His shot attempts may be a small pool to evaluate, but they look bad time after time.

Good news is UF has a big-time game against Xavier on Saturday to snap out of it.

UF needs to shake this one from its memory, because it has a tough final stretch. The Gators must beat Auburn at home and Georgia on the road to leave them needing one or two from the following: Ole Miss, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Kentucky.

The path would be easier if UF took care of business in Columbia.

Just like last year.

Limiting turnovers will be key for Gators

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been games where the Gators have four or five turnovers in one half but cough up the ball double-digit times in the other.

Against Auburn, the Gators committed six turnovers in the first half but had 11 after halftime. And Florida's 16 first-half turnovers proved costly against Georgia on Jan. 10.

"Mississippi State played really aggressive pressure defense," Jones said. "But what we're going to face with LSU, we're going to have to multiply that by 10."

If the Gators hope to win, they'll have to play some defense, too.

That starts with trying to contain preseason SEC Player of the Year Allison Hightower. In 10 conference games this season, Hightower averaged 19.6 points per game. Teammate LaSondra Barrett isn't far behind, scoring 17 per contest in conference action.

Shutting down a prominent scorer isn't an unusual position for the Gators.

The team has succeeded against top SEC scorers Angie Bjorklund (Tennessee), Alexis Rack (Mississippi State), and Valerie Nainima (South Carolina), holding them to below-average totals.

"Every team in our league is just so good and talented."

Amanda Butler

UF women's basketball coach

This time Florida has to slow down two threats.

The preseason favorite to win the SEC, LSU has struggled more than anticipated. With six of seven losses coming after January, the Tigers have added motivation to prove they're better than their record.

"They're going to come out here and they want to prove themselves," Jones said. "We can't look at their record and take them lightly."

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Gators return all three starting outfielders in 2010

■ MEGAN BUSH'S MOVE TO 1B ALLOWS KELSEY BRUDER TO STAY IN RIGHT FIELD.

By GREG LUCA
Alligator Writer

Although 2010 is being billed as a year of change for the Florida softball team, the Gators have the luxury of returning all three outfielders that started the final game of the 2009 season.

With Francesca Enea and Kelsey Bruder back to man the corners and the speedy Michelle Moultrie stepping into a starting role in center field, UF's outfield is certainly of the caliber that is expected from the No. 3 team in the nation.

Even though it comes as no surprise that all three players are back on the roster, there was reason to believe things might be looking a little different defensively.

At the end of the 2009 season, there was speculation that Bruder would be moving from right field back to first base, where she played during the early part of her career. However, a lack of depth in the outfield and a few adjustments in the infield have allowed the All-Southeastern Conference first team and All-SEC defensive team member to stay out in right.

"Kelsey was too valuable in the outfield and Megan (Bush) made a great transition to first," coach Tim Walton said.

For as valuable as Bruder is in

the outfield, she might be even more valuable at the plate.

Last season she hit .369 with 16 home runs and 68 RBI, while setting a UF single season record in total bases and tying the record for slugging percentage.

Still, the junior sees plenty of ways she can make her game even better.

"There's definitely always room

for improvement, and I've been working really hard with coach before practice just getting my timing right and getting my swing back," Bruder said.

Enea, who is tied with Bruder for the slugging percentage mark, also owns single season records in home runs and RBIs after hitting 18 and 70 a season ago.

Still, her biggest contribution to

the team might come in the form of her leadership ability.

"Francesca is the one person if I had to put my hat on somebody as being a leader," Walton said.

Walton feels that he has a team full of leaders, but Enea is clearly the most vocal of the bunch.

"I just think that with two seniors and a large junior class the best thing we offer is the experi-

ence we all have playing in high pressure situations," Enea said. "We can really help younger players and tell them what to do in those situations and make sure they're doing the right stuff."

If experience under pressure is the key to success, then Moultrie should be well on her way.

Coming into last season, the plan was for Moultrie to split time in center with senior Kim Waleszonia. But Waleszonia fractured her knee early in the year, giving Moultrie a chance to prove herself full time, and she didn't disappoint. From that point on she found her way into the starting lineup on numerous occasions, and that experience should make stepping into her role this year that much easier.

"She's not taking on more than she's had before, but the expectations are a little higher than last season," Walton said.

Moultrie's transition should also be eased by the presence of Enea, who was recently one of the fifty players named to the USA Softball Player of the Year Pre-season Watch List.

"I just try to make her feel as comfortable as possible," Enea said. "The outfielders are a relaxed group, but we take the position seriously. It's about being able to relax, being comfortable, and having confidence in yourself. We want to help you learn from your mistakes and make sure you don't repeat them."



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UF senior left fielder Francesca Enea broke UF's records for most home runs (18) and RBIs (70) in a season last year.

UF WOMEN'S GOLF

Florida improves three spots to finish in ninth place

By KELSIE HOECHERL
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The Gators women's golf team found redemption at the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge, finishing in ninth place with a total score of 911 (304-309-298, +59).

Even though UF jumped up three spots Wednesday, it was not the result the team expected heading into the competition.

"Overall it wasn't the best week for the Gators," coach Jan Dowling said. "We actually rebounded pretty well, I'm pretty proud of them and the way they turned it around. We've got a lot of things to work on, moving forward, however I think this golf course was probably a great golf course for us to be playing first thing this year. You can't hide any weakness on this course."

Freshman Isabelle Lendl proved herself in her second-con-

"We actually rebounded pretty well, I'm pretty proud of them and the way they turned it around."

Jan Dowling
UF women's golf coach

secutive round as the leader for Florida. She ended the tournament carding a 73 for a total of 222 (79-70-73, +9). Lendl started at the 14th hole and shot a back-to-back birdie-bogey combo, followed by a double bogey. She picked up her game after carding three more birdies.

"We are really proud of Isabelle," Dowling said. "She had a really good tournament. [With] this course you've got to be playing well; every part of your game has to be on...She obvi-

ously chipped the putter well and she hit the fairways and hit a lot of greens...she deserves this."

Following 17 spots behind, junior Jessica Yadloczky finished in a tie for 28th. Her three-round total came to 228, after a +2 round Wednesday. Yadloczky balanced out her score with four bogeys and two birdies.

Sophomore Marika Lendl finished five behind her teammate in 33rd, carding her lowest round of the tournament in the third round with a four-over 75. She ended the tournament with an overall score of 229 (77-77-75, +16). Lendl picked up her four extra strokes with two bogeys and a double-bogey.

Sophomore Evan Jensen and freshman Mia Piccio rounded out the Gators lineup, finishing in a tie for 61st and 67th, respectively.

Piccio bettered her second round score by one stroke Wednesday for a tournament total of 238 (77-81-80, +25).

Zaiser's return, Green's emergence help beam scores

Gators ranked in top 10 in event

By TOM GREEN
Alligator Writer

At the midway point of the season, No. 6 Florida ranks in the top 10 nationally in every event, but the area the team has improved most since last season has been the balance beam.

The Gators have averaged 48.875, a .485-point improvement over the team's average at the same time last season.

Last year, the team was ravaged by injuries on the beam, including Re-

bekah Zaiser's broken foot, forcing UF coach Rhonda Faehn to piece together lineups at times during the season. Lack of depth, however, has not been an issue for Florida this year, as it has 10 gymnasts competing for beam lineup spots almost every week.

"Whenever you have competition within the team, it makes you stronger," Faehn said.

Zaiser, a senior, has returned from two major surgeries to lead off the event for UF, and Faehn said Zaiser's discipline and

work ethic have meant a lot to the team. Part of that competitiveness Faehn sees during practice comes from the push that Zaiser brings to the team.



Green

Possibly the biggest impact on the team's beam performance has been the emergence of freshman Liz Green, who has taken home the event title for three-consecutive meets.

"She's a natural beam-

er," Faehn said. "She's aggressive, she doesn't hold back and she combines the difficulty, the flexibility, the grace and the artistry. She's the total package up there."

Green just enrolled in classes this semester but said the coaches told her to be prepared to compete right off the bat once she got to Gainesville. In just her second week on campus, she competed in the team's season-opener against Oklahoma.

Although she didn't participate on beam against the Sooners, Green's recent performances has her ranked 13th nationally, averaging 9.831, and her three beam titles are tops among the Gators.

"I really wasn't expecting to come in right away and have this much success," Green said. "I just expected to do my best and hit my routines, and that's just what I've done."