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ON CAMPUS

Annual step show brings 5,000 to O'Dome

By **SARAH JACKSON**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Audience members sang along as nine members of Iota Phi Theta wore vests and combat boots and danced to "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift at the 21st annual Florida Invitational Step Show.

Iota Phi Theta was the winning fraternity step team, and Sigma Gamma Rho won first place for sororities at the competition Saturday night in the O'Connell Center.

Kappa Alpha Psi placed second place for the fraternities and Zeta Phi Beta placed second for the sororities.

The nine judges were former members of participating sororities and fraternities.

Leticia Etti, an industrial engineering sophomore, said she was impressed with Iota Phi Theta's performance, which included a parody of the "Bad Boys" movies and about four dances.

"Iota was real creative," Etti said. "They show their pride, and

it was well put together."

Pop culture references were a popular trend, but the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity team chose the theme of working on a plantation instead.

The members came out in tattered clothes, and their "master," wearing white face-paint, kept trying to stop them from dancing.

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Leticia Etti
 UF sophomore

Etti, an audience member, said having the performer wear white face paint was a bold move, but adding the segment was a controversial decision.

She said she thought people would be offended by it.

The Sigma Gamma Rho step team called themselves "Sigma-tars" and twirled blue and gold

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J. Hunter Sizemore / Alligator Staff

Ericka Perry, a recent graduate of Florida International University, performs a step routine inspired by the movie "Avatar" at UF's Florida Invitational Step Show Saturday night.

Bus drivers face off

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
 Alligator Writer

Saturday was a bad day to be a tennis ball, orange cone or traffic drum.

About 60 people gathered on the driving pad behind the Gainesville Regional Airport Saturday morning to watch some of Gainesville's most daring bus drivers compete in the 12th Annual Regional Transit System Bus Rodeo.

Four Gainesville RTS drivers participated in the large obstacle course, which at times looked more like a demolition derby.

In his race around the track, Rodeo winner Eddie Bishop only

destroyed or knocked over a handful of cones, barrels and balls, an accomplishment that will send him to the statewide bus-driving competition in Orlando next month.

Winners at the state tournament receive cash prizes and get invitations to participate in national and even international bus-driving competitions, he said.

Though navigating the tennis ball gauntlet was hard enough, the state-level competition is probably going to be more difficult, Bishop said.

"[The state level] is probably going to be some crazy stuff," he said.

Around Gainesville

Machen: More cuts to come

■ HE INTRODUCED A PLAN TO INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.

By **MATT HARRINGER**
 Alligator Writer

UF President Bernie Machen had an important message for the Board of Trustees Friday: Prepare for cuts.

The university has already eliminated \$140 million from its budget during the last three years, but Machen said the speaker of the house and Senate president have told him there will be more budget cuts in the coming year.

Machen warned 2011-2012 will be the worst academic year because UF will have used \$40 million in funding from the federal stimulus.

Senior Vice President of Administration Brian Beach presented a plan that would

annually cut enrollment by 5.6 percent.

It would also raise tuition by 15 percent and raise the salaries of UF faculty 3 percent.

The plan would still cause UF to run a budget deficit of tens of millions of dollars until 2014.

Exactly how many millions depends on how much the legislature cuts university funding.

Machen said UF would also ask the legislature to make some policy changes to create revenue for the university. That would include increasing the percentage of students who come to UF from out

of state.

"It could easily get worse before it gets better," W.A. "Mac" McGriff, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said about the state's budget crisis. "A lot worse."



Machen

■ **UF catcher Mike Zunino hit a walk-off single in the bottom of 10th inning to give the Gators a 7-6 win Sunday and complete their season-opening sweep of USF in Gainesville. See Story, Page 14.**



Texas Christian University student willingly had his buttocks branded

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — Breckenridge authorities said a Texas Christian University student who suffered burns when his peers branded his buttocks participated in the act willingly and no charges will be filed.

Authorities said Thursday they made the decision not to pursue charges after reviewing statements from Amon Carter IV and a dozen TCU students. The Summit Daily News reported that Carter had

Greek symbols from his fraternity and a sorority branded on his buttocks Jan. 8 during a trip to Breckenridge and needed surgery after suffering second- and third-degree burns.

Investigators said what happened was not part of a fraternity initiation because Carter was already a group member.

Carter is the great-grandson of Amon G. Carter, Sr., who founded the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Asian American Student Union Meeting

Today, 6 p.m.
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This meeting is going to be jam-packed with speakers and info. We will be continuing our speaker series with Hiro Leung, owner of Dragonfly. Also, there will be a speaker to discuss the fee that will help rebuild and renew the Reitz Union and a debate between SG election candidates.

Operation Diabetes Blood Sugar Screening

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Reitz Union Colonnade
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learn from UF College of Pharmacy students about diabetes. Get your blood sugar tested for free. We invite students, faculty, staff and the community to come out.

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GPD study highlights accidents involving pedestrians

West University Avenue has most dangerous intersections

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Mother always said look both ways before crossing the street.

Now, the Gainesville Police Department is urging pedestrians to do the same thing after a recent study concluded there are about three traffic accidents involving pedestrians every week.

The most dangerous intersections for pedestrians are West University Avenue and Northwest 17th street and Northwest 13th Street and 23rd Avenue, according to a 2007 to 2009 GPD database.

GPD Cpl. Tscharna Senn said crosswalks have been repainted and made more visible since the study.

Likewise, she said the department has created and distributed brochures that detail different types of traffic violations and how to avoid getting one.

According to the safety brochure, Florida law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk even when there are no pavement markings, drivers may not pass other drivers at a crosswalk and turning vehicles must yield to a pedestrian crossing on a green light or at the "walk" signal.

"We're not trying to go out and write a bunch of tickets that may or may not get people to actually learn the law," Senn said. "And we want them to actually learn."

Senn advised pedestrians and drivers

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Tscharna Senn
GPD Cpl.

to simply pay attention while on roads.

And while Senn stressed pedestrian accidents usually involve fault from both the driver and the pedestrian, she reminded Gainesville residents many of these accidents could have been prevented.

"You shouldn't be on the phone, text-

ing, fumbling with the radio, the computer or GPS. Your eyes should be forward and focusing on driving," she said.

Although Senn said there is no law against texting while driving, she advised drivers to put their phones down while driving to avoid accidents.

"Anytime you're distracted from the road, then you're increasing your likelihood of being involved in a crash."

Senn said the need for drivers and pedestrians to be alert is even more important in a college town like Gainesville, where people frequently cross busy intersections throughout the day.

"We have a lot of traffic, and people like to walk," she said. "When you have a lot of people walk in a small area, you're going to have the potential to have more crashes."

Couples tango at Haiti fundraiser

By **PAIGE LACY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

It took more than two to tango at a Haiti relief fundraiser Sunday night when about 21 couples raised more than \$700 during a dance at the UF Hillel.

Richard Cepeda, the UF Argentine Tango Club president, said all of the money collected will be donated to the American Red Cross Haiti relief fund.

"We wanted to host an event where people could have fun and donate to a good cause," Cepeda said.

Tango for Haiti was organized by the UF Argentine Tango Club and UF Hillel. The event included tango workshops and special performances by club members.

Valery Bonbon, a civil engineering senior, said she has seen the Argentine tango before, but this is her first trying the steps. "I was never brave enough to take lessons until this event," Bonbon said.

After the workshops ended, couples began gliding across the dance floor.

Burcin Unel, a tango instructor, said the most important part of learning the tango is the connection.

"A connection to a partner, to the music and dance floor is essential," Unel said. "The connection is more important than perfecting the steps."

Haiti Relief

ON CAMPUS

Car show raises money for charity

By **ROXANNE FRASER**
Contributing Writer

Commuter Parking Lot behind Hume parking garage.

A white 1991 Audi sedan was nestled among expensive sports cars and flashy trucks on the

Underneath the hood of the sedan was a five-cylinder engine that could compete with the engine of a sports car.

"I like the idea of having a car — like you could have a grandpa driving it — and it could blow the doors off a Lamborghini," said Chris Gregg, a mechanical engineering junior who built most of the parts.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers hosted SwampFest 2010, the fourth annual UF car, truck and motorcycle show Saturday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and between 200 and 250 people stopped by to check out a group of about 60 cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Participants won awards for their vehicles in 20 categories ranging from Best Domestic Old Car to Best Junk. The prizes featured car roof reupholstery and window tinting.

The event raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and this year half the proceeds will go toward Gators United for Haiti.

Organizers are still calculating the amount of money raised and will know the total by Thursday.



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An attendee of the SwampFest 2010 car, truck and bike show passes by one of the show cars Saturday afternoon.

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UF students puck off at underwater hockey clinic

Team ranked fourth overall in national competition

By **STEFANIA FERRO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

With fins on her feet for the first time, Veronica Kwiatkowski dove into the Florida Pool and searched for a hockey puck.

The biology sophomore was one of 24 who attended the UF Underwater Hockey team's clinic Saturday at the Florida Pool.

Using sticks about 1 foot long, underwater hockey players push pucks across the pool's bottom and try shooting them into the opposing team's underwater goal at the end of the pool, according to the team's Web site.

Each team has six players equipped with sticks, goggles, snorkels and head-gear.

Rafael Seminario, the club's president, said the UF team ranks fourth overall in

the national competition, and it's the only college underwater hockey club ranked in the "A" division for the sport.

Seminario has been playing for almost two years.

Although underwater hockey is a non-contact sport, he said he still gets the same workout he would playing basketball.

Some members of the Swordfish Underwater Hockey club at Georgia Tech, including Nicole Mazouchova, came to the clinic to get more practice.

Mazouchova, 28, president of the Swordfish club, said she learned about the sport while studying in Canada.

She created the Swordfish team in 2008 and the team now has between 20 and 25 members.

To gain more experience, her team videotapes practices to improve their strategy

in the sport.

She said she would like to send some of the team's players to national and world underwater hockey competitions in the future.

But UF player Keely Kilduff said new competitors may have trouble adjusting to the sport.

Kilduff, an animal sciences sophomore, has been playing underwater hockey for two weeks.

She said the hardest part for new players is breathing with a snorkel.

Andrei Savu, 28, a player on the Georgia Tech team, said there are two types of people: Those who are comfortable with the snorkel and those who are not.

He said new players should attend a set number of practices before giving up on

the sport.

"Don't judge until you've been here three times," he said.

Andre Thomas, the vice president of the UF team, has been playing the sport for more than four years.

He said the team fosters friendships. "The underwater hockey community is very close-knit," he said.

Rules of Underwater Hockey

1. Play is on the bottom of the pool, so effectiveness is governed by how much time is spent on the bottom
2. No body contact unless your stick is on the puck
3. The person in control of the puck cannot be pushed
4. Passing is done by throwing the puck off your stick with a flick of your wrist

AROUND GAINESVILLE

Local kids take a hike

By **TYLER JETT**
Alligator Writer

Eric Thompson looked down, his white Nike shoes barely safe from the mud.

While hiking through Prairie Creek Preserve, Eric, 9, was looking for wildlife amid the trees, leaves and log walkways.

Eric and four classmates from Lake Forest Elementary School explored the Prairie Creek Preserve Saturday as part of Take A Hike, Florida!, an event created for the Florida Forever program.

The hike at Prairie Creek was one of 12 walks throughout Florida Saturday. Florida Forever is an organization that purchases and preserves land in the state.

For the first time in more than 20 years, Florida Forever did not receive funding from the state legislature after the budget was created.

Gov. Charlie Crist suggested the legislature give the organization about \$5 million next year, but

members of Florida Forever want residents to write legislatures to ensure it receives the money.

Eric and other Lake Forest students who hiked participated as part of Gainesville's Inner City Outings program, which was created by the Sierra Club. The group's goal is to bring children on outdoor adventures, said Maryvonne Devensky, the program's chairwoman.

Devensky said she is passionate about the program because it gives children a chance to explore the outdoors, which is something she thinks most do not do often enough.

When Eric got to Prairie Creek around 9:30 a.m., he told adults he was looking for an alligator.

"I want to see a huge one," he said, spreading his arms as wide as he could.

But Eric did not see any alligators. Devensky said the Lake Forest students' loud noises might have scared the animals.

"We have to train them to be quiet," she said.



Andres Farfan / Alligator

City Arborist Meg Hutchinson and others lead the Inner City Outings program on a hike in Rochelle Saturday afternoon.

Black History Month 2010

Monday, Feb. 22 - Sunday Feb. 28

The Life and Times of
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Friday, February 26
@ 7pm



www.ufblackhistorymonth.com

Monday, February 22
BINGO Night
Orange and Brew, 7pm

Tuesday, February 23
Black Male Extravaganza
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

Wednesday, February 24
In An Ivy League of Her Own:
An Evening with Harvard's First
Woman MBA
Emerson Alumni Hall, 7pm

Thursday, February 25
AKA- Book Klub "The Conversation"
FLG 220, 7pm

Friday, February 26
The Life and Times of Lil Duval
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, 7pm

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Sunday, February 28
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Split Ticket

After a very, very long afternoon in a sauna — we mean office — of niceties from politicians in training and conversation after conversation about the Reitz Union's renovation and expansion, we'd like to present you with our spring 2010 endorsement. Hold onto your hats, ladies and gentlemen, because this endorsement may surprise you.

Unlike U.S. presidential elections, SG tickets are not inextricably fused. Students cast a separate vote for treasurer than president and vice president. So we chose the candidates — not the party — we felt would best represent students.

We have chosen not to endorse a candidate for Student Body president because both Unite Party candidate Ashton Charles and Student Alliance party candidate Ben Cavaturo are qualified, well-versed in Student Government and hard workers. After talking to both of these candidates, it was clear that either would do well in office, and we trust them both.

Charles is the Senate President and has experience working with the administration. She is a powerful speaker with a natural gift for engaging people, and she is sincere and motivated. Cavaturo, who is just as experienced as Charles in networking and public service, is the president of Florida College Democrats, proving his determination and ability to succeed in the public eye. He has proven he genuinely cares about the Student Body and will fight to stand up for the good of UF students.

Both are in favor of putting voting records and budget details online, being true advocates on behalf of the student voice in front of the Board of Trustees and making the goings-on of SG generally more transparent. The Editorial Board believes students should decide which candidate they would be comfortable and proud to have represent them.

When it comes to the other positions and issues we were able to make decisions.

The Editorial Board endorses Student Alliance party candidate Sagar Sane for Student Body vice president. His ideas on creating an endowment fund that would take Accent and Student Government Productions off of Student Activity and Service Fees (money taken out of our tuition) and making them self-sustaining entities is innovative and economically savvy. Furthermore, it would allow the more than \$1 million used to fund those organizations be spent elsewhere, like funding student groups. Sane already set up a fund like this from scratch at his previous school, which gives us peace of mind and confidence that he'll be able to do it here successfully.

As for Student Body treasurer, the Editorial Board is going to pick the candidate with the most experience, and Unite Party candidate Virlany Taboada has plenty of it. She is the chairwoman of the Senate's Budget and Appropriations Committee, which means she deals with SG's budget on a daily basis. She supports a more transparent SG budget, which will always pull at our heartstrings.

There's one referendum question that has caused a lot of talk. First of all, keep in mind that a referendum question is like a survey, it's only to measure students' opinions, not take any action. The Editorial Board... drum roll please... is endorsing the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union. Its clear the union has seen better days, and it's going to cost \$42.5 million to fix it. There are still utilities that have been there since 1967.

Now, before you crumple up the paper and throw it away in anger, you should know students aren't going to be the only people funding the new union. Reitz advocates will be seeking out money from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, which is currently funding Southwest Rec Center's renovation, and alumni donations. The proposed dollar amounts aren't set in stone and could even be lower. The new union could have more meeting space student organizations need, more parking, far more study space and a 1,500 person auditorium. These are all things UF needs and our current union lacks.

However, our support of the expansion is conditional and hinges on one important point: We're only in favor if SG keeps its promise to do everything it can to make sure graduate assistants do not pay the fee.

See you at the polls! (Seriously, we'd better see you there.)

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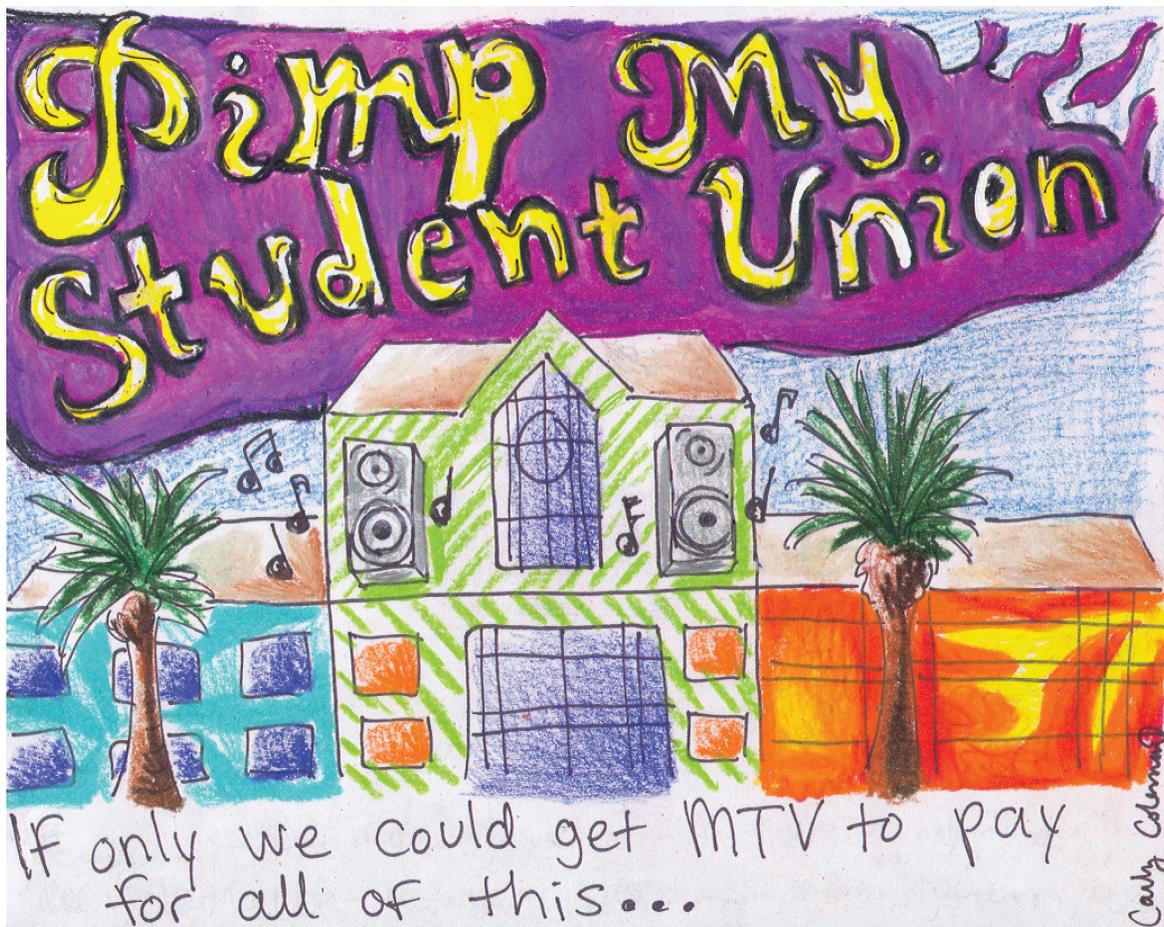
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Column

Celebrities held to double standards

An issue that plagued me considerably last year has recently resurfaced with the addition of wide receiver Donté Stallworth to the roster of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. Stallworth, who nabbed passes for the Cleveland Browns during the 2008 season, was arrested in March of 2009 and charged with DUI manslaughter after hitting 59-year-old Mario Reyes. This event garnered a modest amount of media coverage and paled in comparison to the circus surrounding the Michael Vick case. It's this disparity in coverage and, more specifically, public outrage that's at the root of my dismay.

Vick, as we're all well aware, pleaded guilty to funding, operating and taking part in dog fighting, most notably the inhumane killing of six to eight underachieving dogs with two of his accomplices, according to court documents.

Stallworth had been doing 50 in a 40 with his Blood Alcohol Content at more than 0.12. Reyes was rushing to catch a bus after work when he was struck by Stallworth's Bentley. (In his defense, Stallworth thoughtfully flashed his lights several times before plowing into Reyes.)

I can understand the severity of Vick's punishment — nearly two years and perhaps nine figures' worth — but I'm absolutely dumbfounded with regards to the leniency Stallworth received. Reyes was deemed partially at fault for not being in a crosswalk, and there was further leniency shown toward Stallworth for both flashing his lights and being compliant with officers and taking full responsibility for the crash. First of all, instead of flashing his lights, why did he not, I don't know, try swerving and slamming on his brakes? After all, he wasn't driving a Toyota. Secondly, why is he being rewarded for simply not making things worse? Owning up to one's actions should not be considered going "above and beyond." (What could he have done otherwise, pull a Jamie Foxx and blame it on the alcohol?) I mean, if I go out to get plastered tonight and smash into somebody driving home, I'm toast; it's a wrap for me. The only thing I'll have to



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worry about is not fumbling the soap, followed by a long, lonely stint working at CVS until I'm eighty.

All said and done, Vick served nearly a month of mixed incarceration (federal, state and house arrest) for every day Stallworth served in jail — 23 months versus 24 days.

So on one hand we have Vick, who's largely considered to be the Animal Antichrist, and on the other we have Stallworth, who, well, doesn't really have any sort of stigma weighing him down. This inconsistency can't simply be a function of their pre-incident status — no, not in the same country that has rocketed to stardom the likes of Sarah Palin, Speidi and Mario Lopez. Moreover, Stallworth's accident is precisely the kind of event for which he could be remembered in infamy, and yet he remains under the radar. Where's the trial by fire we've grown accustomed to? It was ruthlessly easy in Vick's case given the animals involved, but there was relative silence when it was a person whom Stallworth killed. Do Vick's 2.33 dogs really overshadow Stallworth's single person?

It seems the word "accident" is likely the root of the problem here. Vick's actions are seen as manifestations of some inner malevolence representative of Vick himself. Stallworth's "accident," on the other hand, is seen as a product of circumstance. However, if I were to claim Vick's actions were direct results of his upbringing and culture, I would be bombarded with retorts about choice, responsibility, etc. Similarly, Stallworth must be held to the same standard, especially given the fact that he was in a position to have a driver for every time he left his home, let alone every time he drank. He literally invites this event to happen, albeit not specifically with Reyes, and ends up more or less getting a free pass — he is who we thought he was, and we let him off the hook.

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Reader response

Today's question:

Were you offended by the SG swastika fliers?

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Letters to the Editor

Students should take a stand against hate act

I hope that I am joined by the entire university community in condemning the most recent incident of hate speech on our campus. For those of you who do not know, fliers were distributed across campus and around Gainesville that said, "Student Alliance party is the Nazi Party," printing our logo and a swastika with an equal sign between them.

I am disgusted individuals who stand against us, individuals who have used the deaths of millions for political ends, have resulted to such cowardly and despicable tactics. If you have any information about who committed this act, I beg you to come forward now. Finding the truth in this matter is the first step to healing our campus in the aftermath of this entire ordeal.

As a Jew, a member of the Student Alliance and a UF student, I am extremely offended by these actions. We all need to stand against this example of bigotry and hate and we must come together as students. I urge you all to stay strong, even in the face of this vile act. As one voice, we can drown out the hate on this campus and work together for our university's future.

Jonathan Ossip
Student Alliance Senate Leader



Dove World Outreach Center should be forced off campus

Members of the Dove World Outreach Center should be forced off campus by students and faculty alike. Gainesville residents should not tolerate blatant prejudice, whether it be on billboards or T-shirts. The message needs to be simple and direct: The Dove World Outreach Center does not be-

long on campus and does not belong on the streets. The hateful messages should be kept inside their festering warehouse of Bibles and screen-printing presses. When citizens become indifferent to religiously or culturally incendiary messages, evil will triumph. Everyone needs to know that genocide begins when lay people tolerate bigotry. If members of the Dove Center can walk freely though campus, student and faculty silence is directly condoning their message. When did the Holocaust begin? Did it begin when the first victims died? When they were put on trains? The Holocaust began when a whole people became desensitized to violence and apathetic to racism. The Dove Center is using religious text to try to label and isolate Islamic people. If this sounds familiar, join me and force the members of this wretched group off our campus and off our streets.

David Hanan
4CALS



Administrators make reforms, not SG

Jordan Johnson and Hitler: Are they the same? Ben Meyers: Could he be our generation's Joseph Goebbels? Is Ashton Charles the next Rudolf Hess?

Obviously, the answer to these questions is "no." These Nazis committed crimes against humanity and are some of the most evil characters man has ever produced. A Student Government politician could hardly warrant such infamy. However, such a comparison does pose some valid questions. Do these Unite figures represent an oppressive regime that has single-handedly ruled SG for years? Absolutely. Have they pushed through their own fascist agenda with no regard for the will of the people? Thousands of dollars spent on "necessary" perks each year

scream "yes." Most importantly, do any of these politicians deserve your support? Not unless they earn it, and so far, all of SG has been phoning it in. List off achievements until you're blue in the face, but it doesn't change the fact that most of those reforms that SG made over the past year were actually made by UF administrators. SG simply rubber-stamped them through. The constant word wars and positioning that happen on these pages disgust me. Every day, SG at UF proves that it is nothing more than a mouth-piece, and, while that does make them the perfect complement to the codpiece that our administration so frequently resembles, the blame games are not helping students.

Hear my words, SG horde. Bow down in front of your leaders. Kiss their golden rings and jockey for their favor. Enjoy the empty congratulations and promises they feed you. But know, when the SG Nuremberg comes, Joe Voter — with his beer in hand — will not care how many asses you kissed or how many voters you coerced when he decides to send you to the gallows.

Frank J. Walch
Former Keg Party presidential candidate



Greek philanthropies not egotistical

Philanthropies are a chance for the Greek community as a whole, and the houses individually, to provide charitable service to their communities through the power of collective action. It's hard to believe that such an altruistic goal could be smeared or tarnished, yet recent commentary in the Alligator has proved otherwise.

In a letter to the editor earlier this week, someone made the comment that Greeks wouldn't continue to host philanthropies if the University didn't make them. Howev-

er, the entire Greek community would say quite the opposite. Seeing as this comment was made rather ignorantly by an outsider to the Greek community looking in, allow us to illuminate the details. Yes, there are required Greek standards that must be met yearly, including an initiative to host a charitable event. However, nothing in the range of the magnitude, time, effort, or dedication is required that each house puts in to their philanthropies. The Greek system goes above and beyond its calling to help the community with each philanthropic event, collectively raising hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to go toward charitable foundations.

Another bit of naiveté crept amongst the editorial page of the Alligator on Tuesday, when the editorial board accused Beta Theta Pi's philanthropy of being egotistical. Just because invoking sorority pride in a competitive fashion is an effective means of garnering participation and raising donations does not mean that an event is egotistical. We at Delta Upsilon, instead, applaud Beta Theta Pi for their efforts and fundraising.

For the naysayers, we would ask, what have you done for your community recently? Sure, the Alligator has given some elementary students some excellent oral sex tips. But let's not demean true philanthropic achievement.

Delta Upsilon will be hosting its annual philanthropy, DU Got Talent?, March 18 at Skyy Night Club. The philanthropy is a talent show for all student groups, and all proceeds and donations will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Gainesville. For more information, or to enter a contestant group, please contact the Delta Upsilon philanthropy chair at dugottalent@gmail.com.

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GREEK LIFE

Frat raises \$31K for children

By **ANDREA RUMBAUGH**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy, Derby Days, raised a record-breaking \$31,000 for the Children's Miracle Network at Shands at UF on Friday and Saturday.

"It's probably one of the best things we do, and it's a great cause," said Brett Owens, a Derby Days chairman. "It's been really fulfilling."

Sororities also competed to earn points based on how much money they raised, how many hats they collected in a campus-wide hat hunt and how they performed in a line-dancing competition.

Kappa Delta won the overall competition, but Alpha Omicron Pi won the line dancing competition about 300 people to Norman Field on Saturday morning. Fifteen sororities competed, and each one chose a theme to base its dance around.

Jenna Rush, an advertising senior, danced her fourth and final year with Delta Gamma.

"I do it every year because it's so much fun working with the boys and teaching them how to dance," she said. "It's hysterical, and it's a good time."

Luke Sipka, a freshman, danced with Phi Mu. The group's theme, Bros and Hos, had the men and women switching roles.

"It's probably one of the best things we do, and it's a great cause."

Brett Owens
Derby Days chairman

Sipka wore a blond wig and said he enjoyed his breezy halter dress.

"It's a lot more open," Sipka said. "The air just flows better."

Parents of participants also showed their support.

Rita Goodman, a 56-year-old psychotherapist from Orlando, was there to watch her son Seth Goodman, a member of Sigma Chi.

"So we are supporting this," she said, pointing and laughing at her

son's leopard-print Tarzan costume.

As she poked fun at her son, his friend Benjamin Powers, a junior finance major, came and danced with her while wearing a Johnny Depp pirate costume.

"These guys are a lot of fun," Goodman said. "They are so nice to the parents when they come."

She said she enjoyed the event and appreciated the fraternity's philanthropy.

"It's fabulous," she said. "I think it's for a great cause. It's well organized, and the spirit of the boys and girls is amazing."

In addition to the parents, sorority sisters and friends cheered and waved signs as they huddled together on tarps and beach towels to watch the competition.

Sarah Crawford, a sophomore psychology major who cheered for her Chi Omega sisters, thought this was one of the best Derby Days. She also said Chi Omega had the best dance.

"Ours was the best—that's just how it goes," Crawford said.

Show included parodies

STEP SHOW, from page 1

canes while doing acrobatics.

Other performances also featured parodies of movies and shows.

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity's team opened their performance with a parody of ESPN. They conducted a mock interview with Tiger Woods and asked him about his infidelities.

The dancers wore gold boots with purple laces while dancing drills around orange cones.

Curtis Pugh, a member of Omega Psi Phi, said the team practiced every night of the week before the performance.

On Campus "They are very dedicated," Pugh said. "It is going to be precise."

The show, part of Black History Month, was hosted by Fonworth Bentley, from the MTV series "From G's to Gents."

The Atlanta native said he enjoyed being in Gainesville, and the crowd erupted into the university's signature Gator chomp.

"I do have a strong affinity for my dirty South brothers and sisters," Bentley said.

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- Four people managed both the Yankees and the Mets during their careers. Name three of them.
- How many times did Boston Red Sox great Ted Williams have 100-plus walks in a season?
- In 2008, Baltimore's Ed Reed became the second player in NFL history to return two interceptions 100-plus yards. Who was the first to do it?
- Three men's basketball coaches have won an NCAA title, an NIT post-season championship and an Olympic gold medal. Name two of them.
- The New York Rangers and Washington Capitals were involved in the longest shootout in NHL history. How many rounds was it?
- When was the last time before John Crews in 2009 that a U.S.-born male won the Philadelphia Marathon?
- How many consecutive LPGA Player of the Year Awards had Lorena Ochoa won entering 2010?

Answers

- Yogi Berra, Dallas Green, Casey Stengel and Joe Torre.
- Eleven times in his 19-year major-league career.
- The Philadelphia Eagles' Lito Sheppard.
- Bob Knight, Pete Newell and Dean Smith.
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Walk-off single gives Gators opening-weekend sweep



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Freshman catcher Mike Zunino opened his UF career 1 for 9 at the plate before hitting the game-winning single Sunday.

■ FRESHMAN MIKE ZUNINO HIT THE GAME-WINNER.

By **TYLER JETT**
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Mike Zunino couldn't have asked for a better conclusion to his first weekend with the Gators.

After starting the series 1 for 9, the freshman catcher stepped to the plate in the 10th inning with two outs, the score tied at six and the potential winning run on second base.

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan told him to expect a fastball from USF closer Kevin Quackenbush. Down 0-1 in the count, Zunino saw one and swung, although he said he was too excited and hit the pitch off the end of his bat.

The result was a bloop single down the right-field line that fell just out of the reach of USF outfielder Stephen Hunt. Sophomore Tyler Thompson scored on the walk-off single, giving the No. 7 Gators a 7-6 win in an opening-weekend sweep of the Bulls (0-3).

One of Zunino's ugliest swings produced one of the most clutch hit of the series.

"You hit some of those in batting

practice and the coaches say, 'Oh, that's a game-winner,'" he said of the soft knock. "And then it comes down and actually happens like that. It's pretty ironic."

UF (3-0) won the first two games of the weekend with lights-out pitching and power hitting, but the Gators needed to play small ball to steal the final game of the series.

After surrendering a total of two runs in nine innings on Friday and Saturday, UF's bullpen imploded in the eighth when sophomores Nick Maronde and Greg Larson allowed five runs.

But, down 6-3, the Gators rallied in the ninth inning against Quackenbush. With the bases loaded, two outs and a full count, senior Matt den Dekker hit a two-run single through the right side of the infield.

The Gators' comeback appeared to end prematurely, though, when UF first baseman Preston Tucker hit a grounder to Bulls shortstop Sam Mende. But Mende couldn't handle it, and freshman Nolan Fontana scored the tying run.

Zunino's single the next inning gave the Gators their first come-from-behind victory of the season, something they did 27 times in

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UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Macklin leads Florida to road win

By **ADAM BERRY**
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OXFORD, Miss. — While Vernon Macklin was almost solely responsible for keeping Florida close in the first half, Erving Walker put the game away in the final minute.

Macklin scored a career-high 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting, the Gators made 25 of 27 free throws and Walker hit six straight from the line in the final 42 seconds to push UF (19-8, 8-4 Southeastern Conference) past Ole Miss (17-9, 5-7 SEC) 64-61 in Tad Smith Coliseum.

UF is now 6-3 in games decided by five points or fewer, and the team finished 6-0 against the SEC West for the first time since 2003.

Macklin had 16 of his 22 points in the first half Saturday, taking advantage of the Rebels' man-to-man defense to score 11 of the Gators' first 15 points.

He also hit all six of his free throws and grabbed seven rebounds.

After struggling to find his rhythm at the beginning of the season, Macklin is finally getting more comfortable in the post. The junior center topped his previous career high of 20 points, which he set earlier

this month against Mississippi State.

"I'm very confident right now," Macklin said, adding that he has put in time with assistant coach Rob Lanier to improve his post game. "Working on my post moves is making me more confident and relaxed when I get the ball."

The challenge for Macklin now, UF coach Billy Donovan said, is staying consistent. After his 20-point performance against Mississippi State, Macklin scored just five at South Carolina four days later.



Walker

"He played great, and he carried us in a lot of ways, but he needs to take that next step where he becomes a consistent player night after night," Donovan said. "It may not be scoring, but just being a consistent presence out there all the time."

Macklin was even good enough from the free-throw line — usually a weakness for the 6-foot-10 center — for Donovan to leave him in for most of the crunch-time minutes.

But when the Gators needed someone to close out the game from the line, Walker stepped up.

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Give lacrosse a shot

The first official goal scored in Florida lacrosse history was a mistake.

It will go down in the record books with Sam Farrell's name at 28:10. The freshman was actually trying to pass to Brittany Dashiell, but an errant toss landed in the back of the net.

"Right when I passed it, I was like, 'Uh-oh,' because it was not a very good pass," Farrell said. "But it went in."



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A "1" showed on the scoreboard, and the standing-room-only crowd of 2,114 roared. I'm guessing few in the stands realized the error Farrell made. I sure didn't.

That probably happened often during UF's 16-6 win over Jacksonville on Saturday. The night still proved to be a giant success for the Gators.

The 1,500-seat Donald R. Dizney Stadium filled before the start, leaving fans arriving late to scramble for prime standing positions. The setting was perfect to ring in the inaugural UF lacrosse match, even if the crowd didn't understand everything that happened in the matchup of the state's only Division-I programs. Then again, not knowing might be a

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TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ Four years ago, who would've thought Bode Miller would come to Vancouver and tie the mark for the second-most medals ever by an American at a Winter Games? That's a heck of a turnaround. ... Keeping the Olympics theme going, I just want to say I'm really going to miss Apolo Anton Ohno. It may only be every four years, but he's one of my favorite athletes to watch.

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■ The UF women's basketball, gymnastics, men's tennis and softball teams all won this weekend, and the women's golf team begins the Central District Invitational today. See the Web site for complete coverage.

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good thing.

"They'll know really when we do play bad or when we play well," UF coach Amanda O'Leary said with a laugh. "When you're playing in front of a crowd like we did tonight, I don't think it mattered whether we played well or we didn't play well. All that mattered was they got behind us."

Saturday marked the culmination of a multi-year process. O'Leary took the Florida job in June 2007, long before there was a lacrosse facility to see. I wanted to see what this new sport was all about. I learned watching a new sport is similar to traveling someplace you've never been before.

Everything is unfamiliar.

The sometimes slow-to-develop attacks reminded me of soccer. The attacker behind the net (Florida freshman Ashley Bruns for most of the night) has the responsibility of deciding to pass or shoot, much like a point guard.

But lacrosse is also unlike any other sport. Fouls earn the offensive player a small head start when the match resumes. The continuation of play never requires a pass. Shots usually end up in the back of the net or miss entirely — seven saves on 48 shots Saturday.

The game can bog down at times. There were two scoring droughts of almost seven minutes, which wouldn't be so bad except attacking turned into holding the ball and unproductive running.

I'm told the men's version allows more contact, and while the fouls didn't annoy me most of the night (43 in the game), there was one Jacksonville possession where the same player was fouled three times, each coming a few yards (and seconds) after the other. That will wear on you.

The best reason to check out lacrosse is the talent on the field. Florida plays in the top conference, including five-time defending champ Northwestern, and while the Gators may struggle initially due to youth, I believe they will be competitive soon. (Heck, they received votes in the Inside Lacrosse preseason poll, and they had never played a match.)

UF has the talent, the facility and the community support. Do yourself a favor, and make it out to one of the eight remaining home matches.

It won't be a mistake.

O'Sullivan limited starters' pitch counts to 70

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2009.

"This is what great teams do," said sophomore pitcher Anthony DeSclafani, who started Sunday. "They come back, make hits and make things happen."

Other than the rough outings for Maronde and Larson, Florida kept the USF bats quiet all weekend. UF's three starting pitchers — sophomore Tommy Toledo, freshman Brian Johnson and DeSclafani — allowed zero earned runs

against the Bulls in limited action.

O'Sullivan restricted each starter to about 70 pitches, saying he didn't want to jeopardize their health early in the 56-game season.



Baseball

Five of UF's six runs were scored on singles, and the other came when Tucker reached first on Mende's ninth-inning error. That offensive effort was dramatically different from the first two games, when UF hit five home runs.

After being called one of the most important pieces to the Gators' offense in the preseason, freshman cleanup hitter Austin Maddox met expectations this weekend.

Maddox hit two home runs and would have had two more if not for USF center fielder Ryan Lockwood, who robbed Maddox of homers on Saturday and Sunday.

"That's unbelievable," O'Sullivan said of Lockwood's catches. "It's unbelievable to see one play like that, but it almost looked like identical plays."

Walker hits six free throws in final minute

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With 42 seconds left and UF up 58-57, Walker subbed in for Macklin and drained six-straight free throws to hold off the Rebels.

"He's got ice in his veins," junior forward Chandler Parsons said. "When the game's on the line, give him the ball."

Walker thrived at the line despite a poor shooting performance for the second-straight game. The sophomore point guard made no field goals against Auburn on Thursday and wasn't much better Saturday, hitting just two of his 10 attempts.

Walker and freshman guard Kenny Boynton combined to shoot just 4 of 22 from the field, and UF's only three-pointer came when the ball was blocked into the hands of a wide-open Dan Werner on a bizarre play with 6:06 remaining.

Still, the Gators found a way to win — something they will have to do to keep their NCAA Tournament dreams alive.

"We don't want to live or die by the three-point line," Parsons said. "We know where we want to get to, and this was a huge win on the road. We've just got to keep taking it one game at a time, keep rebounding, keep doing all the physical things and not worry about our offense, because we've got a lot of guys that can score."



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UF center Vernon Macklin scored a career-high 22 points in the Gators' 64-61 win over Ole Miss on Saturday in Oxford, Miss.

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Florida tops Jacksonville in first-ever lacrosse match

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

Less than five minutes after the start of Florida's inaugural game against Jacksonville, spectators were turned away at the gate of Donald R. Disney Stadium.

At 6:20 p.m., university officials closed the gates. The 1,500-seat stadium couldn't take any more fans.

The 2,114 on hand were rewarded with a 16-6 victory for the Gators.

"That type of crowd and the enthusiasm they showed was just second to none," UF coach Amanda O'Leary said. "For our players to be able to play in front of that kind of home crowd was just an amazing experience for all of them."

Attacker Ashley Bruns led the Gators with four goals and four assists, and attacker Julie Schindel and midfielder Colby Rhea added three goals each.

Midfielder Rachael Zimmerman scooped up 10 ground balls, while JU collected 15 total.

The crowd stood by as the Gators introduced UF's newest sport, but the team showed signs of its youth.

UF's first game had all the fixings of a new program.

The team had spurts where it

flourished, runs of sloppy play and perhaps first-game nerves.

The Gators scored three goals in the first six minutes of the match and limited Jacksonville to only two goals in the second half.

The team had 10 turnovers to Jacksonville's 18. However, UF had a barrage of dropped passes in the first 10 minutes of the game.

"For our players to be able to play in front of that kind of home crowd was just an amazing experience for all of them."

Amanda O'Leary
UF lacrosse coach

During a timeout with 20:55 left in the first half, O'Leary said she told the team it needed to clean up its play.

"We needed to take a deep breath," she said. "There was some nervousness amongst the group, but once they took that deep breath and realized that they were OK, that this is going to be something they're going to have to play in each and every game, it came together at that



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UF lacrosse attacker Ashley Bruns scores during the first half of the Gators' season-opener against Jacksonville on Saturday. The Gators' won 16-6.

UF later had a scoring drought that lasted more than 11 minutes.

After Schindel scored UF's seventh goal with 19:48 left in the first

half, the Gators went without another goal until 8:06 when attacker Janine Hillier scored.

"When you're playing in front of a crowd like we did tonight, I

don't think that it mattered whether we played well (or) we didn't play well," O'Leary said. "All that mattered was the fact that they got behind us."

Men, women take second place at SEC Championship

■ **THE GATORS WON 14 CONFERENCE TITLES.**

By **MATT RUBIN**
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The men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished second at the 2010 Southeastern Conference Championship Meet.

The men's team finished with 765 points while Auburn took first with 784. The women finished with 698 points as Georgia pulled away with 824.5.

"I am really, really proud of the way both of our teams came out and raced tough this whole week," said UF coach Gregg Troy, who won SEC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year. "We had a couple opportunities that we didn't take advantage of, but we qualified most of the people we needed for NCAAs and had some outstanding swims."

"Overall, our entire coaching staff is very proud of our team and their effort this week."

In the four days of competition, the Gators had a total of 14 SEC titles, eight for the women and six for the men. As expected, SEC Women's Swimmer of the Year Gemma Spofforth

stood out. Spofforth won or helped win the 200-yard individual medley, 200-yard freestyle relay, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke.



Swimming

competition.

"Coming into this week, I felt like we could do really good on the diving boards and win some events," said UF diving coach Donnie

Craine, who earned SEC Diving Coach of the Year. "This has been an outstanding week, not only for Kara, but for all of our divers. Now we hope to carry this momentum to NCAA Zone Diving."

On the men's side, senior Shaune Fraser was responsible for three of the titles, placing first as a member of the 800-yard freestyle relay team, first in the 200-yard individual medley and first in the 100-yard butterfly.

Junior Conor Dwyer, who was the anchor on the 800-yard freestyle relay team and winner of the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, was named the SEC Men's Swimmer of the Year.

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