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# Sharp learning Curve

Group of sophomores to lead rotation

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Last year's group of freshmen pitchers went through it all.

Alex Panteliadis, Nick Maronde and Anthony DeSclafani immediately went from their high school graduations to a spot in a starting rotation in the Southeastern Conference.

The freshmen hurlers were part of a core of pitchers that led Florida to the NCAA Super Regionals — an experience the three will benefit from tremendously this season as sophomores.

Along the way, however, a price needed to be paid.

With the immediate playing time came moments of adversity and the old lesson of learning the hard way.

Panteliadis' first road outing against Arkansas was one of those times.

After allowing only four combined earned runs in his first two starts against teams then-No. 8 Louisville and No. 10 Miami, his confidence was sky high.

But all of that changed quickly.

"It wasn't good. It wasn't good. It was brutal, very brutal," Panteliadis said of his first road outing. "You can't even really make out what they're saying because you are just trying to block it out. I was mind-shocked."

He left the game before he could even leave his mark on the mound.

UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan pulled Pan-

teliodis after he allowed five runners to cross home plate in a little more than an inning.

After the game, he told Panteliadis that the debacle was expected.

"They had some ups and downs," O'Sullivan said. "You can coach and you can teach, but that experience is something you can't give it to them until they go through it."

The youth of the pitching staff will be on full display over this weekend.

Redshirt sophomore Tommy Toledo will get the start in tonight's season opener against USF at 6:30 in McKethan Stadium.

While freshman Brian Johnson will go on Saturday, and DeSclafani will get the nod Sunday.

Maronde has taken on a different role this year. Instead of starting, he will be coming out of the bullpen and is a candidate for the closer's position vacated by Billy Bullock.

"We're awfully young, so there's going to be some growing pains along the way," O'Sullivan said. "But they're talented and that's why we recruited them."

## Circumstances

O'Sullivan didn't have much of a choice but to start the freshmen in 2009.

Two crucial pitchers were missing from Florida's rotation at the beginning of last season.

Then-senior Stephen Locke had yet to be reinstated because of pending DUI charges which were later dropped and Toledo, who is expected to be the ace of the rotation this



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UF pitcher Nick Maronde was one of two freshmen opening weekend starters for the Gators last year along with Alex Panteliadis. Maronde finished the season as the team's leader in strikeouts (59).

season, sat out the year because of a shoulder surgery — both would have been weekend starters.

Instead, Panteliadis and Maronde took their spots in the first series of the season against a top-10 Louisville team.

From the start, they showed they belonged.

"I really don't look at it like they were freshmen last year. I really don't," O'Sullivan said. "I know a lot of people from the outside-in look at it like that, but hey, they are good."

Combined, the two didn't show any nerves as they pitched more than 12 innings and allowed two earned runs while walking only one batter in the opening series of 2009.

But as the scouting reports grew more extensive on the first-year pitchers, so did their ERAs.

"It was great for me from a pitching standpoint," Maronde said. "But I don't think I really realized what it was until the season came around and how difficult it would be."

Throughout the season, the ERAs and levels of success for the three fluctuated, but they still presented the team with some of its best outings.

Panteliadis and DeSclafani finished tied for the team-high in wins while Maronde tallied the most strikeouts last year for the Gators.

Each of the three pointed to then-senior Patrick Keating as the one who showed them the ropes.

Ironically, they surpassed the veteran in the pitching rotation due to the senior's struggles midway through the season.

Keating began the year as the team's ace but ended it in the bullpen. He only logged seven starts before his understudies took over for him.

"They earned everything that they got," O'Sullivan said. "There was nothing given to any pitcher last year."

"Patrick was an All-SEC pitcher the year before, and some of the young guys just out-pitched him — it's as simple as that. You try

to make decisions with your brain, not with your heart."

## O'Sullivan's Guys

After two top-5 recruiting classes, the team is starting to take the shape of O'Sullivan's particular mold.

The trio of sophomore pitchers is a perfect indication of that.

After nine seasons as a pitching coach at Clemson, he knows how to evaluate top talent at the position.

Since O'Sullivan arrived in 2008, the team ERA has dropped each season.

He came to a team that struggled under its previous coach, Pat McMahon, and finished with an ERA of 5.27.

But in O'Sullivan's first year, UF's team ERA fell to 4.39 and the downward trend continued last season as it fell to 4.27 — almost a whole run less than when he first arrived.

"When we first got here, our goal was to deepen the pitching staff," O'Sullivan said. "That's not done overnight."

"It takes more than one recruiting class, but we feel good about where we are at right now."

The depth of the pitching staff is its strength, as is evident from this weekend's rotation.

Johnson's emergence in his first year has given the Gators plenty of options for their rotation.

"We have five or six guys who probably could start anywhere in the country," Maronde said.

O'Sullivan's philosophy of playing the best players no matter how young they are is paying off.

The competition has increased among the pitchers, and 11 of the staff's 17 are O'Sullivan's recruits.

"Above all, he is a pitching specialist," National Scouting Coordinator for Perfect Game USA Allan Simpson said. "He's been around, and his reputation as a pitching coach is pretty established, and high school coaches send their players to him because they know he really knows his pitching."

His resume demands respect, too.

"I really trust him and his judgment and what he is going to say to make me and the rest of the pitching staff better," DeSclafani said.

But the most impressive thing is the development of the pitchers.

The five freshmen arms already look at sophomores Maronde, Panteliadis and DeSclafani as leaders and mentors.

"He knows how to scout and recruit pitchers, and he just knows how to develop them," Simpson said. "He has a good track record for taking a rock and putting the finishing touches on it."

## Growth

From the start, the trio has been on a fast track.

This year they are taking on a new role on the team: leaders.

With such a new group of arms, the sophomores have been forced to the forefront once again — this time to guide the newcomers along.

"I definitely try to help the younger guys," Maronde said. "One of coach O'Sullivan's big things is leadership, so I try to pass down what they taught us last year."

But they will be expected to do more than just become leaders this season.

If No. 7 Florida is going to meet expectations, the sophomores will have to make another jump in production from their freshman years.

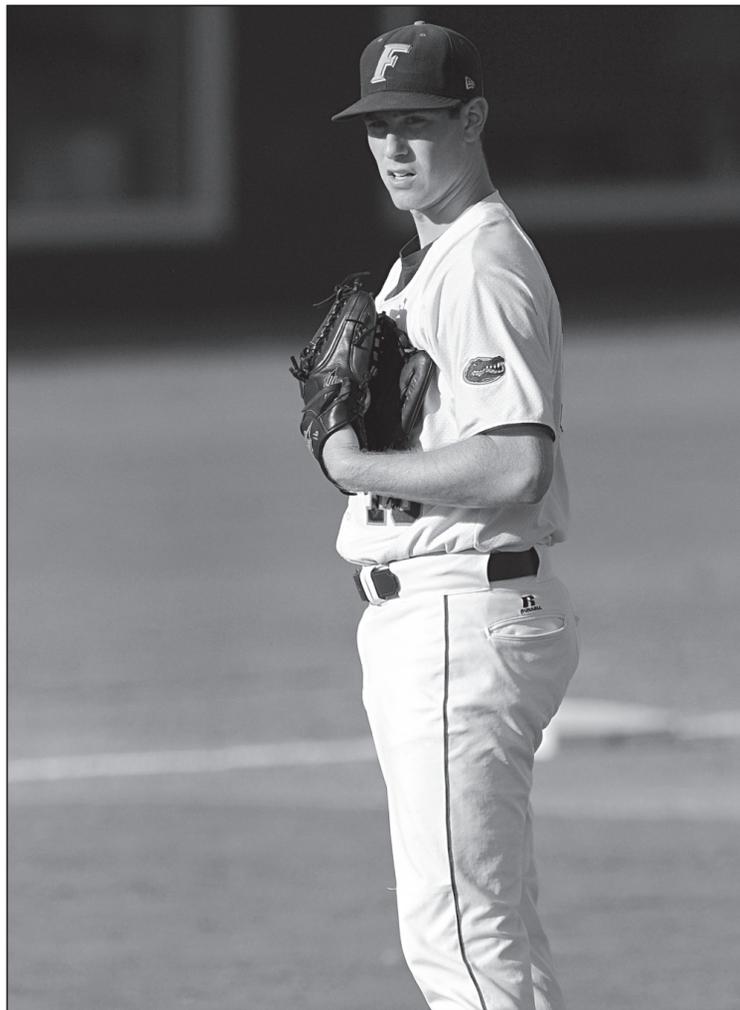
O'Sullivan said he would like to see double-digit wins and ERAs of less than 4.00 this year.

"All of these guys pitched great last year, and now they have a year under their belts, Toledo said. "They are ready to go. I think this year is going to be special."

If they don't produce, they could get a dose of their own medicine.

"They have some battles this year," O'Sullivan said. "A couple of these freshmen are pushing them."

Panteliadis, Maronde and DeSclafani wouldn't have it any other way.



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Pitcher Anthony DeSclafani didn't get the first start of his career until UF's 18th game, but it didn't take long for him to become a weekend starter.

Sophomore Pitchers			
	<b>Alex Panteliadis</b> 2009 Season 63.2 IP Record: 6-5 4.38 ERA 43 Strikeouts		<b>Nick Maronde</b> 2009 Season 61.1 IP Record: 3-1 4.40 ERA 59 Strikeouts
	<b>Anthony DeSclafani</b> 2009 Season 65.0 IP Record: 6-3 4.98 ERA 47 Strikeouts		<b>Tommy Toledo</b> 2008 Season 59.1 IP Record: 4-4 4.40 ERA 30 Strikeouts

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# Jury finds former officer not guilty of abuse



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Herbert Priester and his wife, Tabitha Priester, react to a not-guilty verdict outside the Alachua County Criminal Justice Center on Thursday afternoon.

■ HE FACED CHARGES OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF HIS 2-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER.

By **MINCH MINCHIN**  
 Alligator Writer

After nearly two weeks of testimony, Herbert Priester, a former Gainesville policeman charged with abuse and neglect of his infant daughter, has been found not guilty of both charges.

According to Chief Assistant State Attorney Jeanne Singer, Priester became frustrated with his then 2-month-old daughter and squeezed her, breaking six of her ribs and injuring several of her internal organs in January 2007.

Priester said the family's 75-pound Dutch shepherd, Bandit, caused the injuries.

According to testimonies last week, Bandit had a history of "erratic" behavior, including once consuming several square feet of leather couch upholstery and tearing up a doll.

But prosecuting attorney Sean Brewer was not convinced.

"[The dog attack] may be possible, but it sure as heck isn't reasonable," he said in his closing statement.

State attorneys said after Priester assaulted the baby, he forced Bandit's jaws open and dragged his teeth across the infant's torso to create the impression of a dog attack.

"It's been a long three years. When you have the truth on your side, it makes things easier."

**Herbert Priester**  
 former policeman

Upon hearing the not-guilty verdict from Circuit Judge Ysleta W. McDonald, Priester dropped his face to the table and began to weep.

"It's been a long three years," Priester said, moments after the decision. "When you have the truth on your side, it makes things easier."

Priester's daughter, now 3, is healthy.

Bandit remains in Gainesville with different owners.

## SPECIAL REPORT

# Ruling favors free speech

By **SAMANTHA DELGADO**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF sophomore received a status update on a lawsuit her mother filed in 2007 against her high school principal.

A federal judge ruled Katherine Evans can move forward with a suit she filed after her principal suspended her for creating a Facebook page critical of her high school English teacher, according to court documents found on the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida Web site.

On the Facebook page, Evans described her teacher as "the worst teacher she ever had."

Maria Kayanan, one of Evans' lawyers and the associate legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, said moving forward with the lawsuit represents a significant step for student rights related to social networking Web sites.

"It's a recognition by the court that her

speech was protected by the First Amendment, and the principal should have known that," she said.

Evans said she is hoping to have the suspension removed from her academic record.

"The case pretty much speaks for itself, and my rights were violated," she said.



Evans

According to the court documents, she hopes to be compensated for being deprived of her First Amendment rights and also hopes to receive money for attorney fees.

Students who use Facebook for academic purposes should not worry about getting in trouble for what they post, Kayanan said.

"Students' opinions of their teachers are protected, as long as they don't urge violence," Kayanan said.

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# NYT reporter visits UF

By **ROBERT IMFELD**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Andrea Elliott has told many stories in her career at The New York Times.

Before a crowd of about 150 Thursday night, she told the one that won her a Pulitzer Prize.

The reporter spent eight months at a Brooklyn mosque learning about the hardships of being a Muslim prayer leader after Sept. 11.

"I was trying to understand Islam," she told the audience at the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. "He was trying to understand America."

Earlier in the day, Elliott partici-

pated in a journalism workshop at the Reitz Union, where she answered questions about her career to about 15 people.

Elliott said she considers herself a reporter on Muslims rather than a reporter on Islam because her stories are really about the people.

Islam On Campus brought Elliott to UF as part of its Islam Awareness Month activities.

Islam on Campus paid Elliott \$5,000 for her visit, according to Ziad Ghannimi, chairman of the Islam Awareness Month committee.

■ UF point guard Erving Walker scored all of his 14 points from the free-throw line on Thursday night in the Gators' 78-70 win over Auburn in the O'Connell Center. See Story, Page 13.



## Dog 'hitches ride' in New Mexico, reunites with owner in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The dogs in New Orleans' Carnival pet parade included a pooch that hitched a ride 1,200 miles from Taos, N.M., to the city where his 26-year-old master had hitchhiked weeks earlier.

Stephan Soleas came to New Orleans for a few weeks of visits and said his 6-year-old Labrador mix, Charlie, went missing days after he left.

Charlie was found by a couple vacationing in Taos. The couple tried to find its

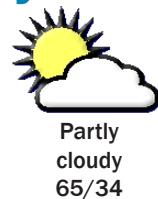
owner, but the veterinarian didn't have a microchip scanner. The couple gave up their airline tickets, rented a car and made the 3-day drive back to New Orleans with the dog.

Incidentally, they named him Charlie.

Soleas and Charlie were reunited 10 days later when Magazine Street Animal Clinic co-owner Teresa Gernon checked a microchip in the white dog's neck.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Underwater Hockey Clinic**  
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Florida Pool

Come learn how to play underwater hockey with UF's club team. The cost is \$5 for UF students and \$25 for nonstudents. It will cover food and equipment for the day. Bring your bathing suit and Gator 1 Card and learn to play this unique sport.

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## LOCAL

### Event to recruit locals for about 600 new jobs

FloridaWorks is holding a recruitment event today and Saturday to help job seekers in Alachua and Bradford counties find employment.

Applicants must have at least one child younger than 18 and fall within a specific income range that depends on family size to participate. FloridaWorks will match job seekers with potential employers.

Janeen Smith, FloridaWorks

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communications manager, said more than 600 jobs are available in Alachua and Bradford counties due to the Florida Back to Work program, which will pay for 95 percent of workers' wages until Sept. 30.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. this weekend and next at the One-Stop Career Center, located at 4800 SW 13th St. Job seekers must fill out applications prior to the event.

For the application, visit [www.floridaworksonline.com](http://www.floridaworksonline.com).

— MELINDA CARSTENSEN

## NATIONAL

### Police capture escaped zebra in downtown Atlanta

ATLANTA — An Atlanta highway turned into a circus Thursday afternoon when an escaped zebra galloped along a busy section of interstate with police in hot pursuit.

The 12-year-old animal, named Lima, was exercising outside a downtown arena for an evening show when something spooked him, said Ring-

ling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus spokeswoman Crystal Drake. The zebra broke away from his trainers and bumped up against a fence, then wriggled through an opening.

He was spotted by people in downtown Atlanta around 4:30 p.m., said Georgia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Monica Luck.

Lima led his trainers and police on a 40-minute chase through downtown to the interstate highway that cuts through the center of the city, covering well over a mile along the way. Police cruisers blocked off all southbound lanes of Interstate 75 and were able to herd the zebra over to the right shoulder and off an entrance ramp, where his trainer was on hand to capture and soothe him, Drake said.

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# New dean takes office

By **JOEY FLECHAS**  
Alligator Writer

Wearing a hot pink jacket and sipping Starbucks in Library West, Jen Day Shaw blends in with those she oversees as UF's new dean of students.

As part of her new job, she will oversee new student programs and help solve conflicts between students. "I'm very excited," she said. "In my field, this is the pinnacle."

Day Shaw arrived in Gainesville Saturday to prepare for her first day Monday.

While her husband and two children remain in North Carolina until

the end of the school year, Day Shaw is immersed in the student experience.

She lives in a residence hall and walks to work in the morning.



Shaw

"It's actually very quiet, very relaxed," she said.

Day Shaw said one of her main goals will be to address the needs of students in distress. Whether it's dealing with students suffering from abuse or comforting hospitalized students, Day Shaw wants to make sure everyone knows they can count on their dean.

# SG parties spar at debate

■ ABOUT 60 PEOPLE ATTENDED.

By **CJ PRUNER**  
Alligator Writer

In a final attempt to reach voters before election day, representatives from the Unite Party and the Student Alliance party met Thursday at the UF Hillel to debate about platforms.

Speaking for about an hour, members from both sides addressed key platform points, including a proposed student fee to fund the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union. About 60 people attended.

Ashton Charles, the Unite Party candidate for spring Student Body president, said the UF Student Body has outgrown the current student union, and new renovations will accommodate more student groups.

Rafael Yaniz, the Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body treasurer, countered that the proposed fee is fiscally irrespon-

sible and not in the best interests of the Student Body.

"We're in the worst economic recession of our times," Yaniz said. "It's not only wrong, it's immoral to go to the students [for more money]."

"It's not only wrong; it's immoral to go to the students [for more money]."

**Rafael Yaniz**

Student Alliance candidate for Student Body treasurer

Unite Party spokesman Ben Meyers praised both sides for engaging in a civil discussion and expressed confidence in the Unite Party's favorable relationship with the Student Body.

"Once students get involved, they will see what the party with experience can do," Meyers said. "When we say something on our platform, we mean it."

**HIPPODROME THEATRE**

# DEFIANCE

BY JOHN PATRICK SHANLEY  
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charity event

Seven-year-old Phoenix Fox was born happy, healthy and strong. During a routine check-up, doctors found a heart murmur. Three months later, Phoenix was diagnosed with Pompe disease, a rare type of muscular dystrophy. Today, although there is treatment, Phoenix must rely on a ventilator to live and is hoping for a cure.

Phoenix Fox Trot is a charity event to raise money for additional research to find a cure for Pompe disease. All of the proceeds will go to the Phoenix Fox Research Fellowship.

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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# Parties spend about 15K on spring election

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**  
Alligator Writer

With elections four days away, the Unite Party and the Student Alliance party are starting to wrap up their campaign spending.

According to financial reports, the Unite Party spent \$1,461.29 on campaign supplies during the week of Feb. 8. The party spent \$10,256.92 during the week of Feb. 1.

The Student Alliance party spent \$3,582.36 from Feb. 1 to Feb. 8 and spent \$553.33 during the week of Feb. 8.

Throughout the campaign, both parties have spent the majority of their money on T-shirts.

The Unite Party has spent \$10,050.21 on shirts, and the Student Alliance party spent \$2,900.

Stickers and fliers also ranked among the parties' most expensive purchases.

The Unite Party spent \$997.50 on stickers and \$43.24 on fliers, according to finance reports.

The Student Alliance party spent \$320.25 on fliers, according to campaign finance reports.

Ben Meyers, spokesman for the Unite Party, said the party will purchase water and snacks for the campaigners during the next week.

"I predict that, overall, we'll be

spending less as the election approaches because we already have most of our supplies and made most of our big expenditures," Meyers said.

The parties are continuing to accept donations from candidates and supporters.

From Feb. 8 to Feb. 14, the Unite Party collected \$3,530, according to campaign finance records.

**"The center of our campaign is always going to be issues affecting the Student Body."**

**Ben Cavaturo**

Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body president

From Feb. 7 to Feb. 15, the Student Alliance party collected \$698.

Ben Cavaturo, the Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body president, said his party realizes it will be outspent during next week's election.

"We're going to be outspent in this election, but we've always felt that money isn't the most important thing. We've had a good deal of small donors, including people who aren't even candidates," Cavaturo said. "We need money to run a campaign, but money is never going to be the center of our campaign. The center of our campaign is always going to be issues affecting the Student Body."

# Rep. Meek rallies students

By **MATT HARRINGER**  
Alligator Writer

While many high-profile celebrities and politicians come to UF to give speeches, Miami Rep. Kendrick Meek visited campus Thursday to have a discussion with students.

"I thought it'd be better served to answer questions than make a speech," Meek said. "I can take this discussion to D.C. and bring some perspective."

About 30 students and local activists gathered in the Reitz Union for the campaign rally.

It was the Democratic congressman's fifth visit to UF since announcing his campaign for Senate in January 2009.

Education, which has been a central part of Meek's campaign, was the most popular topic among the students.

The representative said when the legislature and governor changed the Bright Futures Scholarship Program and tuition rates this year, it was a "bait and switch" for students.

"Kids held their end of the deal by getting the grade point average to be eligible for Bright Futures," Meek said. "To pull the carpet out from under them now, when some students can't afford to make up the difference, is almost like a double tuition hike."

Education has always been an important issue for Meek.

In 2002, he spearheaded efforts to pass

the Florida Class Size Amendment.

Meek was also critical of FCAT.

In the third grade, he found out he was dyslexic and said a test like FCAT would have hurt his education.

"One size doesn't fit all, and that's my problem with the FCAT," he said.

Dominique Martin, a member of the Black Student Union, said he started interning for the campaign last semester because Meek supports education.

"[Meek] is a supporter of the people," Martin said.

The representative's campaign is dependent on volunteers like Martin to collect the 112,476 petitions required for Meek to qualify for the ballot.

Meek wouldn't specify how many petitions they've gathered but said they're in the final stretch.

If he gathers enough signatures, Meek will be the first statewide candidate to qualify by petition.

Adam Sharon, a spokesman for the campaign, said qualifying by petition serves as an organizing tool to reach out to voters.

Sharon said it takes humility for a candidate, like Meek, to ask the people of Florida to put him on a ballot before even asking for their votes.

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## Editorial

We know none of you have read anything this week — we realize the Winter Olympics are far more entertaining than any letter to the editor we have to offer — but please pull your attention away from Shaun White and friends for just a second so we can present you with this week's after-all-one-of-our-columnists-did-talk-about-curling-for-a-little-bit edition of...

# Darts & Laurels

Because we had to burrow through 3 feet of Student Government campaign fliers to get to the office.

Speaking of campaign fliers, the Editorial Board would like to note that Wednesday's swastika fliers are incredibly insensitive and unacceptable. We don't know who distributed them, and we don't expect we ever will. But we're mustering up all the disappointment we can express on our faces, looking down our noses and dropping a you-should-have-known-better **DART** at whoever made the fliers.

On the other hand, we do have one nice thing to say about an SG official, though it was the result of a major pain in the Editorial Board's ass.

Tuesday night, when a certain supervisor of elections with a nautical grudge was stonewalling our SG reporter, our commander-in-chief drove over to the Alligator office to deliver the ballot questions for the upcoming election.

Therefore, we're sticking our tongues out at some members of SG and placing a necklace of we're-glad-someone-over-there-is-doing-his-job **LAURELS** on Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

We'll get back to our darting in a moment, but we do have one other laurel for this week.

After receiving pressure from activists to take action against child prostitution, Choice Hotels, which includes Comfort Inn, Quality Inn and EconoLodge, has pledged to prevent the crime in its hotels.

Now, Choice will train staff to recognize child prostitution and take steps to address it. For this, the Editorial Board is tossing a better-late-than-never **LAUREL** at Choice Hotels for doing something noble — though we still don't get why they weren't doing everything they could to prevent it in the first place.

Getting back to our list of rants, we've noticed recent attention to John Mayer for his Playboy interview, in which he managed to offend the black community, women and people in general.

Yea, we know his persistent foot-in-mouth syndrome had a particularly nasty flare-up, and we even wrote an editorial last week about verbal diarrhea in celebrities. But this is going a bit far. If you really think about any of his comments, they're harmless. Aren't there more important things to worry about? The Editorial Board thinks there are, and we're flinging a leave-the-poor-guy-alone **DART** at the media in general.

Speaking of the media, we're a little perplexed about the Pulitzer Board's decision to make The National Enquirer eligible for a Pulitzer Prize.

In a truly WTF moment, the Pulitzer Board is considering giving the Enquirer a prize for its work breaking the story of John Edwards' affair. We admit it was some serious sleuthing, but we don't think the tabloid deserves to be rewarded for sensationalizing a private problem. Still, we're more surprised than anything else, so we're kicking a we-don't-know-if-we're-more-angry-or-confused **DART** at the Pulitzer Board.

Last on our hit list is Texas Gov. Rick Perry. In an act of staggering hubris, he announced plans to sue the Environmental Protection Agency for its decision to regulate greenhouse gases as a pollutant.

Newsflash, buddy: The fact that you love your Hummer more than your wife doesn't mean global warming isn't real. But we suppose it makes sense. Ignorant climate skeptics will stop at nothing to make sure their cushy lifestyles don't suffer, so The Editorial Board is hurling a no-one-is-buying-your-"if-we-ignore-it-it'll-go-away"-garbage **DART** at Rick Perry.

That's all for this week kids.

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# Opinions

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## Column

# Baseball season offers relief, hope

It's that time of year again. The smell of freshly cut grass is in the air, and the faint crack of a wooden bat can be heard in the distance, or at least in your heart. That's right — it's baseball season. The happiest time of year for me. Not only is the Gators baseball team getting ready to open its season — one that offers the hope of another trip to Omaha, Neb., and the College World Series — but major league teams are reporting for their first workouts.

Pitchers and catchers have already reported, and hope has arrived once more in my life. You see, dear readers, I have the misfortune of having to like teams that have had successful seasons only before I was born. Because my dad moved to the United States and his friends liked the people's team in New York, I became a Met instead of a Yankee. And I thank God for that. I can actually appreciate the little successes.

Every year the Mets tease me with promise and hope early on, jumping into first or second place in the National League East. But by the beginning of September, they have usually blown whatever lead they had. Then they manage to offer some hope again, only to blow it on the last day of the season against the godforsaken Marlins.

But this year will be different. Last year, we blew it early because of extensive injuries. You try winning when 22 major players get hurt over the course of one season, and only 25 players are on the roster. The early losses made me realize how much I love having edge-of-my-seat hopefulness and excitement about the team from April until September and sometimes October.

Hearing David Wright of the Mets come out this week after showing up to spring training about a week early and say he expects the Mets to win the division excited me. It got me so pumped for baseball that I impulsively bought outfield tickets to the Mets-Rays game in St. Petersburg at the beginning of April.

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



**Paul Murty**  
letters@alligator.org

Now that brings me to our on-campus sluggers, or should I say slugGators. We need to show our support for the Gators baseball team just like we do for the Gators football and basketball teams. The team is young, and it could use our support. Especially because heading into the season it's ranked in the top 10.

At the very least we could use the distraction of another sport so we don't go insane until spring break, which still seems forever away.

I just hope the UF team doesn't take me on a trip like the Mets probably will this year or like the football team took us on this fall. We've already seen what so much promise and expectation has done to our two biggest programs. The football team failed at the second-to-last hurdle against an Alabama team we were stronger than, and the basketball team had their three-game-losing streak right after a great win against Michigan State. Our baseball team has some tricky away series to play this year against Ole Miss and South Carolina, so it won't be easy to win the Southeastern Conference as it is favored to do.

Sometimes we take our other sports for granted because they don't have the grandeur of football or basketball, but that hurts us as a university. We have the potential to be a triple threat in the college sports world, an athletic and academic powerhouse. My favorite time to be a Gators fan was from 2006 to 2008, when we won both basketball and football championships twice. If we can add a baseball championship to our repertoire, combined with our already strong academic reputation, we can become even more highly ranked and recognized around the world.

Paul Murty is an English sophomore. His column appears Friday.

## Reader response

### Today's question:

Are you going to vote in SG elections?

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# A New Beginning

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**  
Alligator Writer

Back-to-back lacrosse state championships in 2006-07, a spot on the team at North Carolina — a premier lacrosse school — in 2007 and an opportunity to make a name for yourself. Sounds like a good deal for the avid lacrosse player, right?

For sophomore midfielder Rachael Zimmerman, it wasn't enough.

Zimmerman had a rough transition her freshman year and decided UNC was not for her. She wanted to be more than just another athlete, and she needed to find out who she was.

She then began a journey that would change her life and give her a second chance playing for a first-year lacrosse program. She brought the experience she gained on her journey to her role as a leader on the young team.

Her journey will start its next chapter when Florida opens its inaugural season against Jacksonville on Saturday at 6 in Gainesville.

## Start: Colorado

Zimmerman initially wanted to play soccer at UNC. She told her family, and her mother, Lisa Zimmerman-Greenberg would laugh and say, "Way to dream big."

"She would be on the soccer field, as a 5-year-old, just growling," Zimmerman-Greenberg said. "She was hilarious."

However, Zimmerman continued to play, developing her com-

petitive and resilient attitude.

Although Zimmerman wouldn't play soccer at UNC like she had planned, her dedication and drive at such a young age was a remarkable sight for her mother.

She said everything her daughter did was about getting to her goal, deciding what she needed to do and what she needed to give up in order to get what she desired.

Zimmerman-Greenberg encouraged her daughter to chase her dreams.

"We always had that kind of relationship where once you sign up for something, once you commit to doing something, you give it 100 percent," she said.

Zimmerman's resilience was tested when she began playing lacrosse with her brothers, who showed no mercy despite her gender.

The boys would play lacrosse, and Zimmerman would be right there with them.

They would take shots with her in goal, and despite the barrage of balls, she never gave up, she never cried, and she never let them see her in pain.

She continued to play lacrosse, juggling it and soccer during the seventh grade, but eventually chose lacrosse because the pace and intensity better suited her personality.

However, living in Colorado, Zimmerman had little options to continue playing lacrosse, so she was set on leaving home.

She visited UNC her junior year, committed to the Tar Heels, and enrolled the following year.

## Pit stop: North Carolina

Once Zimmerman got to UNC, she realized Division-I lacrosse was not what she had anticipated.

She struggled with being in a new place far from home and with the transition into college.

Zimmerman stopped playing lacrosse in March of her freshman year.

She then did what she thought she needed at the time. She took a year away from the game and college to discover herself.

Some people would travel the world, lounge at home and just take it easy during this time, but Zimmerman took a different approach to "taking a break."

"The year I took off, I lived outside for three months, backpacking and making fire out of sticks and rocks," she said.

She then moved back in with her family and worked the rest of the summer to complete her sabbatical.

Her time away from the game and college life gave Zimmerman the insight she needed, and she learned she was more capable than she thought.

"Living outside was definitely a struggle," Zimmerman said. "Up and down 85 days with nothing really, besides some food. It was kind of like 'Survivor,' but I just figured that no matter the situation one's put in, you choose how it's going to turn out based on your outlook."

Her mother said the experience was invaluable for her daughter

even though she couldn't recognize herself in the mirror when she got home.

Zimmerman-Greenberg said her daughter knows more about herself than most 40-year-old people do about themselves.

After this experience, Zimmerman was ready for the next phase of her life.

## Finish line: Florida

"I was in Idaho one day and I was just thinking, 'Where am I going to go to school next year? What am I going to do?'" Zimmerman said.

She knew she wanted to return to college, and after talking to her father, who told her that a former teammate at UNC was coaching at Florida, she E-mailed Erica LaGrow.

LaGrow, one of UF's assistant coaches, was a senior when Zimmerman was a freshman at UNC, and Zimmerman traveled to Gainesville for a visit after speaking with her.

For UF coach Amanda O'Leary, knowing that Zimmerman was a player on one of the best teams in the nation and having LaGrow speak well of her, made it easy to consider Zimmerman for a spot on UF's inaugural team.

O'Leary and her staff made an impression on Zimmerman when she visited UF.

"I felt very comfortable with the coaching staff," Zimmerman said. "They understood that things had been hard and were willing to work with me and give me that second chance."

She said part of her decision about playing Division-I lacrosse again was based on not wanting to feel like she was only an athlete.

UF allowed her the opportunity to play lacrosse without being confined to the role of athlete.

Since her arrival in Gainesville, Zimmerman has used her experiences as a tool to better understand and help her younger teammates.

Freshman Lelan Bailey said she admires Zimmerman's attitude and work ethic.

"She took a year off, but when she came back you wouldn't know it because she worked so hard to get back in the swing of things," Bailey said. "She had the courage to come back."

The sophomore's dedication has also caught the eye of O'Leary, who said talking about Zimmerman puts a smile on her face.

"What she brings is her ability to communicate the needs of the team," O'Leary said. "She is sort of the pulse of the team, which makes her a critical part of our program."

The traits Zimmerman has brought with her to UF may be a result of the roller-coaster ride she has been on since her junior year in high school that forced her to fight for a second chance at playing lacrosse.

Rachael Zimmerman's story could be dubbed a great comeback, and the sophomore a warrior.

She said she isn't fond of labels, but instead she embraces her versatility and willingness to deal with what life dishes out, personally and athletically.



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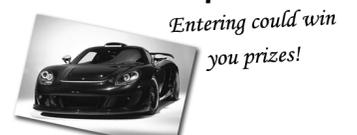


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  - 18 Predicament
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## Florida rides free throws to key win



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UF guard Erving Walker scored all of his 14 points from the free-throw line in the Gators' 78-70 win against Auburn on Thursday night.

### ■ THE GATORS FACE OLE MISS ON SATURDAY IN OXFORD.

By ADAM BERRY

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Erving Walker made zero field goals Thursday night, but he finished just three points shy of leading the Gators in scoring.

The sophomore point guard hit 14 of 16 free throws, junior forward Chandler Parsons led the team with 17 points and Florida used a vastly improved performance from the line as it took down Auburn 78-70 in the O'Connell Center.

The Gators (18-8, 7-4 Southeastern Conference) shot a miserable 48 percent combined from the field-throw line in their losses to Xavier and South Carolina last week, but UF had plenty of chances to redeem itself against the Tigers (12-14, 3-8 SEC).

Auburn racked up 29 team fouls, and UF finished 32 of 40 from the line. Florida scored its last 15 points on free throws and made zero field goals in the final 8:24.

"We don't care how we get it - pretty, ugly - as long as we win," said Walker, who added six assists to just one turnover. "That says a lot that we can still score without a field goal in eight minutes. I think that's good for us."

While UF coach Billy Donovan was reluctant to call Thursday night's matchup a must-win game, Walker said his team couldn't afford a loss if it wants to return to the NCAA Tournament.

"We all know if we want to make the NCAA Tournament, we can't lose a game to Auburn on our home court," Walker said.

After a back-and-forth first half, the Gators tied the game at 42 three minutes into the second half and went on a 14-5 run

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## UF blown out by UK in 2nd half

By EUGENIO TORRENS

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UF had a chance to rebound from its past two blowout losses, but instead of seizing the opportunity, it fumbled it away.

Instead, it was No. 16 Kentucky (22-4, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) that played resiliently in the second half to claim a 77-51 win over the struggling Gators, who have dropped three straight.

"In the last couple of games, we have yet to see 40 minutes of Florida basketball," senior Susan Yenser said. "It's so frustrating because we can't pinpoint one thing. It's more of a mindset than it is Xs and Os."

The Wildcats used back-to-back three-pointers from Keyla Snowden



Yenser

to start a 25-2 run and nab their 10th conference win. The loss dropped coach Amanda Butler's squad below .500 in the SEC for the first time this season.

In a worst-case, déjà-vu scenario, UF (13-13, 6-7 SEC) fizzled out in the second half after playing a tightly contested first half. This time, the Gators had a four-point lead at intermission.

It was the latter 20 minutes, when the Gators were outscored 48-18, that did UF in. Florida turned the ball over 14 times - as many turnovers as Kentucky had all game - and made six field goals after the break.

"If I could vote not to have half-time, I would definitely vote not to have it," guard Trumae Lucas said.

UF finished with 23 turnovers and 12 of them were UK steals. Kentucky scored 32 points off Gators miscues.

The Gators didn't let the opening minutes - where they were out-rebounded 11-2 and took 11 fewer shots - deter them. Five players scored in the first half and the team shot 50 percent from the field.

Lucas came off the bench and pro-

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## Ugly or not, Gators' play was just what they needed

I almost didn't recognize the Florida men's basketball team that defeated Auburn on Thursday night.

A season-low 10 three-point attempts? Forty free-throw attempts? Making 32 of those shots from the charity stripe?

This is a team that has had a tendency to live and die by the three-pointer. There are many times throughout the last three seasons that a 20-percent shooting night from beyond the arc would've automatically meant defeat, no matter who the opponent.

It wasn't entirely pretty, but UF got the job done against Auburn.

Almost all the way through the Gators' 78-70 win over the Tigers, I thought of different ways to describe just how uninspir-



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ing Florida's play looked.

Florida led by just three at the half. UF looked like it was putting it away with a 11-point lead at the 9:39 mark only to let Auburn keep it tight.

The Tigers have three conference wins, and all of them come against fellow Southeastern Conference bottom-feeders - LSU, Alabama and Georgia.

Auburn shouldn't be within four points with less than a minute left. Florida should have been able to put this team away, es-

pecially on its home floor.

Some lackluster defense and poor shooting from the Gators' backcourt kept the Tigers around, but UF got the job done in a must-win game.

When you're fighting for position on the NCAA Tournament bubble, you don't lose to a team like Auburn.

But now I'll make the case that Thursday's win gave the chance for Florida to learn something about itself.

"We're not going to rely on our shooting the rest of the year," said Chandler Parsons, who led Florida with 17 points on 6-of-11 shooting. "We think we can win games doing other things."

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### VANDERBILT RECRUIT KILLED

■ Rajaan Bennett, a Vanderbilt football signee, was killed early Thursday in an apparent murder-suicide at his family's Georgia home. The 18-year-old was rated a four-star running back by Rivals.com and was considered the top signee in VU's class. Bennett's high school has organized a fund to raise money for his funeral.

### UF BASEBALL

■ First baseman Preston Tucker was one of 50 players named to the Preseason Golden Spikes Award Watch List on Thursday. The award goes to the nation's top player.

### INSIDE

■ UF midfielder Rachael Zimmerman went from playing lacrosse at North Carolina to living in the woods for three months before transferring to Florida for the team's inaugural season. As one of just five Gators who isn't a freshman, she'll be counted on to lead. See page 7.

# Gators in second at SEC Championships after Day 2

## Dwyer sets UF record in 500-yard freestyle

By **MATT RUBIN**  
Alligator Writer

After the second day of competition at the Southeastern Conference Championship Meet, the Florida men's and women's swimming and diving teams are in second place.

The men's team has 282 points while Auburn is currently in first with 291 points.

On the women's side, the Gators have 266 points and trail current leader Georgia, which is at 300.

"We started off a little rocky, up and down in this morning's session," UF coach Gregg Troy said. "But tonight we came out here and swam fantastic. Once finals started and we got going, I have absolutely no complaints."

In the men's 500-yard freestyle, junior Conor Dwyer swam an NCAA automatic-qualifying time of 4:14.58. Dwyer's time marked the fastest time in the NCAA this season and the fastest in Florida history.

"It was my first individual race at SECs. It's also an honor that it was a Florida record because Balazs (Gercsak) is an amazing swimmer, both here and internationally," Dwyer said.

Before Thursday night, the Florida record belonged to Gercsak, who finished fourth in this year's race.

For the women's squad, senior Gemma Spofforth swam an NCAA automatic-qualifying time of 1:55.39 in her first place finish of the women's 200-yard individual medley. Spofforth won another SEC title with Shara Stafford, Sarah Bateman and Stephanie Napier in swimming a 200-yard freestyle relay time of 1:28.71.

### Softball team to open tourney

After a 4-1 start, Florida will be facing a new set of challenges this weekend as it hosts the Lipton Invitational.

It will be the Gators' second-straight season hosting the tournament. Last year Florida came into the Lipton Invitational at 3-1 and came out 8-1.

If they are to match that feat this year, they'll need senior Francesca Enea to continue her torrid start.

Through five games, the left fielder is hitting .438 with three home runs and 11 RBIs.

If she kept up this blistering pace for the duration of the season, which is an unlikely task, she would hit 33 home runs and drive in 121 runs while shattering almost every Florida hitting record.

"She's obviously seeing it very well right now," UF coach Tim Walton said. "Typically she's a slow

starter, but I attribute it to her great work ethic. She came out really hot right from beginning, had good at bats, and hit it a lot of different ways."

Enea is proving that her Collegiate Player of the Year Preseason Watch List appearance, her standing as an All-SEC first team and All-America second team member, and her No. 9 overall selection in the National Pro Fast Pitch League Senior Draft were all well deserved.

The Gators will be facing Campbell (1-2-1) and Kansas (2-3) on Friday before what will likely be their toughest test of the weekend against Marshall (4-0) on Saturday.

Florida will then close out the weekend with a pair of games against East Carolina, who they beat 4-3 in the season opener.

— GREG LUCA

### Gymnastics team to face UGA

The No. 4 Gators want people to know heading into tonight's meet against No. 7 Georgia the rivalry between the schools extends beyond the football field.

Wednesday, the team went to the 34th street wall and painted a portion of it to advertise the meet against the five-time defending national champion Bulldogs at 7 p.m. in the O'Connell Center.

Coach Rhonda Faehn said the team decided to paint the wall on its own, and that it was a sign the gymnasts were trying to build up spirit and draw themselves closer as a team before the rivals meet.

"It's something they got really excited about, and I'm sure they'll turn that passion into the actual competition and their routines," Faehn said.

Florida hasn't won a meet against Georgia since 2005 in Athens and the last time Florida (4-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) hosted Georgia (3-3, 2-2 SEC), the Bulldogs won by .025, the smallest margin possible.

The Gators hope to change that tonight, though.

"They're a really good team, and you always want to beat them just so you can say you beat some of the best out there," junior Alicia Goodwin said.

The rivalry will have a new look this season. Suzanne Yoculan retired as Georgia's coach after 26 seasons and 10 national championships, and was replaced by one of her assistant coaches, Jay Clark. Georgia also lost national all-around champion and Courtney Kupets

— TOM GREEN

### Tennis team to host USF

The last time the Gators played at home, it was against in-state competition before a road trip to play in a tournament featuring the

16 best teams in the country.

Florida (6-2) returns from that tournament with two victories over top-7 teams ready to host another in-state rival, No. 43 USF, on Sunday at 1 p.m.

UF coach Andy Jackson said the win over No. 7 Georgia boosted his team's confidence, but the loss to No. 2 Ohio State gave the team "a lot of feedback about what we need to do to get to a higher level."

UF freshman Sekou Bangoura Jr. returned to Gainesville with more than just the satisfaction of a victory over Georgia.

Bangoura Jr. was named the SEC Freshman of the Week after posting a 2-1 record last weekend in Charlottesville, Va. at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

Bangoura, who did not play in the fall, has faced strong competition in the majority of his first 11 singles matches.

"It's kind of nerve racking in the beginning, but I'm getting a lot more comfortable now," Bangoura said. "I've gotten a lot of help from the older guys these first few weeks. I really feel like part of the team."

— ANDREW OLSON

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# UF dominates in frontcourt early

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over the next five minutes.

UF brought the crowd to its feet with back-to-back dunks: a thunderous left-handed slam by senior forward Dan Werner and an alley-oop from Walker to junior forward Alex Tyus.

"I haven't seen that from him in a while. That was impressive," Parsons said of Werner's dunk. "White man can jump."

"He's an athlete, what can I tell you?"

Given the team's lack of depth, the Gators had been looking for bench production, and Werner (nine points, four rebounds) and freshman Erik Murphy (seven points, three rebounds) gave the team the lift it needed.

Murphy had not scored more than four points since going for a career-high 16 against

Presbyterian on Dec. 30.

Werner has struggled to do anything much in SEC play, and his nine points were his most since his 11 points against Vanderbilt on Jan. 9.

"That's huge for those guys to come in here, spark and give us minutes," Parsons said. "When our big guys get tired or get in foul trouble, those guys are really reliable when they come into the game."

The Gators relied on their frontcourt to produce against the undersized Tigers before intermission, and Parsons, Tyus and Murphy combined for 20 of the team's 37 first-half points.

UF will play at Ole Miss (17-8, 5-6 SEC) on Saturday at noon. The Rebels fell to Vanderbilt 82-78 on Thursday night at home.



## Men's Basketball

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That's a good attitude to have when you're ranked eighth in the SEC in field-goal percentage and 11th in 3-point shooting.

The Gators' versatility could help them weather a tough end to the schedule. Tennessee comes to town Tuesday, and UF ends the regular season hosting Vanderbilt and traveling to Kentucky. Odds are Florida won't shoot well one night or won't play good defense another.

The Gators don't really have the prototypical go-to guy

when things get rough. Chandler Parsons has been the team's best player to date, but I'm not sure he could win a game by himself, and that's no disrespect to him.

But the Gators are going to need to find a way to come out with wins like they did Thursday.

During the 2007-08 and 2008-09 seasons, Florida lost 12 regular-season games combined during February and March. Eight of those defeats came against teams that went on to make the NCAA Tournament.

So when UF's late-season swoons are discussed, it is worth noting most of the opponents haven't been scrubs.

But that statistic also screams the Gators' top flaw - beating top-notch teams. Losing against quality opposition is excusable, but winning shows you're worthy of making the Big Dance as well.

"We gotta get better resiliency," UF coach Billy Donovan said. "I think when you get scarred, when you get hardened through competition, you build up a resiliency."

We'll see just how battle-tested this Gators team is during the next few weeks.

At least now we know they have more than one trick up their sleeves.

# Gators host 'Dawgs on Sunday

**W-HOOPS**, from page 13

vided a first-half spark with 12 points.

She scored six straight as part of a 9-2 run to give the Gators a 33-29 lead before halftime. She didn't score again but was still the team's leading scorer.

UK's Victoria Dunlap, who was averaging 17.7 points, scored a quiet seven points in the first half. The Gators' plan to limit her touches worked, and Dunlap took just five shots.

It was Snowden — shooting 41.6

percent from beyond the arc — who picked up the offensive slack for UK.

She more than doubled her normal offensive production in the first half with 11 points. She played 29 minutes and finished with a game-high 21 on a 5-of-5 three-point effort.

"Snowden hit and we seemed to be surprised every single time that she shot in our face," Butler said. "She scored one way, and we never took it away from her."

The Gators will try to right the ship at home Sunday against Georgia.

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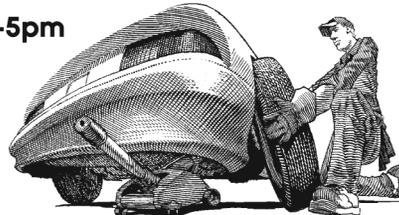
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# Light-Tower Power

By **TYLER JETT**  
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Every eye in McKethan Stadium zones in on the aluminum bat — an innocent yet intimidating instrument.

The bat is cocked behind Preston Tucker's head. It teeters back and forth, ready to unload.

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The incoming pitch fires off Tucker's bat. Outfielders swiftly spin around to see it disappear. Seconds later, Tucker's victim bounces off an unfamiliar surface.

Ball, meet the concrete of Stadium Road.

Tucker, repeating his routine, hits two more home runs. Bat teeter. Swing. Connect. Goodbye.

Tucker aims for a light pole behind right-center field. He never hits it, but he comes close. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Preston Tucker Showcase. Grab a seat and enjoy the experience.

The Gators are still in the pre-season, and assistant coach Craig Bell is grooving pitches down the middle, gift-wrapping batting practice homers. Not that it would make a difference.

Just ask UCF relief pitchers Cory Weech, D.J. Hicks and Matt Goodyear. On April 8, Tucker crushed home runs off all three relievers — two for grand slams — and finished the game with 11 RBIs.

Tucker was Florida's most productive hitter last season, leading the team in batting average, home runs and RBIs. He even set a school record by driving in 85 runs.

And that was just his first year in college.

"To do what he did is just remarkable," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "There's been a lot of really, really good players to have come through this program, and to break the RBI record, just being a freshman, is unbelievable."

When predicting the batting order for his teams in the pre-season,

O'Sullivan said he normally only knows which players to put at the bottom of the lineup. But, for at least the next two years due to MLB draft rules, he has UF's No. 3 hitter penciled in.

## Getting noticed

By Tucker's standards, his freshman season was actually pedestrian. As a junior at Tampa Plant High, Tucker broke a school record with 51 RBIs in 25 games.

But few college coaches were interested in him. After his record-breaking season, Tucker only received a scholarship offer from Duke.

Most teams were scared of Tucker's weird swing, Plant coach Dennis Braun said.

Tucker was a dead-pull hitter, always trying to muscle balls into right field. He also took a hard step toward the mound before swinging, giving him lots of power but making him look foolish against slow changeups.

Tucker's form was ugly, and it worked.

"The smartest thing I ever did was realize we need to leave this kid alone a little bit," Braun said.

Tucker's awkward swing wasn't as easy for scouts to overlook — until one week in June 2007.

Tucker was a last-minute replacement for an injured player at the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars, a showcase of 142 coveted high school prospects.

During warm-ups, the batter's box became Tucker's stage. The balls he launched out of the park did not travel on a line like they do for most prep stars. Instead, the battered balls soared high and seemed to never stop, just like they do in the Major League.

The same week, Braun coached the All-American Prospects 16 at the USA Baseball 16U Championships in Jupiter.

"I came back to the hotel and I had 35 messages on my phone," he said, "and I knew Preston tore it



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**Sophomore Preston Tucker broke UF's record for RBIs in a season (85) during his freshman year, and due to MLB Draft rules, he will suit up for the Gators for at least two more seasons.**

up there. Everybody in the nation wanted him."

The scouting report on Tucker changed practically overnight. Instead of a batter with an undisciplined swing, he was now a natural hitter.

Scouts also gawked at Tucker's strength, embodied by his "Pop-eye" forearms.

Tucker, who now weighs about 220 pounds, started lifting weights at Plant when he was 15 years old.

"I wasn't the biggest kid in the world," Tucker said. "I was probably about 165 pounds after my sophomore year, and there was a lot of balls I'd fly out to the (warning) track."

That offseason, the baseball team worked out with University of Tampa strength coach Eric Hall, who has trained two Division-II national championship baseball teams. Tucker was the strongest, fastest kid in the gym, Hall said.

He also worked harder than anybody else Hall trained, including the college players.

When he finished his workouts with Hall around 7 p.m., Tucker drove to the YMCA and lifted more weights.

Tucker also asked Hall for resistance-band exercises for his "off days."

"He knew he was going to the next level," Hall said. "He knew what it was going to take for him to get there. He was, by far, stronger (and) faster. He was doing a lot more things than the other kids were."

Tucker added 15 pounds of muscle this offseason, and his draft stock rises as he continues to grow.

## Draft Dilemma

After graduating from Plant in

2008, Tucker was overlooked by all 30 MLB teams during the 50 rounds of that year's draft.

But scouts changed their minds after watching Tucker become Florida's most feared hitter last season.

"If Tucker were in this year's class, he would be a top-10 pick," Baseball America's Aaron Fitt said. "There are no power bats in this class that can compare with him."

MLB scouts compare Tucker to former Vanderbilt third basemen Pedro Alvarez, Fitt said.

Alvarez, who was the second pick of the 2008 draft, signed a four-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates that guarantees him about \$6.3 million.

But Tucker won't be signing a multimillion-dollar contract after this season. He isn't allowed to.

MLB Draft rules stipulate a player cannot leave college until he turns 21 or has finished his junior season.

The rule is similar to those in the NBA and NFL with a few exceptions.

While there is an age limit on players turning pro from college, a high school player can enter MLB upon graduation. And so can a junior college player, regardless of his age.

Bryce Harper, the 17-year-old who Sports Illustrated dubbed "Baseball's LeBron," will be eligible for the 2010 MLB Draft after receiving his GED diploma and enrolling early at the College of Southern Nevada this season.

Meanwhile, Tucker, who will turn 20 in July, cannot enter the MLB Draft until 2011.

From now until then, his stock could fall.

A player's value in the eyes of scouts is fickle as illustrated by the story of former Gators third base-

man Brandon McArthur

The Minnesota Twins drafted McArthur out of Seffner Armwood High in the third round in 2003, but he rejected a contract offer when his parents urged him to enroll at UF, saying he was not mature enough to play pro ball.

McArthur suffered two season-ending injuries at Florida, extending his stay in Gainesville to six years.

He was sucker punched outside the Grog House in 2003, almost costing him his life. Then he tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow on opening night in 2007. The next year, he tore the ACL in his right knee, sidelining him for two weeks.

McArthur, who now plays for the Joliet Jackhammers in the independent Northern League and still hopes to play in MLB, was never drafted after 2003.

"The knee injuries had piled so high that it was just highly unlikely that I would get a shot," McArthur said.

Tucker, on the other hand, remained injury-free his first year on campus. But even if he stays healthy for the next two or three years, Tucker's draft value could fall.

If opposing teams choose to pitch around him, as O'Sullivan expects, Tucker's power numbers could decrease, dropping him out of the first round. But Tucker said he does not worry about projections.

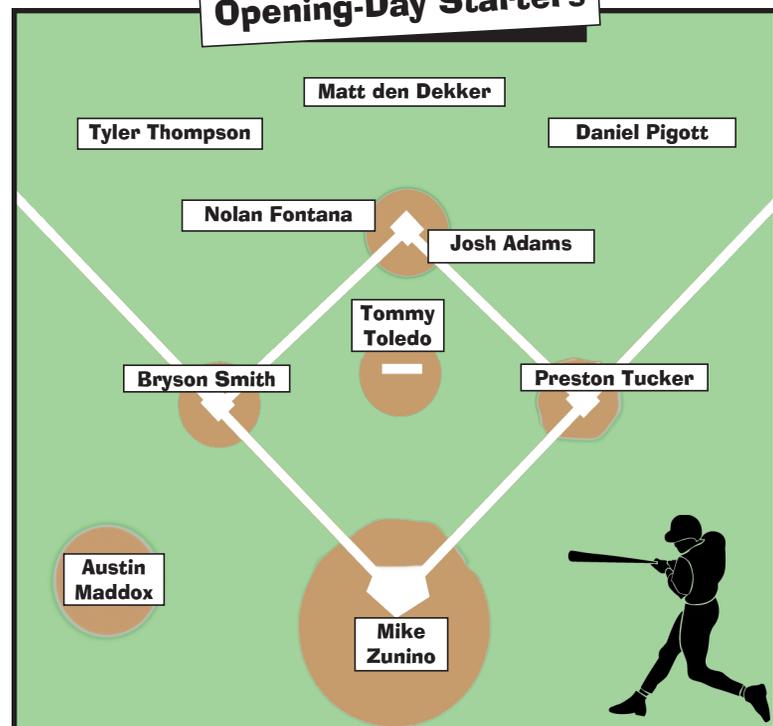
"The draft is always a toss-up," he said.

Instead, Tucker sticks to his routine.

It's what earned him a scholarship. It's what lets him aim for light poles behind the outfield. It's what pro scouts will have to settle for until they are allowed to draft him.

Swing. Connect. Goodbye.

## Opening-Day Starters



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