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Pro-test

Rosie Daniels (left) and Desiree Orofino, of Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood, hold signs in protest of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's anti-abortion display on the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday afternoon.

Senators tout transparency

■ SENATORS VOTED TO PUT RECORDS ONLINE.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
 Alligator Writer

Student Government senators are leaving nothing to the imagination.

The Student Government budget and Senate voting and attendance records will be available online in three to four weeks.

Senators unanimously passed two bills that would place the records online during Tuesday's meeting.

Jonathan Ossip, Senate leader for the Student Alliance party, said these bills will help students make informed decisions in SG and have a better idea about what their money goes toward.

"I'm really happy that the Senate is choosing to go in this direction," Ossip said.

Unite Party Sen. Ben Meyers said he sees no reason why these records should not be readily available to students.

"I personally am very proud of how I voted in the past, and I think most people are," Meyers said.

He agreed with Ossip that it is important for students to be able to track where their fees are going in SG.

"Every student contributes to our \$14.4 million budget, and it's important that students have their say," Meyers said.



Ossip

As the Feb. 23 and Feb. 24 SG elections approach, senators also passed resolutions encouraging students to vote and promoting more sustainable election campaigns.

A resolution is a piece of legislation that states the opinions of senators without taking action.

The sustainability resolution comes in the wake of the distribution of fliers critical of the Unite Party on fraternity and sorority rows and on the Plaza of the Americas last week.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Ballot questions explained

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
 Alligator Writer

During next week's Student Government elections, students will have the opportunity to answer three referendum questions while they are at the polls.

Two of the three questions revolve around a potential student fee that would help fund the renovation of the Reitz Union.

The first question asks if there should be a student fee to fund the Reitz Union repairs.

The second question asks if the fee should also fund an expansion of the union.

The final referendum question asks students if UF should join the Workers Rights

Consortium, which would ensure UF and Gator apparel is not made in sweatshops.

"A referendum is the perfect way to hear exactly what the students want."

Ashton Charles
 Senate President

Senate President Ashton Charles, who represents the Unite Party, said each of the referendum questions on the ballot is important for students to answer.

"A referendum is the perfect way to hear exactly what the students want," Charles

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Student goes green

By **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Writer

For Lance Griffin, a theater senior at UF, shopping for eco-friendly clothes was too much of a hassle.

It seemed every store he went to offered the same closet full of disappointment.

"I'd walk into a clothing store, and they would usually have a rack toward the back... and a lot of the clothes were either forest green or

had giant recycling symbols," he said.

Griffin developed a natural solution: He created a company offering a wider selection of environmentally friendly clothing.

Spotlight on the Swamp
 Griffin's company,

Breathe Smile Love, was launched four months ago and offers those seeking environmentally friendly clothing and accessories an alterna-

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■ UF sophomore Erving Walker has thrived in his increased role this season, replacing former Gator Nick Calathes as the team's point guard, but he is still adjusting. See Story, Page 16.



Man who stole mayor's wallet found in her neighborhood, according to police

A Gainesville man who stole Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan's wallet from City Hall years ago was arrested again Tuesday morning when a witness noticed him trying to get into vehicles in her neighborhood.

The witness watched as Dashard Clark, 22, tested the door handle on her car and called police when she noticed Clark moving on to other cars on Northwest 11th Street, said Cpl. Tscharna Senn, Gainesville Police

Department spokeswoman. Officer Jamie Hope and K-9 Redd found Clark hiding behind a wall, Senn said. Clark was found with different electronic devices, but GPD has not identified the owners, Senn said.

According to court documents, Clark has been charged similarly in more than 15 separate cases since 2005.

— KATHERINE BEIN

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

RUB Entertainment presents: comedian Joe List

Today, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew

Come check out funny man Joe List. A finalist for New York's 2009 Funniest Stand-up Competition, List began his comedy career in Boston in 2000. Since then he has traveled around the country performing at comedy hot spots such as the HBO Comedy Festival in Las Vegas and "Live at Gotham" on Comedy Central.

Underwater hockey clinic

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Florida Pool

Come out and learn to play underwater hockey with UF's club team. The cost — \$5 for UF students and \$25 for everyone else — will cover all equipment and food for the day. Bring your bathing suit and Gator 1 Card. For more information, RSVP to the Facebook event, UF Underwater Hockey Clinic, or e-mail Emily Morrow at emorrow@ufl.edu.

Cornhole Tournament

Friday, 5 p.m.
Southwest Recreation Center

The registration deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Download a registration form from the intramural sports page at recsports.ufl.edu.

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Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Southwest Recreation Center

Do you have what it takes to be the Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament champion this semester? Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the event at SWRC.

Got something going on?

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

Israel birthright registration to begin

Jewish young adults hoping to explore their heritage can begin registering at noon today for a free 10-day trip to Israel this summer.

The Taglit-Birthright Israel trip, offered in winter and summer, gives Jews ages 18 to 26 the

opportunity to strengthen their Jewish identity and form a deeper connection to their religion. Registration is open until the trip reaches capacity. The trip is funded by the Israeli government, Birthright trip alumni, private philanthropists and other Jewish organizations, said Dana Ben-Chail, an Israel fellow at the UF Hillel.

Ben-Chail staffed Hillel's winter break trip to Israel and is coordinating the summer trip.

"It is an amazing opportunity for people to experience Israel in a very unique way with people who are all experiencing Israel together for the first time," she said.

A refundable \$250 deposit is required for registration. Birthright provides airfare from New York to Israel, accommodations and two meals a day.

— REBEKAH GEIER

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Kim Crofford and Jackie Arellano dance on Turlington Plaza Tuesday with a flash mob to promote a poker tournament fundraiser.

ON CAMPUS

Finance club holds flash mob to promote poker tournament

By **ERICA COOK**

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 20 students put on their poker faces and danced to Lady Gaga in Turlington Plaza Tuesday afternoon.

They broke it down for passing students during two dance performances, which each lasted about five minutes and were part of a flash mob sponsored by the Student Finance Group, an organization that teaches students from any major about how to invest and save money and find internships.

Through its dance, the group hoped to promote its poker tournament at Beef O' Brady's on Thursday at 8 p.m., said Bastian Bockenhusser, the flash mob's coordinator.

The tournament will raise money for the Student Finance Group's bus trip to Disney World at the end of April, Bockenhusser said.

The trip will cost about \$800, but the group has already raised about \$300 from member dues and past events, he said.

"We hope that the poker tournament will help us raise the remaining money to go on our trip," Bockenhusser said.

The poker tournament costs \$10 to enter, and anyone can participate.

Students who go on the trip will use free Disney tickets earned from participating in a Day of Difference on March 26. For the Day of Difference, volunteers will reach out to local elementary school students and teach them about business and economics.

"We hope that the poker tournament will help us raise the remaining money to go on our trip."

Bastian Bockenhusser
the flash mob's coordinator

The students who performed in Turlington Plaza had a slightly different mission.

Three of them wore life-size playing card cutouts, while others passed out playing cards advertising the tournament.

Jackie Arellano, a member of the Student Finance Group, said she was not nervous about dancing in the middle of Turlington Plaza.

"We wanted to promote unity and harmony within the group," Arellano said.

Speaker promotes homeless 'adoption' program on tour

■ **HE WILL BE SPEAKING TODAY AT 6 P.M.**

By **NATHAN BEAM**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Wood paneling, shag carpet and a plastic pantry frame the interior of the van-turned-home. To some, the 1994 Ford Econoline is a mere vehicle, but to some homeless people in Florida, it is a beacon of hope.

From his van, James Barnett, 24 is introducing Adopt-A-Jesus, a homeless adoption program, to Gainesville.

"The idea behind Adopt-A-Jesus is simple," Barnett said. "One group in the community finds a homeless person in need and helps them out."

Barnett is traveling on a cross-country speaking tour for the next year and is speaking at the Wesley Foundation today at 6 p.m.

The program is one way Barnett invites people to get involved in their community.

Those who "adopt" a homeless person are asked to invest in that person's life over meals, conversations and basic provision of their needs.

"It really isn't that complicated," Barnett said. "There is no law on how a community is supposed to

love someone."

Barnett has developed a process for choosing the homeless in the program. He chooses homeless people who he finds would best fit into the program and invites them to be adopted — people who are determined to better their lives and are unlikely to get in trouble with law. Those who are interested go through a brief interview process, and those accepted are offered for adoption at the places he speaks.

Sam Shepherd, 20, adopted a homeless man with his Bible study.

"It's great," Shepherd said. "We've already been out to lunch with him, and it's been surprising. I always thought things like this would be hard, but if anything, it's taught me that people are people."

As Barnett continues his speaking tour, he wants to be clear about one thing.

"It comes down to community, not convenience," he said.

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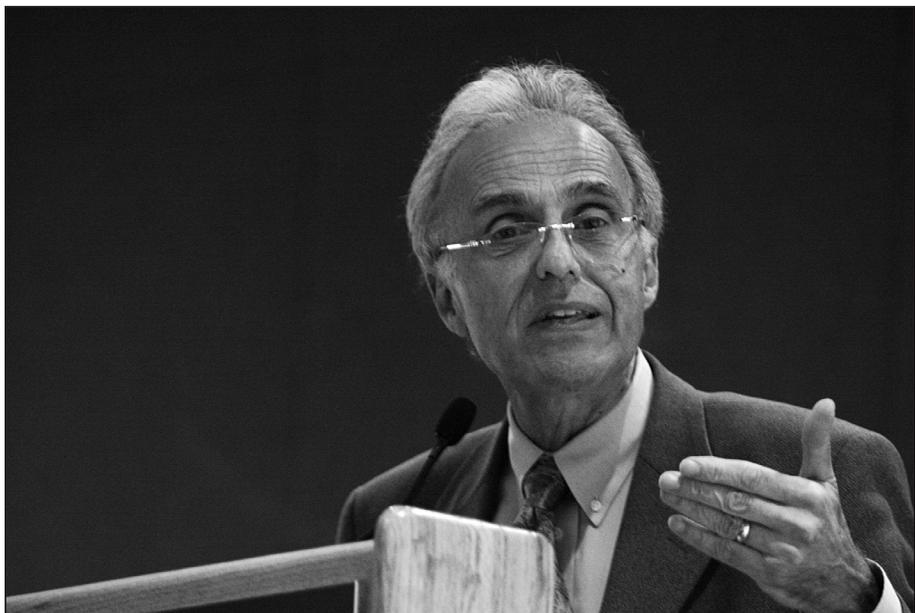
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John Esposito, author and professor of Islamic Studies and International Affairs at Georgetown University, lectures to a crowd in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

Author speaks about Islam

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
Alligator Writer

Islam-American relations have not improved since Sept. 11, and they are only getting worse, said John Esposito during a speech Tuesday night at the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom.

Unless government officials make drastic changes to U.S. foreign policy, a peaceful solution between Islamic nations and America will not come for a long time, said Esposito, an author and Georgetown professor.

He spoke to a crowd of about 250 students and addressed whether Islam represents a threat to the United States.

"Islam is no more a threat than any mainstream religion is a threat," he said.

Esposito addressed topics such as Sept. 11, U.S. foreign policy and media perceptions of Islam.

The prevailing U.S. perceptions of Islam are unfairly skewed because Sept. 11 caused some

Americans to judge all Muslims based on the actions of a few extremists, he said.

This is akin to judging all Catholics by the Spanish Inquisition, Esposito said.

"All religions have a transcendent side and a dark side," he said. "Any religion can be translated darkly."

Only 7 percent of worldwide Muslims are potential extremists, he said, but unless the U.S. changes its policies toward Islamic countries, the number of potential extremists could increase.

The problems created by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are persisting and getting worse, he said.

The American forces in the Middle East are inciting anti-American sentiment instead of winning the hearts and minds of Muslims, Esposito said.

"American military presence needs to be pulled out as fast as it can occur," he said.

Accent paid Esposito \$8,500 for the lecture. For more information, see alligator.org

NATIONAL Officer's killer executed

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida death row inmate was executed Tuesday for the slaying of a state wildlife officer more than 25 years ago.

Martin Edward Grossman, 45, died at 6:17 p.m. at Florida State Prison, a spokesman for Gov. Charlie Crist said. Earlier Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to block the execution.

Grossman was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of 26-year-old Margaret "Peggy" Park, who was shot with her own gun Dec. 13, 1984.

Before the execution began, Grossman made a brief statement: "I would like to extend my heartfelt remorse to the victim's family."

After expressing regret, he added, "I accept responsibility."

He prayed briefly in Hebrew, then closed his eyes. He was pronounced dead 15 minutes later.

Grossman was the 69th person executed in Florida since the death penalty was reinstated here in 1979. He was the 25th by lethal injection, the fifth executed under Crist and the first in 2010.

Authorities said Grossman beat Park

with a flashlight and shot her in the back of her head after she found the then-19-year-old and 17-year-old Thayne Taylor with a stolen handgun while she was patrolling a wooded area in Pinellas County. Grossman, who was on probation for a burglary, asked Park to not turn him in, but she radioed the sheriff's office.

Park managed to fire a wild shot with her gun and kick Taylor in the groin, but Grossman wrestled away the gun and fired a shot into the back of Park's head.

Two weeks later, authorities arrested Grossman and Taylor.

Grossman was convicted in October 1985 and sentenced to death. Taylor was convicted of third-degree murder.

The victim's sister, Betsy, witnessed the execution, along with her 79-year-old mother, Peggy Park, and brother, Stephen Park.

Afterward, reading from a statement, Betsy Park said, "We came here today hoping for closure and an end to the years of reminders of how Peggy died overshadowing our memories of how she lived. I believe we realized that hope today."



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Accident on 13th Street
A pedestrian is moved to an ambulance after being hit by a car while crossing 13th Street Tuesday. Details on the pedestrian's condition were unavailable.

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PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS 

Police discuss plans at meeting

■ PRESENTERS EXPRESSED NEED FOR COMMUNITY AID IN PREVENTING CRIME.

By **ALLYSON FOX**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville Police Department Chief Tony Jones wants city residents to understand a couple of things.

First, Jones wants Gainesville residents to know they play a critical role in preventing crime.

Secondly, Jones wants local citizens to know that as chief he promises to do everything in his power to reduce crime in Gainesville.

The Gainesville Police Department addressed its recent reorganization and changes it has made in order to better serve the community.

About a dozen citizens attended the meeting Tuesday evening at the Gainesville Police 2010 presentation, held at the Westside Park recreation center.

"I knew change was needed at GPD," Jones said.

Local News Jones added that sergeants will now work as a team with the police officers.

Previously, the sergeants were on different shifts.

"We've got to work in partnership," Jones said.

In addition, GPD is anticipating budget cuts, so it needs an increasing amount of community aid in preventing crime.

Currently, GPD has a class for volunteers called the Citizen's Academy, which is designed to engage residents in their community.

"The end result is volunteers will work in the police department," said Capt. Ed Book.

The volunteers will use skills they already have in order to serve their community. Tasks will require grant-writing and clerical skills.

GPD hopes that eventually citizens on patrol will be able to identify and prevent crimes, Book said.

Barbara Ruth, Stephen Foster Neighborhood Association president, said she decided to attend the presentation to have a better understanding of GPD's changes.

"It seems like a very positive thing is happening," Ruth said. "I think the new chief is doing some good things."

Editorial

Frivolous Fliers

SG should stop wasteful distribution of fliers

The Editorial Board always loves when it gets the chance to call Student Government out on yet another thing it's done that is stupid and completely useless.

And today is certainly no different than any other occasion.

We couldn't help but laugh at the Student Senate's newest installment of ridiculous resolutions with no point whatsoever.

For all of you who don't know what that is, have no fear: A resolution is the Senate's official opinion on something.

That's right, it does absolutely nothing.

And on a side note, stop passing resolutions. They don't do anything, and contrary to popular belief, no one cares what your opinion is.

Additionally, half the things you make resolutions about you have absolutely no control over. (The resolution that advocated of a two-state solution in the Gaza conflict anyone?)

If the United Nations can't even help, UF's SG certainly won't do anything.)

But seriously, you guys really passed a resolution talking about possible methods of campaigning in a sustainable way?

We mean, we get it; it was obviously a dig from both parties that were made at the other parties because of last week's mysterious flier incident.

For those of you who don't follow our SG election coverage religiously, we'll give you a summary: Fliers with the Unite Party symbol and the word "obey?" written below the Unite symbol, which mocked some of Unite's brainless drones, were placed on cars on Fraternity and Sorority rows. Regardless of who made the fliers and who put them on the cars, when it comes down to it, all of you are being wasteful.

Just take a short stroll along campus, and you'll definitely see that a vast majority of your beloved fliers with your candidates' mugs on them wind up in trashcans or on the ground.

That doesn't seem very sustainable to us.

Furthermore, you all just wasted even more paper writing this stupid resolution and having a hundred copies made of it so you and your "frienemies" are able to discuss it and vote on it.

That doesn't seem very sustainable either.

So instead of using your pretty, glossy paper, make some signs to hang in Turlington Plaza.

And if you insist on keeping the fliers, take a page from the Alligator's book and use recycled paper or consider handing out those fliers near a recycling bin so people can throw them in there instead of on the ground when they inevitably decide not to read them.

That way, when students are done pretending to look at them so you'll leave them alone, they can throw them in there instead of the trashcans.

We get that recycled paper isn't the prettiest and is even a little dingy, but it works for us.

After all, more people are reading this editorial than your flier right now.

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Column

America should focus on education

The United States is a country that, while undoubtedly a strong and immensely powerful leader in many areas of global society, faces several serious issues as it pushes forward into the future. Beyond issues such as ongoing wars, steady unemployment and reality TV shows giving birth to other, far worse reality TV shows, one specific issue rises above the rest in its level of importance and the amount of immediate action we must take to combat its potential effects. This issue is a growing ignorance by a majority of our population toward confronting and solving the major problems and questions facing our nation today. This ignorance is being supported by an overall lack of resolve and patience, partisan bickering and a tendency for the national consciousness to be distracted and concerned with issues of far lesser importance.

It arises from the materialistic and media-driven culture we live in, a culture created from the 24-hour news cycle and the ever-expanding reach of technology. It is defined and enforced by an invasive media presence, social networking sites and an obsessive fascination with celebrity and popular culture. Through the advancements and abuse of technology, we have created another realm into which people can immerse themselves and forget about the real problems that face the world. It is too alarmist to say that no one pays attention to the dire issues and problems, such as global warming, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and international economic malaise. There are obviously a veritable army of experts who are handling these matters, but I feel that we should engage topics of national importance on an individual level and not become lost in our daily lives.

However, a growing majority of Americans are slipping into an electronically induced "social coma," which has taken away their eyes, ears and ability to think for



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themselves. News outlets regulate and disperse news, but too often they focus on the scandal, the sensational or anything that brings in the ratings. Somewhere Tiger Woods is nodding his head. In consumer-driven America, the truth is slimmed down, parceled out in five-minute news blocks and drowned out among biased reports from all sides.

And while the Internet has brought an unprecedented amount of information to people's fingertips, social networking sites, which receive traffic in the millions each day, have allowed people to create a world of their own while forsaking real issues that are right outside their front door. Time and energy is being lost on these endeavors as the minutiae of daily life have now gained this over-inflated sense of appeal and worth. I miss the days when I didn't know what my high school teacher thought of Avatar or what type of animal my friend found wandering on his virtual farm. We must look past the events of our own lives and form a greater coalition to solve the great problems of our age.

This social coma that has overtaken so many can only be lifted, in my opinion, through greater funding toward proper education of the youth; more emphasis on relevant areas of life, such as international relations or national governance; and a greater focus on the true reality of our increasingly precarious situation as a global leader in a dangerous world. Will all of these things be achieved in the near future and allow for this veil to be lifted? According to the Facebook poll I just completed, they will not.

Joshua Lee is a political science sophomore. His column appears every other Wednesday.

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Are you annoyed with the Student Government flier distribution?

Tuesday's question:

Does the Genocide Awareness Project have a place on campus?

45% YES

55% NO

74 TOTAL VOTES

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Letters to the Editor

Letter about Student Alliance party's name failed to mention Unite's history

Ryan Scott's letter to the editor Tuesday stated that "as much as changing the name and logo of a party can be aesthetically pleasing, it doesn't hide the fact that the party is Orange and Blue 2.0."

So, he's basically saying that the Student Alliance party changed its name to cover up some former indiscretion in hopes that no one would notice, right? That sounds really familiar.

Oh, wait. Remember those e-mails between top Gator Party officials that talked about how to keep the Orange and Blue Party from getting certain Senate appointments and committee assignments?

It turns out the Gator Party was so unhappy about those e-mails being leaked that it tried to steal all the Alligator newspapers that morning to prevent the student body from reading about it. That was followed up with a bombardment of anti-Orange and Blue Party fliers titled "Lies," for which it subsequently apologized.

It's no surprise that the semester after that politically damaging scandal, the Gator Party changed its name to the Unite Party. So, I find it funny that Student Alliance party is being unjustly accused of something the Unite/Gator Party has actually done fairly recently because that happened only a little over a year

ago. I guess some people are quick to forget.
Aida Bibart
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Unite should stop lashing out at critics

Why does the Unite Party get so outraged whenever it is criticized?

Most people would agree with the fairly expressed criticism of the Unite Party.

It takes thousands in student money for personal perks like student-subsidized meal cards, parking decals and cell phone plans.

It rushed to impose a big Reitz Union fee (not covered by Bright Futures) on every student without telling anyone the total cost of the proposal or how long it will last.

It completely dropped the ball on protecting Bright Futures, putting its faith in weekend trips to Tallahassee (totally fruitless) and in paying an inept lobbyist (who evidently spends more time working for his other clients in the insurance industry than for us).

Yet whenever someone calls out the Unite Party with reasonable criticism, it sends out its people to personally attack anybody who disagrees with them. In the past few days, it has said that its opponents want the Reitz Union to crumble (when in fact all its opponents disagreed with was a massive fee) and even compared its political rivals to serial killers.

This is America. While the Unite Party may feel threatened by those who disagree,

it should at least tone down its absurd, overblown rhetoric and stop lashing out at its opponents.

TJ Boyd
3EG

Student Body candidate broke regulation

I am fairly new to Student Government, having served as a student senator representing Beaty Towers for merely a semester. Yet I've taken it upon myself to learn the necessary rules and regulations when it comes to elections and campaigning. Evidently, Ben Cavataro has not. A couple days ago, Ben Cavataro went door-to-door in The Estates apartment complex. Going door-to-door is not only an inconvenience to those who live in the complexes, but it is also a clear violation of election codes. Ben Cavataro should know this. Such a blatant disregard for the rules is probably why he was recommended for disqualification by the Election Commission when he first ran for office. Anyone who chronically violates the rules that guarantee the fairness of our democratic process, as Ben Cavataro did, should not be running for office.

How could someone with no regard for the political process be running for Student Body president? I am deeply troubled by Cavataro and his party's disregard for these essential rules. I was under the impression that Cavataro was an experienced former senator. Ap-

parently, he has been out of the Senate so long that he has forgotten how SG operates. Whoever wins this election should win it fairly by following the rules, not by cheating.

Hayley Plant
UF freshman

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Editorial misrepresented demonstration

The "Fear Factor" editorial in Monday's Alligator labeled the anti-abortion Genocide Awareness Project in the headline as "anti-choice ... ineffective, distasteful".

Although the large photographs are unpleasant to view, the project is very effective at portraying the distasteful choice of abortion. Yes, abortion is legal in America today, just as slavery was legal in the United States and the Holocaust was legal in Hitler's Germany. The "bloody photographs of abortions gone wrong" (quite a redundant phrase) are accurate images of the victims of typical abortions, and they frequently change viewers' minds. For proof, visit AbortionNo.org and click on Changed Minds/Abortion Regrets Testimonies. While other bloody medical procedures are performed to heal and extend lives, every abortion is performed to harm and end the life of an unborn baby.

Michael A. Schrimsher
Florida director, Center for Bioethical Reform

Guest column

Student Alliance party represents necessary change in politics

"It's time." That simple phrase means more than just a great video produced by the Student Alliance party. It represents a fundamental change from politics as usual in Student Government. When 80 percent of students do not vote in SG elections, it's not hard to wonder why they feel SG is out of touch at best and disingenuous at worst when it comes to hearing student voices.

It's time for students to receive real information about the proposed Reitz Union fee. This fee will not be covered by Bright Futures or Florida Prepaid. This fee is being forced upon students in the middle of the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. This fee is being imposed for an uncertain and undisclosed amount of time. The Unite Party and the Reitz Union Board of Managers (composed of Unite Party appointees) wholeheartedly endorse and support reaching into your wallet when other sources of funding, such as Florida's Capital Improvements Trust Fund, are available. Alarmingly, the Unite Party is actively promoting confusion about the facts of the fee. They claim the fee is for

Rafael A. Yaniz Speaking Out

\$42.5 million in "repairs" to the Reitz Union while quietly sneaking in that they want to construct a more than \$80 million dollar expansion to the Reitz Union. That adds up to more than \$120 million they expect students to pay for at the end of the day.

The Student Alliance party believes that by enacting simple waste-cutting measures in the SG budget, and by reaching out to alternative sources of funding, we can pay for the repairs to the Reitz Union at no additional student cost. Reaching into students' wallets as the first course of action is unacceptable and just plain wrong, especially in our tough economic times. In addition to redirecting mismanaged funds from the SG budget, the Student Alliance party will work with the University Athletics Association and prominent alumni to increase student organization space in the Reitz Union without an egregious fee being imposed on the Student Body. One proposal from the Student Alliance party involves moving the Reitz Union Hotel to the half-constructed building across

from the stadium on University Avenue. This relocation will free up two floors' worth of space in the current Reitz Union while maintaining the service of the hotel, increasing revenues for the union and SG. The Unite Party and the current administration have called imposing this unnecessary fee increase and expansion project their "legacy." But let me be clear: The only "legacy" this fee increase will leave is a legacy of debt.

It's time for SG to work on behalf of students and student organizations. Student Alliance party has more than 70 meaningful and well-explained ideas on its platform. You can visit www.ufstudentalliance.com to learn about how we plan on protecting your wallet, protecting your Bright Futures and giving student organizations the ability to meaningfully increase their budgets. At the end of the day, your vote does matter, and you do have a choice. You can stand by as more money is taken out of your pocket, or you can take two minutes on Feb. 23 or 24 to make your voice heard in SG.

Rafael A. Yaniz is the the Student Alliance candidate for Student Body treasurer.

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Student scarfs five pounds of ice cream

By **EMILY MORROW**
Alligator Writer

Some brought their own spoons, some brought hot water, but they all brought an appetite.

Fifteen students representing different UF organizations showed up at The Caffeine Bar at Ben & Jerry's to compete in the first Vermonster Challenge Tuesday night in front of a crowd of more than 300.

The participants raced to be the first to finish Ben & Jerry's Vermonster – a 14,000-calorie ice cream creation with 20 scoops of ice cream, four bananas, one brownie, 10 scoops of nuts and eight scoops of toppings, all topped with whipped cream.

The rules were simple: Finish all of the ice cream, and if you throw up, you're out.

Sigma Phi Epsilon's Kurt Gielow was victorious Tuesday evening, finishing his five pounds of ice cream in about 13 minutes.

Contestants had different strategies to prepare for the eat-a-thon. About five said they starved themselves and one said he ate Chinese before competing.

The competitors from TriGators and UF Wrestling club were the only other two contestants to finish their ice cream, placing second and third respectively. Both received \$20 gift cards to Ben & Jerry's.

The winning organization received a trophy and \$250 from Ben & Jerry's.

Ben & Jerry's gave Gielow a \$50 gift card for conquering The Vermonster in the fastest time.

At least five competitors were disqualified for throwing up.



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Andree Koop, representing the UF Tri-Gators triathlon team, holds his empty Vermonster container. Koop finished second overall in the Ben & Jerry's Vermonster Eating Contest on Tuesday night.

UF study will determine if compound helps older adults

■ THE COMPOUND IS FOUND IN WINE.

By **SARAH JACKSON**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A new study by UF researchers is testing to see if resveratrol, a compound commonly found in red grapes, produces benefits in older adults.

The purpose of RIPE Trial, Resveratrol for Improved Performance in the Elderly Trial, is to see if the compound is safe for humans to consume, said Todd Manini, Ph.D. and co-principal investigator of the study.

"It's a powder compound, similar to vitamins that you would find in a drug store," Manini said.

Resveratrol is an antioxidant thought to rescue adults from the impairments of old age,

he said. The compound may help adults reduce their fatigue and improve their memory.

In previous studies, scientists found the compound was safe for animals and improved their memory. The trial will monitor participants' memories with MRI scans to see how the blood is redistributed after three months, he said.

If the compound helps cells produce more

energy, it may help adults have a stronger memory, too, he said. Participants will take the supplement for three months, and the researchers will follow participants for an extra month to see if there are any side effects, he said. Although resveratrol is found in red wine, the study has nothing to do with red wine, Smith said.

"If that was the case, we would have people pounding on our door," Manini said.

Capture, arrest of taliban leader a new blow to insurgents

White House would not confirm the capture

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD — The capture of the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 commander by a joint CIA and Pakistani team dealt a fresh blow to insurgents under heavy U.S. attack and raised hopes that Pakistani security forces

are ready to deny Afghan militant leaders a safe haven.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's arrest in the Pakistani port city of Karachi may also push other insurgent leaders thought to be sheltering on this side of the border toward talks with the Afghan government

— a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

Baradar, in his late 40s, was the second in command behind Taliban founder Mullah Mohammad Omar and was said to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the organization's leadership council, which is

believed based in Pakistan. He was a founding member of the Taliban and is the most important figure of the hardline Islamist movement to be arrested in the war.

Baradar, who also functioned as the link between Mullah Omar and field commanders, has been in detention for more than 10 days and was talking to interrogators, two

Pakistani intelligence officials said Tuesday. One said several other suspects were also captured in the raid. He said Baradar had provided "useful information" to them and that Pakistan had shared it with their U.S. counterparts. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Engineering and Science Fair draws about 450



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Shaina Rosenauer, a UF chemical engineering student, freezes a mixture of heavy cream, sugar and chocolate syrup using liquid nitrogen to make ice cream.

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A Mars rover model, robots and bowls of ice cream chilled with liquid nitrogen were some of the exhibits at the Engineering and Science Fair, known as the E-Fair, Monday and Tuesday.

The fair, which attracted about 450 people to the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, included students from local elementary schools, middle schools and an after-school program.

The fair had about 33 booths sponsored by UF clubs and research organizations and hoped to encourage children to pursue science-oriented careers, said Robert Williams, an industrial and systems engineering junior.

Williams said it's important for students to have an idea of what they want to study before making their college plans.

Anthony Moore, a seventh-grader at Howard Bishop Middle School, wants to be a mechanical engineer. He marveled at a solar-powered car on display but thinks one day he'll be able to make

an even better robot.

"Probably when my time comes along there will be more advanced technology," Anthony said.

Three-year-old Daniel Dickrell also has an idea about his future.

He's debating between a job as a pilot and a job as Buzz Lightyear.

"Probably when my time comes along there will be more advanced technology."

Anthony Moore

Howard Bishop Middle School seventh grader

The fair is not just an opportunity for students to form career plans. It's also a chance for scientists and students to have a little fun.

Paul Muri, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, said the fair gives scientists the chance to make their research available to students.

"Information is just out in the open," Muri said.

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Company sells T-shirts and totes

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tive to mainstream products.

"I knew I wanted to do something that would inspire people and uplift the world," he said.

The company, whose concept took about a year and a half to develop, uses handmade designs on T-shirts made from organic cotton and bamboo. The company also sells tote bags.

The prices of the shirts range from about \$15 to \$25, while the tote bags cost \$6.

The biggest challenge for the business is making the company's name known as it competes with more mainstream products, Griffin said.

"Think about how much Nike and Adidas spend on advertising—that's hard to compete against," he said. "I think the product lends itself to people as opposed to people lending itself to the product."

Building the business has cost about

\$2,000, he said.

Jill Casey, who bought three shirts and one bag from Griffin's company, likes the design and the feel of the T-shirts.

"I love them," Casey said. "I wear them all the time when it's warm outside," she said.

"I knew I wanted to do something that would inspire people and uplift the world."

Lance Griffin
UF senior

Griffin is holding a "Dream-a-Design" contest for which his company is accepting T-shirt ideas.

Profits from the sales of the selected shirt will go toward funding sustainable agricultural systems in developing countries.

For more information about the product, visit the company Web site at www.breathesmilelove.com.



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Paynes Paintbrush

Three onlookers watch the sun rise over Paynes Prairie on Tuesday.

Student Government spring ballot will have three referendum questions

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said.

Charles said it is important for students to know about the questions before they vote so they can educate themselves about the issues.

"I think it's extremely important that students take an active

interest in them so they know what they're voting and how it will be affecting not only the UF community, but the Student Body in general," Charles said.

Charles said students should take time to educate themselves about the Reitz Union fee and the other questions on the ballot so they can make an informed decision on election day.

She said a student fee would not be the sole source of funding for the renovations.

It could be supplemented by other sources of funding, such as Capital Improvement Trust Funds.

Jonathan Ossip, Senate leader for the Student Alliance party,

agreed that students should have a voice, especially on issues such as the Reitz Union fee.

Ossip said the Student Alliance party favors exploring alternatives to the student fee, including redirecting about \$1 million in SG funding to help fund the renovation.

"You know to go straight into students' pockets first is really not

acting in their best interests," he said.

There will also be one question regarding the Student Body Constitution.

The constitutional amendment would change the appointment time for summer replacement senators and amend election laws

Staff writer Carolyn Tillo contributed to this article.

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ACROSS

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Whole TCNTAI
 5. Rejoice jubilantly LUXTE
 6. Male duck KRAED
 7. Ornamental band LAMTER

DOWN

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. 1984 movie NACIME
 2. Loud sound DNTRUHE
 3. Boos and hisses TLACACL
 4. Guide RDEITC

CLUE: Type of ending.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○

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New Kitchen / Huge Yard
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★★Sorority Row Area★★

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Completely Remodeled
W/D inc. Spiral Staircase
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4-21-52-2

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2/1, W/D, Granite Countertops
Hardwood Floors & Fireplace
Huge Bedrooms.Covered parking
\$1300/mo
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4-21-52-2

★★Large 5 Bedrm House★★

1 full & 3-1/2 baths
Plant Atriums, Unique floorplan, W/D
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From \$300 - \$450/mo incl water. No pets.
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3035 3-2-10-20-2

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A/C, W/D, \$1,250 + util. Avail. Aug. 275-
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W/D. \$980/mo. Irene Larsson Mgmt Service
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2 For Rent unfurnished

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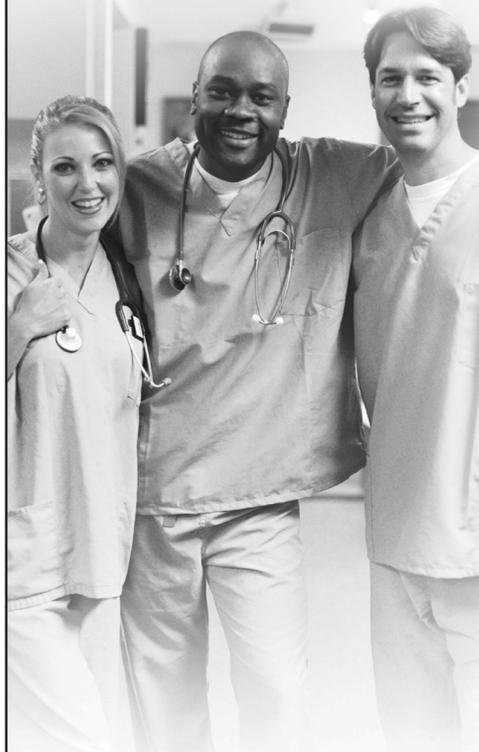
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 15 Chaplin's last wife
 16 Road for Pilate
 17 "That's ___ trick!"
 18 Cutting-edge Motorola phone?
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 20 How some scary things go
 23 Nous minus moi?
 24 "The loneliest number," in a 1969 hit
 25 Wasted, as a chance
 29 Not subject to change
 35 "I wish!"
 37 On the calmer side
 38 Floors, briefly
 39 Wolfgang Puck's restaurant
 40 Third qtr. start
 41 Talons
 43 Male in an alley
 44 Cognac initials
 46 More work
 47 Some stilettos
 50 Not easy to see
 51 Crimson opponent
 52 Not quite oneself
 54 Activity that involves the first words of 20-, 29- and 47-Across
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 65 Be sore
 66 Take a shot
 67 Word after sing or string
 68 Nerve opening?
 69 Lose fur
 70 Common asset?

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 8 Quatre + sept
 9 With no exceptions
 10 Act nervously
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 22 Bat's prey
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 26 King ___ (Michael Jackson)
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Walker steps up to challenge Guard still learning to lead

By ADAM BERRY
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During the offseason, Billy Donovan told Erving Walker this season would be the toughest of his life.

The sophomore point guard has had his ups and downs this year, but he hasn't backed down from his coach's challenge.

"I wouldn't say the hardest. Basketball is basketball," Walker said. "It's been challenging, and I've had some rocky points and some high points, but I'd say that's just how life is in general. I'm just embracing it."

With Florida on a two-game

losing streak and entering the most critical stretch of its season, the team will lean on its 5-foot-8 point guard to lead them on the court.

The Gators will need him to be on top of his game if they hope to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time in three years.

But for the quiet, mild-mannered Walker, assuming a leadership role is still a work in progress. He has embraced the role of floor general as the starting point guard, but he has yet to take on all the responsibilities his coach wants him to.

"Your team follows and goes off your point guard," Donovan said. "Erving, in a positive sense,

has a really calm demeanor about him and is very, very under control and does not get too rattled.

"Sometimes he has got to, even in practice, show a little more intensity, some more focus, some more fire — not necessarily with his mouth, but a lot of times with his actions."

Walker has been struggling on the floor lately. His usually impressive assist-to-turnover ratio has taken a hit since UF's 61-60 loss to Tennessee, when the Volunteers rattled the point guard with pressure in a way he hadn't seen all year.

Walker has 23 assists to 21 turnovers over the Gators' five games since Jan. 31. Removing those contests, he has 106 assists to just 40 turnovers on the year.

At the beginning of the Southeastern Conference season, it seemed as if he could hardly miss from three-point range, and he shot 47 percent from the field in the Gators' first six league games.

Over the last five games, Walker cooled down a bit, making just 21 of 57 attempts from the field (37 percent).

"I try to have a short-term memory when it comes to turnovers and shooting and just go on with the next play," Walker said. "This is new to me, but so far, it's going pretty good."

"We stumbled the last few games, but we've just got to pick it back up."

Those struggles even carried over off the court last week. Walker was late to a team meeting Saturday morning and had to sit out of the starting lineup for the first time all season.

Donovan said the incident was an exception to the rule for Walker, but the coach still expects more out of someone looking to become more of a leader.

"As a point guard, he needs to understand the level of accountability he needs to have," Donovan said. "He needs to be not only there and on time, but he should be the point guard huddling these guys up talking about what we need to be doing."

"Hopefully that situation will be an opportunity for him to grow."



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UF guard Erving Walker has cooled off from the field after his hot start to SEC play, shooting just 37 percent in the last five games.

Catcher position still up for grabs

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In a game defined by box scores, Hampton Tignor's name has been near irrelevant the past two years.

The catcher's career began with promise, starting 23 games his freshman year. But in the two seasons since, he has started a total of 20 games.

Entering his final season with the Gators, Tignor is not focused on the arc of his playing career.

Rather, he enjoys mentoring freshman Austin Maddox, freshman Mike Zunino and sophomore Ben McMahan.

"I've always had players around me who were very good at bringing me along, teaching me the game and teaching me the right way to go about the game from a mental perspective," Tignor said. "I feel like that's translated into where I am today as a player."

As an underclassman, Tignor admired former Gators Matt LaPorta and Brian Jeroloman, who are now in the minor league systems of the Cleveland Indians and Toronto Blue Jays, respectively.

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Baseball

UF SOFTBALL Freshmen to contribute in Gators' home opener

By GREG LUCA
Alligator Writer

After a 3-1 start at the USF Wilson DeMarini Invitational, No. 3 Florida will be playing its home opener tonight at 5 against Jacksonville.

It will be the first game in Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium for the team's freshmen, some of whom have already made an impact.

Catcher, right fielder and designated hitter Brittany Schutte has been a force at the plate up to this point in the young season, hitting a pair of home runs and tying for the team lead with a .533 on-base percentage.

"It felt really good to start off like that, and I still have a lot of

work to do, but it's good to start the collegiate season off that way," Schutte said.

The utility player's efforts clearly impressed coach Tim



Walton

Walton, as he moved Schutte from sixth in the lineup in the Gators' first game up to fifth against Georgia Tech, and then to second in Florida's two Sunday games.

Schutte's ability to hit for power while still drawing walks gives Walton the flexibility to use her as a table-setter or

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■ The Raiders have finally come to the realization that they are never going to score many touchdowns, so they invested their money wisely, making Sebastian Janikowski the highest-paid kicker in the NFL. ... Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis again is leaving the Olympics empty-handed after being disqualified for going out of bounds. Hey, at least she didn't celebrate too early and fall again.

UF TRACK AND FIELD

■ Charlotte Browning was named SEC Female Runner of the Week on Tuesday while Jeff Demps earned SEC Male Freshman of the Week honors.

POLL RESULTS

Previous question:
Who's to blame for the Gators' rash of arrests under Urban Meyer?

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60 TOTAL VOTES

Maddox likely to see time at first base, DH instead of behind plate

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LaPorta was disciplined and self-motivated, and Jeroloman knew how to handle the diverse personalities of the pitching staff.

Tignor shares those lessons with the underclassmen, but he has more advice: Don't get too excited, and don't get too upset.

Even with a level head, a 56-game regular season can be tough to adjust to.

"The best high school teams will play 32 games total, including a state championship game," Tignor said. "We'll play 32 games in 35 days."

McMahan did not get worn down by the grind of the season last year. Instead, he had the opposite problem. McMahan said he struggled to get into a groove, batting .100 in 30 plate appearances.

But he regained confidence and improved defensively last summer while playing in the Cape Cod Baseball League, which features more than 400 college players and some of the best pitchers in the nation.

After rarely playing in 2009, McMahan hopes to surprise Southeastern Conference opponents.

"People really don't know me in the SEC too well right now," he said, "so it's my chance to step up and make a name for myself."

Working mostly at first base

in the preseason, Maddox is unlikely to crouch behind the plate. Head coach Kevin O'Sullivan said he might move sophomore Preston Tucker to right field if

Maddox proves to be a capable first baseman.

But the experiment is predicated on the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Maddox becoming a more fluid

player.

Coaches have spent the preseason improving his footwork and throwing, as Maddox said defense was not his priority in high school.

"I didn't work on it nearly as much as I should have," he said. "I've been blessed with a lot of talent, so I've just been able to go out there and do my thing and not really focus on the mechanics."

Regardless of how much Maddox's defense improves, O'Sullivan said he has found UF's cleanup hitter.

During a batting practice session two weeks ago, Maddox hit five opposite-field home runs, each one banging off the scoreboard behind the right-center field fence.

But for all their raw talent, Maddox and the other young catchers don't have the experience Tignor does.

And he can't wait to use it. Not to get himself more playing time, but to help the underclassmen improve so he can do something he never has: celebrate a championship.

"If that's not your motivation for a season, to win a ring," Tignor said, "then you're playing for the wrong reasons."



Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

UF catcher Hampton Tignor will try to win the starting catching job in his final season as a Gator, but he will also serve as a mentor for the underclassmen he is battling for the position.

Starting pitcher yet to be named for tonight's game against Jacksonville

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a run-producer.

"She's just really looked good," Walton said. "It's something I anticipated, but until you play for real, you don't know, but she was there and ready to play."

The other freshman who has worked her way into the starting lineup is Brittany Walker.

Walker has yet to start producing at the plate but has been error-free in her first four games at shortstop.

The team also has a pair of freshman pitchers who saw action in the opening tournament.

It was an up-and-down weekend for Ensley Gammel, who overcame control issues to get the win in the season opener.

But she couldn't overcome her control inconsistencies against Long Island, as she walked three and gave up a hit while recording just two outs.

"She had way too many walks and didn't give her team a chance to play defense behind her," Walton said. "Hitters are going to start hitting on her when you

can't get ahead in counts."

Fellow freshman Erin Schuppert seemed to be a steadier option in relief, throwing 6.1 scoreless innings and tallying a save in the tournament.

Schuppert also excelled in the area where Gammel struggled most, walking only a pair in her two appearances.

Despite the disparity in quality of UF's early season performances, Walton is still uncertain how he will handle the role of number two pitcher as the season contin-

ues.

"I really don't have a set plan," Walton said.

"Erin and Ensley are going to spend a lot of time splitting games, I might start one and pull her and then bring her back. They're totally, completely different pitchers, so I might move them around and shake it up a bit to make it difficult for hitters."

At this point, it is unclear whether one of the freshman pitchers or junior ace Stephanie Brombacher will start tonight's game.

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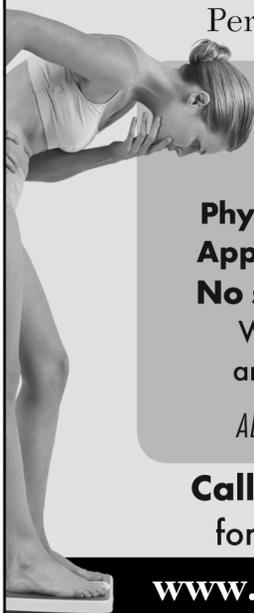
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McGwire makes return to field as batting coach

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JUPITER — Mark McGwire's No. 25 jersey is ready for duty again, hanging outside his locker stall in the St. Louis Cardinals' spring training clubhouse.

The most controversial batting instructor in the major leagues was due to arrive in Jupiter late Tuesday and could be on the field as early as today, the date for pitchers and catchers to report.

Several of his pupils are already here, including second baseman Skip Schumaker, who is among a handful of Cardinals familiar with McGwire's passion for hitting after offseason workouts with him. He's perhaps McGwire's biggest booster on the team, having worked with the slugger he grew up idolizing since 2005.

The leadoff hitter had one complaint: No longer will he have McGwire's undivided attention.

"I'm excited about it," Schumaker said. "I'm not excited I have to share him. He's helped me a whole lot the last couple of years and I'm excited to have him for a full season."

Last month, McGwire ended more than a decade of denials and evasion by admitting that he used steroids and human growth hormone as he became a home run king. Schumaker said teammates will quickly learn that McGwire, though tarred and feathered by many as a poster boy for performance-enhancing drugs and thus far locked out of the Hall of Fame despite his 583 homers, has plenty

to offer.

"He preaches consistency and not to have a roller coaster type of year, and to know your swing," Schumaker said. "He's convinced me I know my swing and he's always been super positive."

As early arrivals to camp dodged boxes during the unpacking process from the move south, no one seemed too concerned that a media circus was coming to Roger Dean Stadium, the Cardinals' spring home. Cardinals spokesman Brian Bartow did not expect a crush of national media for the official camp opening, even if McGwire suiting up appears to

be the biggest story at the outset.

"I'm sure there'll be a lot of stuff going on early, but hopefully that'll all move aside," pitcher Kyle Lohse said. "I've heard a lot of good things about him and hopefully everybody will get their work done in peace."

Big Mac's return to baseball comes just more than a month after admitting to steroids use during his dramatic power surge in the 1990s, including his then-record 70-homer season in '98. Whether his confession went far enough is up for debate

In January, the Cardinals were optimistic that McGwire would be

able to focus on his coaching debut after he submitted to a round of interviews and made two brief appearances in St. Louis. Manager Tony La Russa went beyond optimism, basically warning that McGwire would have plenty on his plate without revisiting his flawed career.

"He has been more forthcoming than anybody yet," La Russa said. "What more else is there to say? This is definitely go forward time."

Bench coach Joe Pettini said simply: "I hope we don't have to put him on display."

Undoubtedly, there will be

more questions when the 46-year-old McGwire shows up. His assertion that steroids allowed him to heal from injuries but did not offer a power boost was bothersome to many, with even general manager John Mozeliak weighing in against that notion.

Until the hubbub dies down, the clubhouse and the field will be McGwire's sanctuary. He figures to get a royal reception from players who won't judge him for any misdeeds from the past.

Several pointed out that during McGwire's heyday, pitchers had equal access to steroids.

"I'm happy I wasn't playing in that era so I didn't have to even think about it," said Joe Mather, a candidate for the Cardinals' vacant third base job. "But you can't really go back and judge somebody when you were never really there."

Growing up, Mather always wore McGwire's number.

"He was my guy," Mather said. "I'm looking forward to it, that's for sure. All I've heard is good things."

Schumaker has vivid memories of watching Cardinals games during the 1998 season when McGwire broke Roger Maris' single-season home run record during a dramatic race with Sammy Sosa, helping wipe away the lingering memories of the strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series. Looking back, he does not feel cheated.

"It was a great time for baseball and he brought baseball back," Schumaker said. "Nothing is tarnished for me. We have confidence in him, he's our hitting coach and we're excited to work with him."



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Gators head to Athens for SEC Championships

Women's team will be looking to repeat last year's win

By **MATT RUBIN**
Alligator Writer

After a long and grueling regular season, the Florida women's and men's swimming and diving teams will begin competition today in the 2010 Southeastern Conference Championship Meet.

The four-day meet, which is being hosted by Georgia in Athens, Ga., will conclude on Saturday.

The women's squad will try to defend its 2009 SEC title and win its 18th overall in school history. If successful, it would mark the first time Florida has repeated since 1995-96.

"We've got a tremendous challenge in front of us," UF coach Gregg Troy said. "Georgia is the best team in the country right now. Not only are they the best team in the country, they may be the best team ever. They are extremely deep and they're strong in every event."

Senior Gemma Spofforth is one of the women's swimmers expected to step up to the challenge for the Gators.

Spofforth, the defending SEC and NCAA champion in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke and

NCAA record holder in the 200, was the 2009 SEC Female Swimmer of the Year. Although the Gators have other returning SEC champions, they need strong showings from their young competitors.

"One of the biggest points of

emphasis will be that we have to get some good performances from our freshman swimmers like Jamie Bohunicky, Corinne Showalter and Eva Lehtonen," Troy said.

After finishing its regular season undefeated, the UF men's team will try to win its 34th SEC

title in school history and first since 1993.

"It's great to have an undefeated men's team and it's nice to know that we can match up with all the other teams in the league," Troy said. "On paper, with the race entries and times submit-

ted, we're the third-best team right now. That means we have to make up some ground and swim well the whole way through the meet."

"We've got a tremendous challenge in front of us. Georgia is the best team in the country right now. Not only are they the best team in the country, they may be the best team ever. They are extremely deep and they're strong in every event."

Gregg Troy
UF swimming coach



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UF's Shaune Fraser is the only male swimmer who won a title at last year's Southeastern Conference Championships. Fraser took home the 200-yard freestyle event in 2009.

Looking to lead the men's team is defending SEC and NCAA 200-yard freestyle champion Shaune Fraser.

Because Fraser is the only returning SEC champion for the Gators, the team will need others to rise to the challenge.

"We'll expect Omar Pinzon or Conor Dwyer to step up," Troy said.

"They've both been good for us all year long, and they should be solid contributors."

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Magic value title run more than conference seeding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — Stan Van Gundy is all but conceding the Eastern Conference's top seed to Cleveland.

Just not the title.

The Orlando Magic return after the All-Star break to play Detroit on Wednesday still struggling with continuity and consistency, 0-2 against the Cavaliers and a roster shakeup in the offseason — most notably the trade for Vince Carter — showing mixed results.

Yet the Magic are as confident as ever that the pieces for a championship are in place.

And there's no need for another major move with the trade deadline approaching because they believe nobody in the league

— not even Cleveland's LeBron-Shaq combo — can create the same sort of lineup nightmares as they can.

"I don't think we have a real matchup problem," Van Gundy said Tuesday.

Time will tell.

Even after a rocky first half filled with major injuries, illnesses and suspensions the Magic are healthier and in better position in the standings than they were a year ago en route to the NBA finals.

Their bench is deeper. Their experience has grown.

But are they actually better?

The Magic went all-in for a championship this season by making the trade for Carter from New Jersey, parting ways with Hedo Turkoglu — a 6-foot-10 point forward who gave Cleveland fits — and

sending Courtney Lee and Rafer Alston to the Nets.

Carter, much like the Magic, has been dazzling one minute and disappointing the next.

The eight-time All-Star showed flashes of his old self earlier this month after shooting a mere 28 percent in January, a big reason Orlando slumped.

Magic general manager Otis Smith has said all along that it's no time to panic — the playoffs are when his roster-reshaping moves will be judged.

"We finished the regular season third in the East last year. And we're second in the

East now," Smith said. "We can't come to the conclusion without coming to the end. It's kind of hard to say midseason it's this, that or the other."

One goal the Magic are starting to give up on is home-court advantage.

While they're 6-1 against Boston and Atlanta and second in the conference, they're seven games behind Cleveland.

Van Gundy has done the math. With 28 games left for Orlando, he said it's "not really" likely to get the No. 1 seed.

"To be honest, they'd really have to go into a little bit of a tailspin, because you're looking at having to make up one game every four," he said. "If they even played .500, you'd have to go 21-7, and the chances of them only playing .500 are pretty slim."



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