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SPECIAL REPORT

Student Alliance injunction denied

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
 Alligator Writer

The Student Alliance party's attempt to halt the use of public funding to promote the Renew Your Reitz campaign was denied Monday afternoon at the Alachua County Civil Justice Center.

Four members of the party filed a motion against UF President Bernie Machen, members of the UF's Board of Trustees and several other university officials for allowing university money to be used for creating and distributing fliers calling for the Reitz Union renovation.

Judge Robert E. Roundtree said the complaint, as filed, was not valid because the statute cited by party members applies to city and county governments but not universities.

"This is an issue of public funds being used to promote a campaign," said Student Alliance party Senate leader Jonathan Ossip.

On Friday, the four members filed a motion for temporary injunction, an action that, if passed, would have forced the Reitz Union renovation campaign to immediately remove all promotional signs, posters and fliers from campus.

The motion asked the court to prohibit spending public funds to pay for political advertisements in support of the proposed Reitz Union student fee, according to the official brief submitted by Ossip.

The 53-page brief was compiled over the weekend by Ossip without the help of an attorney.

Ossip said there needs to be a law prohibiting publicly funded campaigns on campus.

For more on the injunction, see alligator.org



Machen



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Plaza Politics

Austin Gilmour, a telecommunications production junior, talks to Student Alliance party candidate Michelle Loewenherz on the final day before elections. See story Page 5.

Meal limit stirs residents

By **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Writer

For Pat Fitzpatrick, the lifting of the meal restrictions at the St. Francis House for three days out of the year is not only inadequate — it's an insult.

"My father fought in World War II to fight fascism," said Fitzpatrick, a homeless awareness activist. "We need to fight fascism here in Gainesville."

The recent ruling by the Gainesville City Commission, which allows St. Francis House to serve beyond the 130-meal limit on Thanksgiving, Christmas and a day of the shelter's choosing, has been met with both relief and dissatisfaction.

According to City of Gainesville spokesman Bob Woods, the move is the city's attempt to balance its need to provide meal

provisions to the homeless while protecting neighboring residents from the adverse impacts of the provision.

"Just imagine if your house was across the street, and you saw all these people. Whether you like it or not, it has an impact on your quality of life."

Bob Woods

City of Gainesville spokesman

He emphasized the commission's careful consideration of both sides of the issue, noting how much the measure affects the Gainesville community.

"Just imagine if your house was across the street, and you saw all these people," he

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Gainesville IHOP gives free flapjacks today

■ **TODAY IS NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY.**

By **ERICA JOHNSON**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

The International House of Pancakes is giving diners a reason to get in a sticky situation.

Today is National Pancake Day, and IHOP, which has a Gainesville location at 3265 SW 13th St., is treating guests to a free stack of syrup-covered flapjacks from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

IHOP began the celebration in 2006.

While the pancakes are free to all visitors, IHOP requests that customers consider giving a small donation to the Children's Miracle

Network.

For five years, the IHOP in Gainesville has participated in the event to benefit Shands Children's Hospital.

Scott Stazzone, the general manager of the IHOP on 13th Street, said they gave away 2,011 stacks of free pancakes last year and raised more than \$1,200.

Around Gainesville Stazzone, who will be cooking the pancakes all day, said the charity is one of the reasons people continue to come back each year.

"This is such a great way for us to give back to our community in hopes of finding cures for sick kids around the world," he said. "It really makes the whole day worth it."

■ **UF forward Chandler Parsons and the Gators will try to end their six-game losing streak against Tennessee and pad their NCAA Tournament résumé tonight in the O'Connell Center. See Story, Page 17.**



Gainesville woman bites man's arm over \$5

A fight over \$5 ended with the arrest of a Gainesville woman after she bit her partner in front of their children Sunday.

Jamie Ruffner, 27, grabbed a frying pan and threw it, just missing the children. Ruffner continued to throw objects from around the room until the man grabbed her, the report said.

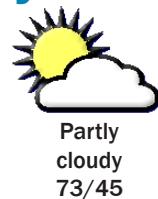
Ruffner then bit him in his arm, tearing the flesh with her teeth. She caused damage that will leave a permanent scar, according to the report. Ruffner is charged with one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of battery resulting in bodily harm.

— KATHERINE BEIN

■ The Alligator held interviews with SG candidates to discuss their platforms. To see video footage from the interviews, visit alligator.org.

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NATIONAL

Ohio man bulldozes \$350K home to avoid foreclosure

MOSCOW, Ohio — An Ohio man says he bulldozed his \$350,000 home to keep a bank from foreclosing on it.

Terry Hoskins said he has struggled with the RiverHills Bank over his home in Moscow for years and had problems with the Internal Revenue Service. He says the IRS placed liens on his carpet store and commercial property and the bank claimed his house as collateral.

Hoskins said he owes \$160,000 on the house. He said he spent a lot of money on attorneys and finally had enough. About two weeks ago he bulldozed the home 25 miles southeast of Cincinnati.

Messages were left for the bank and its attorney. IRS spokeswoman Jodie Reynolds said individual taxpayer information is private and federal law prevents her from commenting.

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SC archaeologists find possibly first octagonal house in US

BLUFFTON, S.C. — South Carolina archaeologists believe they might have unearthed the first octagonal house in the United States.

The ruins were found last fall on the banks of the May River in the southern coastal town of Bluffton. A letter written in 1796 by a visitor mentions the octagonal house and helps date the structure.

Archaeologists Heather Cline and Mary Socci say the 900-square-foot house was owned by Scottish immigrant William McKimmy and was built around 1790.

That would mean the home predates Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. That home was built in the 1820s near Lynchburg, Va., and is considered to be the first octagonal house in the U.S.

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New Mexico parents upset over porn mix-up in classroom

CLIFF, N.M. — Cliff High School students saw a few seconds of pornography while watching a video about the 1919 Treaty of Versailles. A History Channel program had been recorded over a porn tape.

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A substitute teacher who was overseeing the class told school officials he was shocked by the porn, and he had received the tape from a friend. The videotape was shown at least twice in the classroom without incident. Superintendent Dick Pool won't disclose if any action was taken against the teacher.

Several parents spoke at a school board meeting Thursday. Parent Francesca Estevez said Cliff, located in rural southwestern New Mexico, is very cohesive and the videotape was not acceptable by community standards.

Pool apologized to parents.

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Man arrested for arson after bragging about blaze

SALEM, Ore. — Salem police said one of the two men accused of setting a fire to an old training center bragged about the blaze to his hairdresser. According to court documents, a 20-year-old man told his hairdresser that he went into an old building on the former Fairview Training Center campus to smoke marijuana, then set the Jan. 27 blaze that destroyed the building. His hairdresser tipped police, who arrested the suspect.

Police arrested a second man after questioning the first man. Both face second-degree arson charges. They made their first court appearance in Marion County Friday. Both remain in jail. Damage to the building is estimated at \$50,000. The property owner had planned to demolish the building, which is one of 50 on the sprawling campus that closed in 2000.

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Police: Woman shoots at husband over tax return cash

PINE LAWN, Mo. — A suburban St. Louis woman has been arrested after police said she shot

at her husband when he refused to give her some of their tax return money. Pine Lawn police said the unidentified woman was being held on a \$75,000 cash-only bond on suspicion of first-degree assault and armed criminal action.

Police said she followed her husband to work Saturday morning at a barber shop and fired when he refused to turn over any money. The bullets missed the husband.

Investigators said the woman then went to St. Louis and threw the gun in a sewer. She turned herself in after police contacted her.

Pine Lawn Assistant Police Chief Daniel O'Conner said the woman felt "more than justified" about the shooting.

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Man asks for ride, allegedly steals cruiser

MADISON, Neb. — Police said 32-year-old Jacob Segura walked into the Madison Police Department on Jan. 30 and asked for a ride to Columbus. An officer told Segura that police couldn't provide rides but later tried to arrange a ride for the man through the Madison County and Platte County sheriff's offices. Meanwhile, Segura went outside to smoke. Police said that's when Segura hopped into a cruiser and took off. He was later found at a rural Creston house.

Because a police shotgun was in the cruiser, Segura was charged with theft and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Segura was being held on a \$250,000 bail. He was set to appear in Madison County District Court on March 19.

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WEATHER

Increase in hurricanes could stem from El Niño

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Atlantic hurricane season may be months away, but meteorologists are forecasting more storms than last year in the 2010 season.

Steve Letro, the meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, said weakening El Niño conditions could contribute

to an increase in hurricanes in the upcoming season, which officially starts June 1.

El Niño is a change in the atmosphere and ocean water temperatures in the Pacific ocean and off the northern coast of South America.

El Niño occurs when the water gets warmer and creates a stronger wind shear in the Caribbean and Atlantic ocean, Letro said.

Gerry Bell, a hurricane forecaster at the National Oceanic and

"I don't know where any of them are going to go."

Steve Letro
meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Jacksonville

Atmospheric Administration, said that although El Niño is weakening, it's far too early to determine if it will be a factor in the upcoming season.

A strong El Niño tends to suppress hurricane activity in terms of number and duration, Bell said.

Bell said there has been an increase in hurricane activity in the U.S. since 1995.

But last year's hurricane activity fell below average because of this effect, according to Bell.

According to the National Hurricane Center, there were three hurricanes in 2009.

Letro said El Niño is also part of

the reason the U.S. has had an unusually cooler winter this year.

Nevertheless, Letro said, it's important that people focus on the fact that a hurricane could potentially hit their area, not just the numbers, because the path of a hurricane is not predictable.

"When you see the forecast for the number of storms coming up, our reaction should be 'that's nice, but I don't know where any of them are going to go,'" he said.

Asian-American Student Union holds final SG debate

■ CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER AND VICE PRESIDENT ATTENDED.

By **MATT HARRINGER**
Alligator Staff Writer

In the last debate before the Student Government election, both parties agreed that UF's Asian-American students deserve more attention.

Candidates for Student Body vice president and Student Body treasurer debated in front of 60 students Monday night at the event sponsored by the Asian American Student Union.

Rafael Yaniz, the Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body treasurer, said his party has a plan to eliminate wasteful spending and wants to allocate the money saved to student groups like the AASU.

Virlany Taboada, the Unite Party's candidate for Student Body treasurer, said that, under the Unite Party, SG took money from

Accent and SG Productions to give to AASU Kaleidoscope Month events.

Yaniz said it was a Student Alliance party member who pushed for money reallocation.

"We want to be your friend, your ally and your advocate," Yaniz said.

Student Government Elections
Both groups proposed more meeting space for the group.

Marcus Dixon, the Unite Party's candidate for Student Body vice president, said the reno-

vated Reitz Union would have a multicultural center with room for the group to meet.

"We could've done a better job in the last year," Dixon said. "But under my administration I want to increase communication with all communities, especially the Asian-American community."

Abner Yang, an AASU member, said he was leaving the debate the same way he came — undecided. He said he plans on examining both parties' platforms on their Web sites before voting.

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ON CAMPUS

UF alumna kicks off eating disorder week

By MEG WAGNER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Beauty and the Jock shared the stage Monday at the Reitz Union.

Allison Kreiger Walsh, the 2002 Miss University of Florida, and Patrick Bergstrom, a two-year academic all-conference lacrosse player at Wesley College, have both battled eating disorders.

The two spoke to an audience of about 400 at "Beauty and the Jock: Real People. Real Stories," an event organized by Accent speakers bureau in collaboration with UF's GatorWell, Athletic Association, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and Women's Leadership Council.

The event kicked off National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which started on Sunday and will run until Saturday.

Bergstrom was sidelined from his lacrosse team in college due to his struggles with anorexia.

"Everybody told me that guys don't have eating disorders, and

I believed, but deep in my heart, I knew something was wrong," Bergstrom told the audience.

He was later diagnosed with anorexia, as well as substance abuse, and was told he had 12 months to live if he didn't have an immediate intervention.

"I chose to live," he said. "When I was struggling with an eating disorder I wasn't living. I was just existing."

Walsh, a UF graduate with a degree in public relations, battled bulimia and anorexia during high school for three and a half years.

She spent her childhood and adolescence training as a competitive baton twirler. She also described herself as a straight-A perfectionist.

Walsh said the first time she threw up, she vomited because she was upset. She felt better and began associating vomiting with relief.

"I was a walking, talking example of an eating disorder," Walsh said.

Walsh was paid \$1,700 and Bergstrom was paid \$2,420 to speak at the event, according to Jason Attermann, Accent chairman.



Lara Hickox / Alligator

UF alumna and former beauty queen Allison Walsh talks to students about her battle with bulimia in high school during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week at the Reitz Union Ballroom on Monday.

Delaware doctor indicted in child sex abuse scandal

■ HE WAS CHARGED WITH SEXUAL CRIMES AGAINST 103 CHILDREN.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOVER, Del. — A Delaware grand jury returned a sweeping indictment Monday against a pediatrician accused of serial molestation in what could be one of the worst child sex abuse cases in the nation's history.

The 160-page indictment returned by a Sus-

sex County grand jury charges Dr. Earl Bradley of Lewes with 471 counts of sexual crimes against 103 children.

Attorney General Beau Biden said all of the alleged victims, including one boy, were caught on more than 13 hours of video recordings, some dating to 1998, that were seized from Bradley's office and home.

"The charges in this indictment are unique in the history of the state of Delaware, as far as I can tell," he said.

"These were crimes committed against the most vulnerable among us — those without

voices," Biden added as tears welled in his eyes and he paused to collect himself.



Bradley

Biden said that while there have been other cases around the country involving multiple victims, "I know of no other that has this many victims."

The charges against Bradley include rape, sexual exploitation of a child, unlawful sexual contact, continual sexual abuse of a child, assault

and reckless endangering.

Bradley, who was arrested in December and initially charged with 29 felony counts for allegedly abusing nine children, is being held with bail set at \$2.9 million. His medical license was permanently revoked by the state Board of Medical Practice last week.

Bradley's attorney, Eugene Maurer, did not immediately return telephone messages Monday. Authorities would not say whether they think Bradley had videotaped all of his alleged assaults or whether there may be more victims.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Parties go extra mile for votes

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

Campaigning during this Student Government election season involved a blend of traditional approaches and new campaign tactics.

The newly formed Student Alliance party has implemented several new campaign strategies.

Ben Cavaturo, the Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body president, said his party's campaign tactics differ from those of the Unite Party in several ways.

Cavaturo said the Student Alliance party sent teams of representatives to campaign at a UF satellite campus, which includes pharmacy and health science students.

They answered questions about the proposed Reitz Union fee and also discussed how it could adversely impact satellite campuses, Cavaturo said.

Cavaturo said the trip was really about engaging with an entire population of people that are not connected to the main campus in the way that they should be.

If SG elections featured online voting then these students would be totally enfranchised, Cavaturo said.

Representatives who traveled to satellite campuses also discussed how they could offer more events and programs for professional students.



Cavaturo

"We're really making a special effort to engage with all communities," Cavaturo said.

Cavaturo said the Student Alliance party has also held fundraisers with local businesses, and party members walked students to class with umbrellas during bad weather.

"We've just been trying all different sorts of things," Cavaturo said.

Unite Party spokesman Ben Meyers said the only change the Unite Party has made to its campaign tactics involves making the campaign more extensive.

The Unite Party executive candidates began a 24-hour campaign push at 5 a.m. that will end at 5 a.m. Wednesday.

They will be campaigning on campus, visiting the late-night study spots in the Hub and visiting local hangout spots.

"They just want to do everything they can to meet every person they can," Meyers said.

Meyers said Student Body President Jordan Johnson did something similar last spring while he was campaigning.

"We're proud to still hold the values we held when we were founded," Meyers said.

Gator sunscreen wards off scales

By **KELLEY GARNER**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gator fans will be able to hit the beach over break without worrying about the redness of a sunburn clashing with their orange and blue gear.

Game Face Performance Sunscreen, based out of Grand Rapids, Mich., developed a sunscreen line, featuring the licensed logos of 42 different NCAA teams. The best-selling schools are UF and the University of Texas at Austin, said Meghan Follen, marketing specialist.

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The GatorWell Health Hut is collaborating with Game Face Performance Sunscreen to provide samples to UF students before Spring Break, said Samantha Evans, a health educator and the coordinator of Health Hut. The hut will have a limited supply of free samples in different sizes, as well as Frisbees and brochures with sun-safety information, Evans said.

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Editorial

Rock the Vote

Students should care about SG elections

It's finally here – the first Student Government election day.

And while so many of you are going to try to avoid the hoards of blue or green shirts on Turlington Plaza today, we'd like to make one final plea to you to go out and place your votes.

Besides the fact that it only takes two minutes and there are more than 10 different polling places, voting in SG elections is actually more important than you think.

Other than the \$14.4 million budget that SG officials oversee, which is comprised of your Student Activity & Service Fees that are taken out of the tuition you pay, the Student Body president is the only student voice on the board of trustees and the Senate decides what student organizations get funding.

He or she sits in a stuffy room all day with stuffy old men and goes to bat for what the students want.

These may seem like small, meaningless things, but just ask Gators for a Sustainable Campus, who almost lost its funding last year, how important SG is.

And turnout in past elections is nothing to brag about.

Voting numbers from past elections show the Student Body's overwhelming apathy when it comes to SG as a whole.

Last fall, only 8,483 out of UF's 49,679 students voted.

That's 17 percent of the Student Body.

Even at one of its high points, during fall 2008 of the presidential election, only 10,469 students bothered to vote.

Can we just point out how pathetic that is?

This group of students that makes up SG has its grubby fists on more money than all the Alligator staff combined will make in a lifetime, and the vast majority of you don't even care enough to lean over a folding table and fill in a few bubbles?

You already know our stance on Student Body president, vice president and treasurer.

You also know that we support the Reitz Union fee — granted that they follow through on the fact that graduate assistants will not pay.

There are also two other referendums. The first one, a constitutional amendment, is pretty confusing, and we don't really care.

The other one, however, may be small and shoved to the bottom of the page, but it's an important issue for our university.

The questions ask if UF should join the Worker Rights Consortium, a national organization that monitors labor conditions, to ensure that licensed merchandise with UF and Gators logos is not made in sweatshops. Our answer is yes.

Voting yes won't immediately effect campus-wide change, but a position of solidarity among students will impart a powerful message to university administration and make it clear that Gators don't support the use of sweat shops (except those of you in your orange and blue Nikes).

The most important thing to realize, though, is that we actually don't care that much *how* you vote — we just care *that* you vote.

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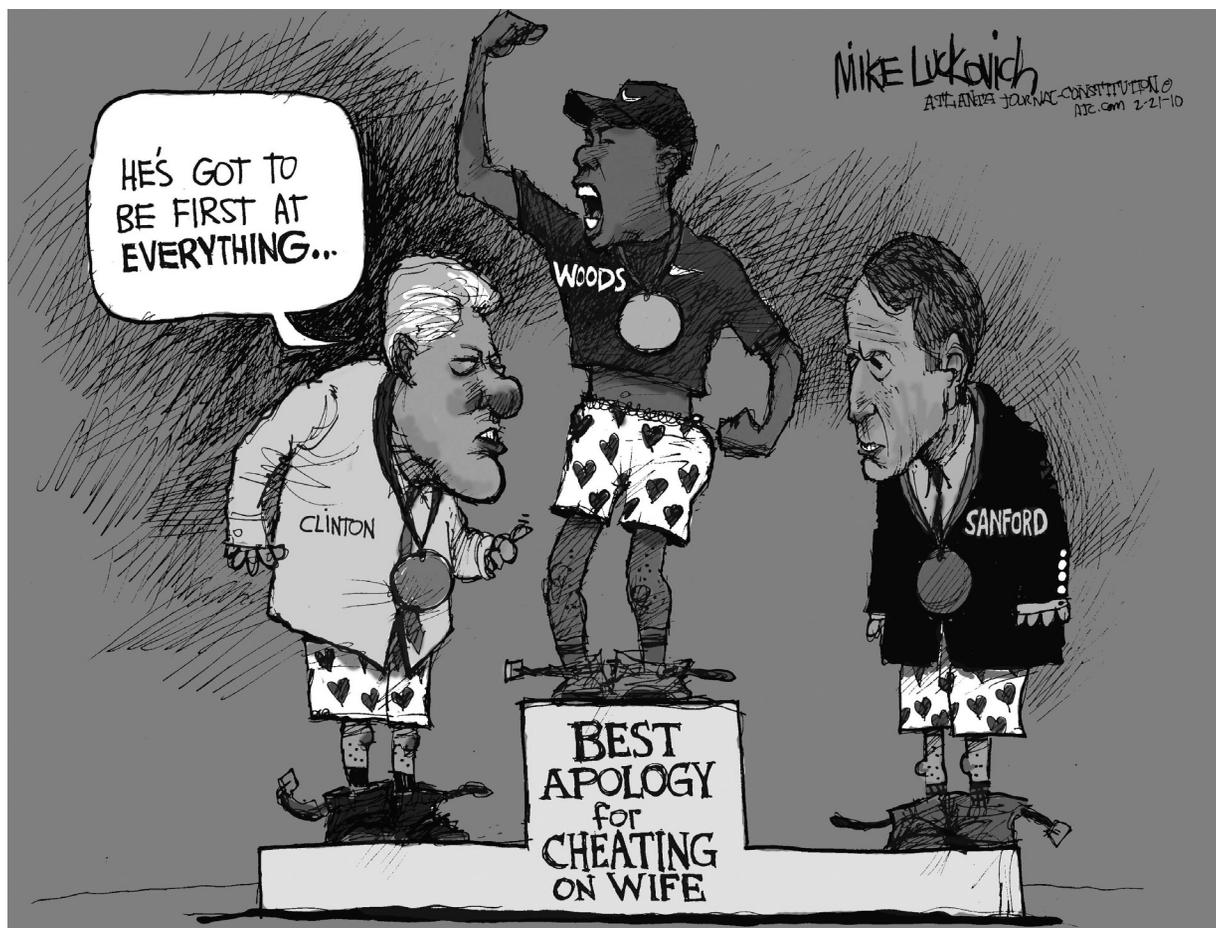
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Column

Gators shouldn't support sweatshops

Today and tomorrow, we're going to have an opportunity to vote on a ballot question to register the Student Body's opinion on whether UF should affiliate with the Worker Rights Consortium, a labor rights advocacy group that works against sweatshops through factory monitoring and investigations. If UF affiliates with the WRC, it will help ensure that UF apparel isn't made with sweatshop labor.

I'm voting "yes" in support of affiliation with the WRC, and I'm really hoping you'll consider doing the same.

UF is already affiliated with the Fair Labor Association, a similar organization that shares many of the same goals with the WRC. But the FLA gets criticism for its connections to the apparel industry, the very industry on which it's supposed to be keeping tabs. By the way the FLA is structured, six representatives from the industry sit on its board of directors, and according to its Web site, the FLA receives funding in part from "participating companies."

The WRC, according to its Executive Director Scott Nova in a phone interview, is independent from the industry, both financially and in its governance.

To be completely clear, the referendum won't take any immediate action. Even if a majority of the Student Body votes "yes" on the ballot question, UF won't automatically affiliate with the WRC; affiliation requires the approval of UF President Bernie Machen and the board of trustees. (Which, by the way — awesome indie-pop band name.) But passing the referendum would certainly send a clear message of how UF students feel about the issue, and passing it by a sizable margin will go a long way in helping campus advocates bolster their case for affiliation to the administration.

I know, I don't like getting my paws too dirty with Student Government stuff either, but this isn't a blue shirt/green shirt issue. It's not even too much of a (real-life) political issue. After all, I don't think it's particularly partisan or radical to say that workers deserve to be treated fairly and responsibly or that they deserve to work in conditions that are safe and humane.



Joe Dellosa
letters@alligator.org

And it's important to remember that the WRC is not, by any stretch of the imagination, some fringe group. According to the list of affiliates on its Web site, 186 colleges and universities across the country are affiliated with the WRC, including four schools — University of Tennessee, University of South Carolina, Vanderbilt University and Louisiana State University — in the Southeastern Conference.

To put it bluntly, the schools that affiliate with the WRC are not just a bunch of schools that suck at sports. Of the 12 schools that have played in a BCS National Championship game since 1998, five are affiliated with the WRC. Of the 15 schools that have played in a men's basketball championship in the past decade, 11 are affiliated with the WRC. In fact, the only two schools that have won a men's basketball championship in the past decade that weren't affiliated are University of Kansas and UF. The WRC is entirely mainstream.

There's no doubt that there's ample reason to be proud of being a Gator, and the cheerful alacrity with which we don Gators apparel is a natural expression of that. And even the most school spirit-averse student has to be at least a little charmed by being surrounded in a sea of orange and blue.

And as dorky as it sounds, I always get warm fuzzies whenever I'm not in Gainesville and a stranger with a Gators shirt spots my own and offers a knowing smile and, if I'm lucky, a zealous, "Go Gators." I am admittedly one of the people who has always cringed at any of The Gator Nation ad campaigns, but I kind of love it when that happens.

But I'd love it more if we knew it wasn't the product of child labor or worker exploitation. Affiliating with the WRC will go a long way in helping us know that, and voting "yes" on the ballot question is a good first step to affiliation.

Joe Dellosa is an advertising junior. His column appears on Tuesdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Will you vote in favor of the Reitz Union expansion?

Monday's question:

Were you offended by the SG swastika fliers?

50% YES

50% NO

84 TOTAL VOTES

Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

Letters to the Editor

Benefits of Reitz renovation will outweigh costs

The Alligator's endorsement of the Reitz Union referendum has me at the edge of my seat. I read the Alligator daily and recognize it as the primary and most knowledgeable source for everything going on on campus. For weeks, I have read about the proposed student fee to repair and renovate the Reitz Union. I heard the potential price but wasn't aware of the potential results. The Alligator Editorial Board has pulled the rug out from under my feet and made me think twice about this issue.

I have always seen the Alligator as being the only truly independent entity in Student Government politics. The Alligator is never influenced by certain organizations. It publishes stories that the students care about. Therefore, an endorsement from them weighs heavily in my decision on how to vote.

The main reason I had been planning to vote against the Unite Party was because it seemed to be single-handedly pushing the Reitz Union issue down the throats of students. I was unaware of truly substantive reasons why one should support a fee increase of more than \$100 per semester. The Alligator has validated the claims of Unite and the Renew Your Reitz campaign that there are significant necessary repairs and that there are amazing benefits to be gained by a renovation.

Laura Brancheau
UF student

Reitz Union renovation is unreasonable

Monday's editorial endorsing the Reitz Union fee is indicative of the shortsightedness of the Alligator's editorial staff. Yes, supporting the fee so long as graduate assistants are exempted from it seems like a good idea. I'm a teaching assistant, and I, too, find the logic that leads to this enticing because I stand to benefit from it. However, there is nothing that Student Government can do to assure us that this fee will be waived for graduate assistants. The Student Body President — Jordan

Johnson now, and whoever his successor may be — is merely one member of the board of trustees and can only propose such a waiver. Moreover, as it stands on the day of an election that puts such an important matter to vote, a waiver of the Reitz Union fee for graduate assistants has not even been officially presented to the trustees. A vote in favor of this fee is a vote based merely on the fleeting hope that UF's administration and trustees will have the goodness in their hearts to cut some slack to those who work the hardest to keep this university running.

Additionally, everyone fails to mention that this waiver will not include graduate students who are not graduate assistants, teaching assistants or research assistants. These students pay for their entire tuition and fees out of pocket, which causes hardships just as great as those felt by graduate assistants. The same goes for undergraduates, for whom the cost of a UF education will continue to rise. And yet it seems like a good idea to help the administration approve higher fees to rebuild a building that has already been heavily renovated in the last 10 years to apparently no avail, that is primarily a giant food court and Parthenon for SG executives and senators, and that will not be finished in time for those of us currently attending to even use? I think not. In short, there is no good reason to vote yes on this referendum. Before they renew the Reitz, SG, the administration and the trustees need to renew their approach to funding and the reasoning behind the proposed renovations.

Jordan Dominy
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Unite's Senate candidates chosen based on obedience, not merit

The Alligator forgot the most important choice voters face in its editorial: the Senate slate.

The Student Alliance party's Senate slate is filled with campus leaders from dozens of student organizations. All of our candidates were selected because they have a drive to make

Student Government better. They think SG is broken, and now it is time to fix it.

The Unite Party slate was not chosen based on merit. Its candidates are based on what seats are assigned to a particular organization. I have no doubt that some of its candidates are qualified, but a majority were chosen because they won't question the party line. Obedience, not leadership, is its strongest attribute.

Joshua Niederriter
UF student

Selwach needs to take stronger stand on legalization of marijuana

I don't get it. Is Richard Selwach for the legalization of the maple tree, or does he just want Florida to secede to Canada? If you are going to stand up for an issue as heated and as important as the legalization of marijuana, do so boldly, my friend!

Katie Adamson
UF student

Frank Walch's coparison of Unite Party to Nazi leaders is offensive, shameful

As a Jew and as a decent human being, I was thoroughly offended by Frank Walch's letter to the editor Monday that compared certain leaders of the Unite Party to Nazi leaders. Though Walch specified that he did not feel as though a Student Government politician could be described as being as evil as a Nazi figure (thankfully he was willing to grant that at the least), his letter is a blatant character-assassination attempt. Tell me, Mr. Walch, how on Earth one could possibly equate a few thousand dollars spent on alleged perks with a "fascist agenda"? How could you possibly insinuate that the hundreds of volunteers for Unite have been "coerced" into giving their time? How could you ignore the accomplishments made in the past year and instead credit the administration?

It's time to put the Holocaust behind us. People in SG need to stop throwing the term "Nazi" around as if it's simply a bad name to call someone. To me, and to everyone who

shares my faith, that term represents an organization that killed 6 million of my brethren. I could hate the Unite Party as much as you seem to, Mr. Walch, but I could never compare someone I simply disagree with politically to a mass-murdering, bigoted concept.

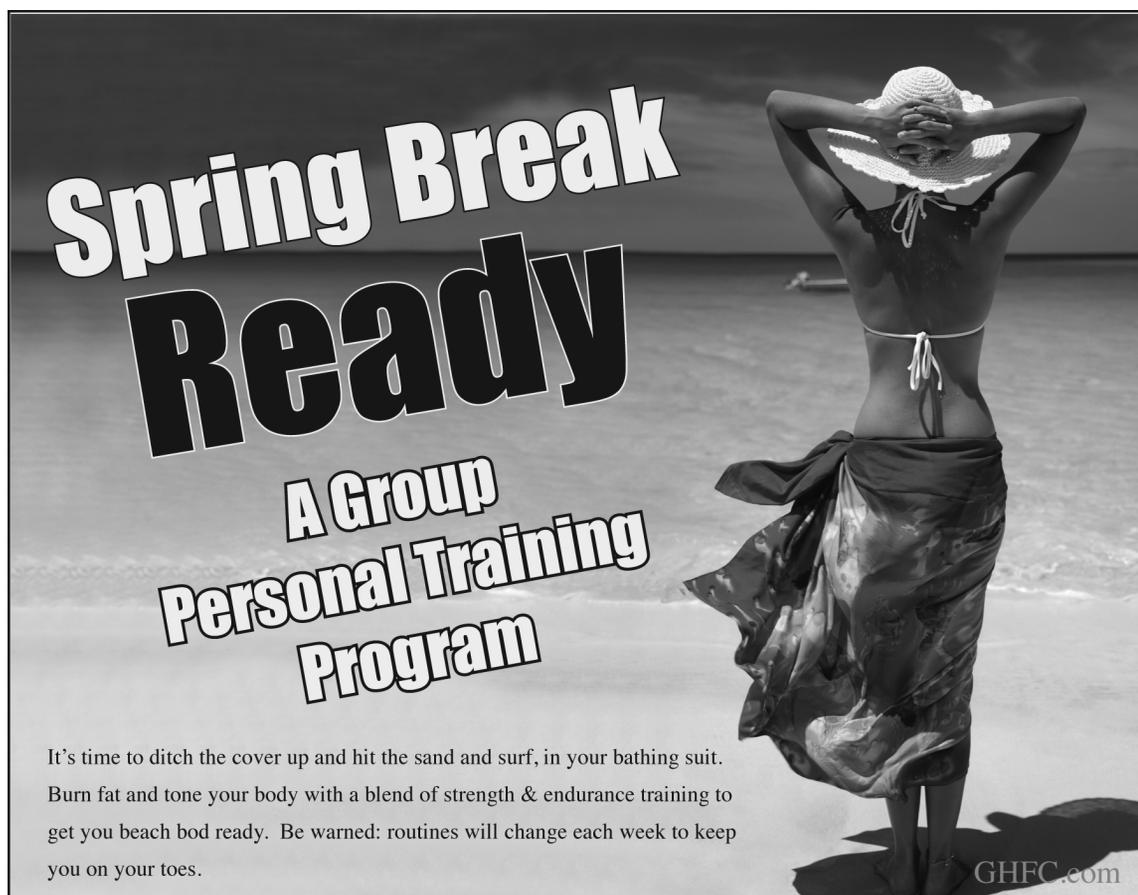
You should be ashamed of yourself, and the Alligator should be ashamed for publishing that letter.

Dara Schopp
UF student

Student Alliance to improve Senate if elected for some seats

Recently, the Alligator published an endorsement of various executive candidates and certain referenda. However, the newspaper failed to mention the other group of students running for election. Forty-seven Senate seats are being contested during the spring election, and the Student Alliance party has a slate worth an endorsement from the Alligator. Amalgamating a diverse group of students, the Student Alliance Senate slate can be credited with many of the "70 Platform Points" of the Student Alliance. The Student Alliance slate, if given a chance at a Senate majority, will quickly act to annul more than \$1 million in waste in Student Government. We will swiftly post our voting records online, mitigate the lack of transparency at the legislative level, pass legislation to encourage ethics at all levels of SG, expand free printing, promote sustainable practices and enact many other of the Student Alliance party's published initiatives. The current Senate, thoroughly dominated by a Unite Party majority, has been relegated to a lackluster rubber stamp. Never contradicting the executive, the Senate has continually refused to invoke its powers of investiture and its right to check the other branches of SG. If elected to Senate, we will reinvigorate the legislative prerogatives lost to autocratic history. Fight for your rights as students and vote for the Student Alliance Tuesday and Wednesday.

Neil Gundavda
Student Alliance party treasurer



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Florida will continue difficult stretch against FSU



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UF freshman Lauren Embree and the Gators will compete in Gainesville today for the first time since Feb. 8.

By **ANDREW OLSON**
Alligator Writer

The Gators are ready for a double dose of their biggest rival.

The No. 8 women's tennis team starts things off when it hosts FSU today at 5, and the No. 7 men will host the Seminoles on Wednesday.

"Florida State always seems to bring out the best in us," UF women's coach Roland Thornqvist said. "We know we are going to play a team that is fired up to play us."

For the women, the No. 14 Seminoles will be the latest in a tough stretch of opponents.

On Feb. 12th, the Gators traveled to Madison, Wis., for the ITA Team Indoor Championships.

After beating No. 16 Michigan, they dropped consecutive matches to No. 3 Northwestern and No. 12 UCLA.

Thornqvist saw the trip as a learning experience for his team.

"Indoors was good for us," Thornqvist said. "We played some of the best teams in the country."

The FSU match will be UF's first at home in more than two weeks, and on a team with native-Floridians, including No. 10 Allie Will and No. 22 Lauren Embree, the rivalry is well-understood.

"We're excited to be playing our rival at home," Will said. "We hope to see a good crowd out there."

Will, a Boca Raton native, is familiar with the rivalry carrying over to all sports.

Her teammate is somewhat conflicted.

Embree, from Marco Island, is not the only member of her family who plays collegiate tennis.

Her brother, Keith Embree, plays for FSU.

"He actually hasn't been giving me too

much stuff about it," Embree said. "I can't really hate Florida State that much when I have a brother there."

The men's team also has native-Floridian freshmen who are excited to play against FSU for the first time.

"We're pumped," freshman Sekou Bangoura Jr. said. "You try to get the same level of excitement for every opponent, but it's hard not to get more excited for FSU."

Bangoura, a Bradenton native, is coming off a strong performance Sunday against USF.

In singles, Bangoura was the first to finish and put the team closer to clinching the victory with his 6-1, 6-1 win.

Another freshman familiar with both schools is Boca Raton native Bob Van Overbeek, who received interest from FSU before choosing to play for UF.

"I don't know if you would call it recruiting, but I remember getting a lot of mail from them," Van Overbeek said. "Their No. 1 guy was doing really good at the time, and it seemed like every time he did something they sent me a letter about it."

Tennis is a sport that rewards depth, and the newcomers are contributing significantly this year.

Sunday against USF, Van Overbeek and freshman Billy Federhofer won the first doubles set from the No. 3 court.

In singles, Van Overbeek won at court No. 4 and helped put Florida in position to seal the victory before the top three positions had finished.

UF will rely on that depth against FSU.

"Florida State has a 1-2-3 combination as good as or better than anybody in the country," UF men's coach Andy Jackson said.



Women's Tennis

UF WOMEN'S GOLF

Gators in first place after Day 1

By **KELSIE HOECHERL**
Alligator Writer

After two rounds of play in the Central District Invitational, the Florida women's golf team is in the lead, 20 strokes ahead of second place.

The Gators finished 36 holes with a five under-par score of 571 (290-281) and with four players in the top 10.

"It [today] was a true team effort, which is probably what I am most proud of," UF women's coach Jan Dowling said. "Their patience out their today [is the second thing I contribute their success to] it is something that we had been talking about all fall and after our first tournament this spring, just staying really patient and really confident in their ability. It was difficult conditions today, it was really windy in the afternoon, and we're seven under as a team...Everyone stayed patient and positive all day, nothing ever rattled them."

Freshman Isabelle Lendl, who carded 141 (74-67, -3), has continued to build off her success at the Northrop Grumman Regional Tournament, where she battled back to finish in 11th place. Lendl took that confidence to her round Monday, finishing in second place one stroke behind leader Arkansas' Kelli Shean.

"With golf, it's a long term work ethic, and that is something that Isabelle is totally committed to what she is doing with her golf game," Dowling said. "I am really happy for her and proud of her. All her hard work is paying off. She is hitting the ball super solid right now and this afternoon she made a lot of putts."

In both the first and second rounds, Lendl proved that age and talent don't necessarily go hand in hand. The freshman outplayed her older teammates, carding eight birdies to keep her five bogeys at bay.

In a tie for third is Lendl's older sister, sophomore Marika. She finished just one stroke behind with a two round total of 142 (-2). Lendl made an even par her first round and then went on to finish two-under in her second round.

Finishing in fifth place, sophomore Evan Jensen shot a one-under-par score of 143. Jensen made par in her first round and then went one under in her second round with one bogey and two birdies.

"It [today] was a true team effort, which is probably what I am most proud of."

Jan Dowling
UF women's golf coach

Freshman Mia Piccio finished in a tie for seventh, just two strokes behind Jensen. Despite a double bogey in her first round, Piccio was able to keep it even.

Rounding out the lineup for the Gators was junior Jessica Yadloczky, who finished last for the squad. The junior finished nine strokes behind her freshman teammate after two double bogeys and a bogey set her four behind in the first round.

"We are going to attack this course again and keep doing what we have been doing," Dowling said. "It's been working."

UM opens practice today

■ **QUARTERBACK JACORY HARRIS WILL ONLY DO NON-THROWING DRILLS.**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORAL GABLES — Miami quarterback Jacory Harris will participate in some non-throwing drills during spring practice as he continues to recover from surgery on his throwing hand.

When the Hurricanes open the spring season Tuesday, most of the throws will be handled by returning backup quarterback A.J. Highsmith and incoming freshman Stephen Morris, said coach Randy Shannon, adding that they'll essentially be competing for No. 2 spot on the depth chart this fall.

"Going to be kind of a bad, but a good situation just to find out who is going to be our No. 2 quarterback," Shannon said Monday. "With Jacory not going to be able to participate as far as actually running plays, you'll find out on developing a No. 2 guy, which is very key to the stages of getting

your football program ready."

The Hurricanes were 9-4 last season, with Harris throwing for 3,352 yards and 24 touchdowns. Harris struggled with a sore thumb for much of the second half of last season, and had surgery Jan. 6.

Shannon said Highsmith, who played in three games and completed 4 of 6 passes for 53 yards last season, enters spring camp with a slight edge over Morris, who enrolled at Miami last month after graduating from Miami Monsignor Pace High.

"It's going to be a big challenge for him because he'll probably be the guy lining up with the 1's on the first day," Shannon said of Highsmith, the son of former Miami great Alonzo Highsmith. "But like anything else everybody has to get better."

Morris threw for 1,531 yards and 22 touchdowns in his senior high-school season.



Harris

Student organizes war between humans and zombies

■ A RULE MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY.

By **JEFFREY DANLEY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

If you happen to see zombies on campus in the next couple of weeks, don't be alarmed.

Freshman Jesse Schmitt is organizing the first game of Gators Humans vs. Zombies for Thursday.

"I thought UF has got to have

this kind of thing, and I have to get involved," Schmitt said.

The game, known to its followers as HvZ, was invented in 2005 by Brad Sappington and Chris Weed at Goucher College in Baltimore.

The game consists of two sides, Humans and Zombies, in which the goal for the Humans is to survive the "Zombie outbreak." If a Zombie tags a Human on campus, that Human becomes a Zombie, but to defend themselves, Humans can "stun" Zombies by hitting them

with a sock or Nerf gun.

The game gained popularity after being featured on the "The Colbert Report," in which Stephen Colbert deemed HvZ as the No. 1 threat to America.

On Campus It has since exploded onto college campuses across the nation and in other countries such as Denmark, Brazil and Australia. Some in-state schools to join the craze include Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University

and University of South Florida.

Stephen Fitzmaurice, a moderator of the game, hopes HvZ becomes popular at UF as it has in other places in the world.

"I think it will most definitely catch on," he said. "It's our job to ensure that everybody has as much fun as possible and to help the game grow."

A final rule meeting will take place Wednesday night at 7:20 in the Florida Gym, Room 210.

The game will take place on cam-

pus, but safe zones are restricted to academic buildings, libraries and the Reitz Union. Humans and Zombies will be identifiable by the bandannas worn either around their necks or heads.

Schmitt said more than 275 people have registered to play. Participants have to register online before they can participate in the group.

For additional information, visit the Web site at humansvszombies.org or its Facebook group, Gators Humans vs. Zombies.

St. Francis House residents to designate third holiday

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said. "Whether you like it or not, it has an impact on your quality of life."

Kent Vann, the executive director of the St. Francis House, welcomed the commission's decision. Although he admitted he would like to see fewer restrictions, Vann said he would take whatever days he could get.

"It's time we recognize what's going on in this country and quit bringing in Washington politics into our small town," he said. "We have neighbors in need. We should be enacting codes that help one another."

Although one of the three holidays is still left to be determined, Vann said that he is leaning toward having it on either Easter or Independence Day. He said he will let St. Francis guests decide the date.

But some were not as receptive to the news.

Jon DeCarmine, the director for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and the Hungry, believes the commission ruling means nothing.

"All it means is that they've made it detrimental [for the homeless] for 362 days instead of 365," DeCarmine said.



DeCarmine

As for Fitzpatrick, the perceived indifference from the commission has forced him to take drastic action. Today, Fitzpatrick plans to challenge Gainesville's panhandling law by collecting milk for the homeless.

"I've already spoken to my lawyer," he said. "They can't tell me who I can give a sandwich to or that I can't give milk to a child."



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Snake Season

Hunter Shawn Heflick holds a Burmese python during a news conference Monday in the Florida Everglades.



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Know Your Reitz

Reitz Union tour highlights building's inefficiencies, problems

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Writer

Despite talk during the Student Government campaign, there remains room for discussion regarding the Reitz Union's renovation and expansion.

Potential renovations include replacing outdated pipes, some of which trace back to 1967, and expanding student organizational space, said Ryan Moseley, former Student Body president, who helped lead a media tour Friday.

UF has more than 900 student organizations, but the union only has 27 rooms and a handful of cubicles to

accommodate them, he said.

"It's crucial that students' voices be heard for this project," Moseley said.

Alex Cornillie, a UF physics sophomore who serves on the Reitz Union Board of Managers, said another main feature of the project calls for the expansion of the union's auditorium from 300 to 1,500 seats.

"It looks like a high school classroom from the 1940s," Cornillie said.

In addition, the renovation plans call for a 24-hour study center, multipurpose

meeting rooms, a fitness center and a parking garage with 750 spaces, according to the Renew Your Reitz campaign platform, which promotes the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union.

Michael Mironack, the director of operations for the Reitz Union, said other, less visible renovations could include replacing pipes in the Reitz Union's basement.

The pipes control ventilation, plumbing and other crucial functions that assist in the building's day-to-day operations, Mironack said.

"A lot of things we're dealing with are infrastructure," he said. "If any of these major systems go down, it will be catastrophic."

If multiple pipes stop working, the Reitz Union could be shut down, he said.

Mironack said now is the time to undertake renovations because construction costs are low.

"We're not making this stuff up," he said. "We know for a fact that we have these problems."

However, Mironack was quick to point out that if anything is to be done, it will be left up to the students.

"I want to reiterate: This is a student issue," he said.



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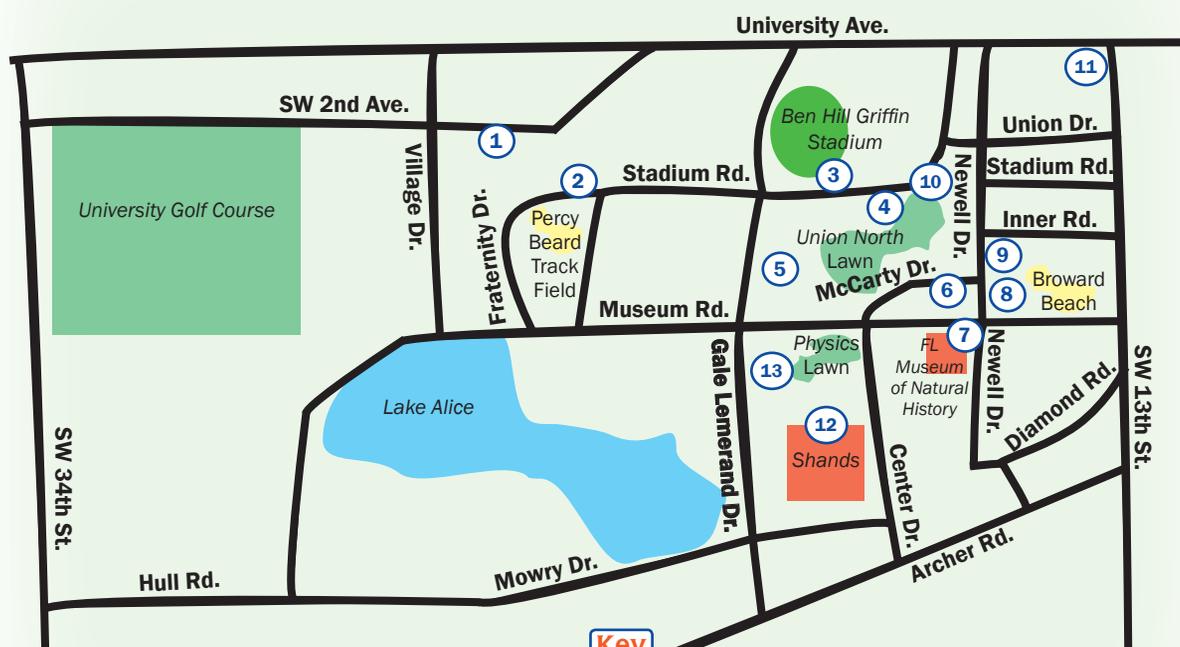
Students wait in line at Cheeburger Cheeburger in the union food court.



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Film calendars lie in a plastic box outside the Reitz Union Auditorium.

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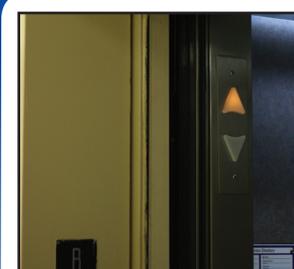


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Students talk in a hallway on the Reitz Union third floor.



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An elevator indicator is illuminated in the basement level of the union.

Graduate assistants protest fee

By **JOEY FLECHAS**
Alligator Writer

For 33-year-old Regina Martin, leisure time is a luxury that's never spent bowling at the Reitz Union.

The UF English graduate assistant's week is consumed with life as a teacher of an upper-division English class, and most of her money goes toward living expenses.

"There are so many expenses the university needs to be meeting in order to fulfill its basic mission of education," Martin said. "The Reitz Union is not a priority."

Students will help decide the Reitz Union's fate by voting Feb. 23 and 24 in the Student Government election.

The ballot includes two referendum questions about a potential stu-

dent fee to help fund the renovation and expansion of the Reitz Union.

Talk of the fee has stirred opposition from UF's Graduate Assistants United, which represents the nearly 4,000 teaching and research assistants who are both students and employees of the university. Graduate assistants differ from graduate students because they work for the university.

According to Graduate Assistants United member Craig Rinne, most graduate assistants currently pay between \$500 and \$600 in student fees.

At first, Student Body President Jordan Johnson felt the entire Student Body should pay the potential fee, but after about 15 meetings with graduate assistants, he changed his position.

For more on graduate assistants' opposition to the fee, see alligator.org

Campaign pushes repairs

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Writer

There's a third party campaigning in spring's Student Government election: the Renew Your Reitz campaign.

Renew Your Reitz, a student-run campaign, was launched last week and has since recruited an estimated 200 volunteers to encourage students to vote to approve the expansion and renovation of the Reitz Union.

Alex Cornillie, the campaign's spokesman, said it is designed to educate students and explore alternative sources of funding for the renovation, such as donations from alumni.

He said representatives of the campaign are speaking with students about repairs and renovations that will need to be made within the next

14 years.

Student Body President Jordan Johnson said the expansion would cost between \$80 million and \$90 million, but it has not yet been determined how much of that will be covered in donations from alumni, contributions from the administration and other sources of funding from the university.

"We understand that we need a student fee that's going to cover roughly a little more than half that," Johnson said.

Cornillie said many students have had questions about the "state of the Union" and why the repairs and the fee are such big issues right now.

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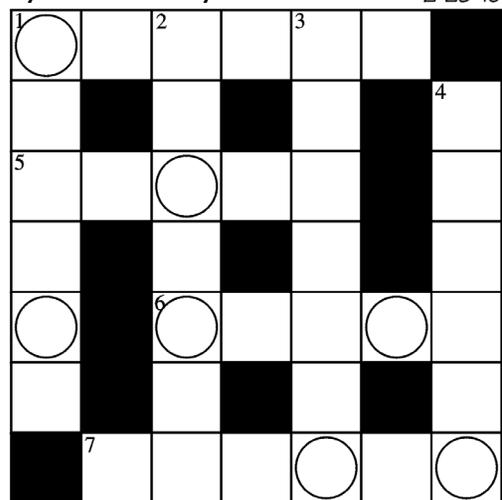
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10 Wordless singing style	5 Send into exile	38 Place to hold mutineers	47 Nine-to-five routine, to many
14 Land parcel unit	6 Special lingo	40 Cracker spread	50 Ringer of many bells
15 Big gig venue	7 Arbitrator with a whistle	41 Inhumane	51 Allow to use for a while
16 Heading for a chore list	8 "Bambi" doe	42 Auto trim	52 Creative fields
17 Devotee of a Sistine Chapel feature?	9 Oater	43 Rare orders, perhaps	55 Class clown, often
19 Charles Lamb's nom de plume	10 Workers with pads	44 Eastern priests	56 Anchovy holder
20 Sixth sense, briefly	11 Punctuation in play dialogue		57 Be in the hole for
21 Carnival city	12 French farewell		
22 Portage vessels	13 Best man's offer		
24 Devotee of green ice cream?	14 Joyce's countrymen		
27 Final furniture coat	23 Like a screened porch		
30 Round at the tavern	24 Tower city		
31 Pennsylvania Dutch group	25 Leave high and dry		
32 Buddy of Tom and Dick?	26 "Two mints in one" sloganer		
33 Important time	27 Confront		
36 Pop choice	28 "No harm done"		
37 Numbers after the decimal point	29 River where baby Moses was found		
38 Top of the glass	32 Artist Matisse		
39 ___ out: barely make	33 Rock star Clapton		
40 Tadpoles' milieu	34 Insurer's exposure		
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42 Capital where "Aida" premiered			
43 Trained animal's repertoire			
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48 Idolizes			
49 Fish eggs			
50 In the style of			
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54 Devotee of a classical language?			
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UF aims to halt UT's win streak Vols have won six straight

By **ADAM BERRY**
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There's more on the line for the Gators tonight than just a chance to break a rival's recent streak of dominance over them.

Florida (19-8, 8-4 Southeastern Conference) will take on Tennessee (20-6, 8-4 SEC) at 9 in the O'Connell Center with both teams looking to secure an NCAA Tournament berth.

UT has won 11 of the last 14 against UF, including six straight. Only one player on the Gators' roster, senior forward Dan Werner, has been on a team that beat the Volunteers.

"With the situation we're in, it'll be important," junior forward Chandler Parsons said.

"Obviously I want to beat those guys, and we feel like we let one slip away last time we played them. We've got them on our home court with everything on the line, so it's gonna be a different story."

In addition to the recent losing streak and postseason implications, UF will have another motive tonight: avenging its loss earlier this season in Knoxville. The Gators kept it close throughout but fell 61-60 on a jumper by Scotty Hopson with 21 seconds to go.

Junior power forward Alex Tyus had a chance to give UF another close win, but his short jumper rimmed out with less than five seconds remaining.

"It hurt. We've been on both sides, though," Parsons said.

"We've had some crazy wins and we've had some tough losses, so you can't really complain about that. It's not one shot that wins or loses the game."

UF coach Billy Donovan said the Volunteers have changed quite a bit since the teams' first matchup, making it even more important for the Gators to put the loss behind them.

"Right now, our guys understand what goes into winning," Donovan said. "I think anything that's happened in the past is really in the past. It has nothing to do with going into this game."

Brian Williams, the 6-foot-10, 278-pound backup center, returned to the Volunteers after serving a suspension for his Jan. 1 arrest. Vols coach Bruce Pearl has also experimented with his team by moving guard J.P. Prince to the power forward spot in a smaller, quicker lineup.

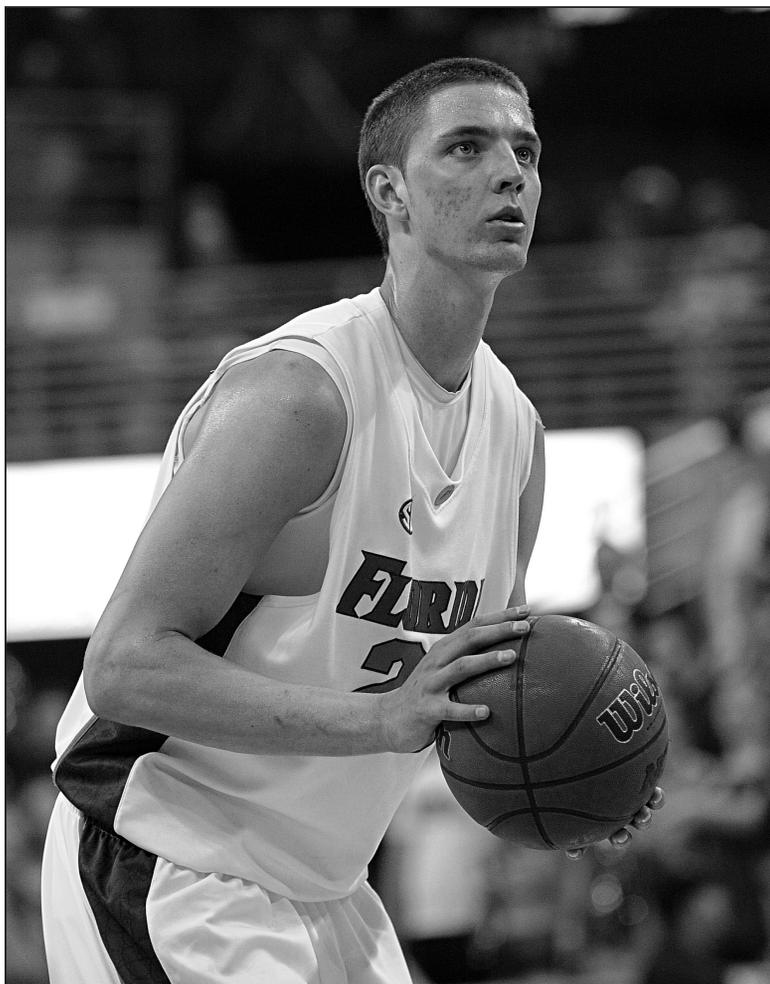
For UF to get its first win against UT since Feb. 3, 2007, Parsons pointed to four areas in which the team needs to improve: transition defense, rebounding, turnovers and inbounds plays.

The Volunteers scored 13 fast-break points, outrebounded the Gators 27-12 after halftime, forced 17 turnovers and scored several easy points on under-the-basket inbounds plays in their first matchup.

"We know those guys aren't going to come in here and lay down for us," Parsons said. "They're in the same situation as us. They're 8-4; we're 8-4. This game means a lot to them, too. It's just going to be about who has the will to win."

Florida has had that will lately, winning six of its last seven by eight points or fewer and — overcoming poor outside-shooting performances in most of them. The Gators are 11th in the SEC in three-point percentage in conference play, hitting just 30.3 percent from beyond the arc.

"You don't shoot great every night. It's really about the things you can control," Donovan said. "That's where the focus should be placed, and that's where the pressure needs to be placed."



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Junior Chandler Parsons and the Gators will look to pad their NCAA Tournament résumé against Tennessee tonight in Gainesville.

Students at fault for O'Dome atmosphere

By **BOBBY CALLOVI**
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Don't blame it on the alumni section that Florida basketball home games are not as rowdy as they use to be.

At any Gators sporting event I have attended when the crowd is not loud enough for certain fans, they immediately point the finger to the older, calmer alums.



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But that is not the reason why Southeastern Conference opponents shouldn't — and probably don't — fear coming to the O'Connell Center anymore.

The student section is not as ruthless as it was my freshman year.

I understand the team isn't as good it was when it won its second national championship, but that shouldn't matter too much.

UF has one of the largest student bodies in the nation and supposedly one of the most dedicated fan bases, but I guess that second part should be said with this clause: only if the team's good.

My first year, before I became an objective journalist, I

SEE BOBBY, PAGE 18

Gators hit the road

■ **UF WILL PLAY LA SALLE AT TEMPLE TODAY.**

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

Florida opened its inaugural season in front of a sold-out home crowd Saturday. The team enjoyed the attention, the crowd and its 16-6 win over Jacksonville.

However, the time to enjoy that win is already over.

Less than 48 hours after the inaugural game, UF (1-0) traveled to Philadelphia on Monday for its second game of the season and first on the road — a matchup against La Salle on Tuesday.

The match was scheduled to begin 3 p.m., but due to snow on La Salle's field, the time and location were changed to 12:30

p.m. at Temple.

UF coach Amanda O'Leary said the quick turnaround from competing on Saturday to Tuesday's matchup is something her young team has to get used to because of its schedule.

She added it should be a positive because her players will not have time to dwell on previous game results.

"They're going to have to learn quickly and make the adjustments quickly and be able to adapt to the next game we are playing," O'Leary said. "We need to continue to do the things that are going to help us win games versus trying to come up with game plans for each and every team we play."



Lacrosse

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TEERING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ Jemele Hill wrote: "You can argue whether Tiger's 13-minute confession, which got the TV air play of a presidential speech, was or wasn't scripted..." Not even Lauren Conrad would argue that speech wasn't scripted. ... When Urban Meyer told Tim Tebow to just be himself at the Senior Bowl, what he really meant was, "Tim, change your entire throwing motion or no one is going to draft you."

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INSIDE

■ The women's golf team is in first place after the first two rounds of the Central District Invitational, and the women's tennis team will take on FSU today in Gainesville. For the full stories, turn to page 8.

Florida hopes to improve on possession, passing against La Salle



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Coach Amanda O'Leary and the Gators head to Philadelphia to play La Salle today in the UF lacrosse program's first road game.

LACROSSE, from page 17

O'Leary shows her team film and scouting reports to identify its opponent's tendencies, but ultimately the challenge for the Gators is to make the necessary adjustments in the short time available.

Going up against La Salle on Tuesday, UF will look to avoid the fundamental mistakes that it made against Jacksonville. The team will have to clean up its passing and pay attention to fouls.

O'Leary said there was no excuse for having as many dropped passes as the squad had against Jacksonville, but the Gators should be able to play a clean game and keep possession of the ball Tuesday because they worked on those fundamentals every day in practice.

She added that Saturday's game against the Dolphins highlighted some other things that her team will need to do in order to beat La Salle.

"Defensively, it showed that we have to communicate more," she said. "We have to be able to play more as a defensive unit versus as seven individuals."

Offensively, she said her players will need to have more composure on the field and better possession time.

Going into Pennsylvania,

the Gators will have their work cut out for them, and they may have trouble implementing the changes O'Leary said they need to make.

Last week, La Salle senior Stefany McKee was named Player of the Week in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Sophomore Sara Ciaverelli was dubbed Defensive Player of the Week, and freshman Melanie Sarcinello was Rookie of the Week.

"Defensively, it showed that we have to communicate more. We have to be able to play more as a defensive unit versus as seven individuals."

Amanda O'Leary
UF lacrosse coach

The Explorers lost their season-opener 12-11 to Navy on the road Feb. 12, but they had a week off to prepare for the Gators' visit.

O'Leary said they are athletic, quick offensively and are fast to collapse to double teams on defense.

Subsequently, if UF wants to return to Gainesville 2-0, it must have a solid game on both ends of the field Tuesday.

HOT SHOTS

Stats shown are from Auburn and Ole Miss games



Chandler Parsons, F

Parsons once again proved to be the most reliable player on the Gators' roster last week, and his play was enough to earn him a unanimous first-place selection. Over the last five games, the junior forward has two double-doubles and is averaging 15.2 points and nine rebounds per game. He scored a team-high 17 points on 6-of-11 shooting against Auburn while also grabbing six rebounds and dishing out four assists, and he added 13 points, eight rebounds and four more assists at Ole Miss on Saturday. While guards Erving Walker and Kenny Boynton have been getting attention for playing so many minutes, Parsons actually led the team with 69 minutes played this week.

Stats: 30 points, 10-19 shooting, 9-10 FTs, 14 reb, 8 asts, 1 stl



Vernon Macklin, C

There must be something about playing against teams from Mississippi that leads to a big offensive day for Macklin. After going for a career-high 20 points against Mississippi State at home on Feb. 6, the junior center set a new career mark with 22 points at Ole Miss. Macklin was on fire to start off the game Saturday, scoring 11 of the Gators' first 15 points and dominating the Rebels any time they went into man-to-man defense. He was significantly less impressive against Auburn, scoring just seven points and grabbing four rebounds, but his performance in Oxford, Miss., was impressive enough to warrant a second-place spot. Also, he improved his once-woeful free-throw shooting by hitting 9 of 10 on the week, including all six of his attempts Saturday.

Stats: 29 points, 10-15 shooting, 9-10 FTs, 11 reb, 2 blk, 1 stl



Erving Walker, PG

Another week, another slate of games in which three Gators fail to put together consistently impressive performances. Walker gets the slight edge over Alex Tyus (21 points, 8-of-19 shooting, 11 rebounds, three blocks) for his clutch free-throw shooting against Ole Miss and his impressive 14-of-16 shooting night from the line against Auburn on Thursday, when he was second on the team in scoring

despite not making a field goal. Walker must improve his shooting as UF prepares to face Tennessee and Georgia this week, but he has exemplified the team's ability to win despite its shots not falling.

Stats: 24 points, 2-16 shooting, 20-22 FTs, 10 asts, 3 reb, 2 stls

STANDINGS

Parsons - 12 Macklin - 4
Walker - 9 Boynton - 3
Tyus - 8

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joined a group of my friends who waited all day (or if it was a weekend game, we were out there Friday morning prepared to spend the night) outside Gate 3 to guarantee ourselves front-row seats to every game.

And it wasn't just us.

The atmosphere was similar to the movie "The Warriors" that involved a city filled with rival gangs.

Other than us - known to others as the New Kids - there were the Hard Hats, the Striped Guys and the Engineers, to name just a few.

It was a competition to just get out there

first.

For the Kentucky game, due to UAA rules, we camped out across the street 10 days before the game, a full week before we were allowed to be there.

And it was only another day before the next group showed up. The night before the game, the line of people camping out went down the ramp of Gate 3 and down stadium road to near the baseball stadium's entrance.

Once the fans were let in and the opposing teams came out, the heckling began. And research was done, too.

Fans knew way more personal information about some of the opposing players than any fan should know.

For the game against Tennessee that year, the Hard Hat group brought blown up photos of UT guard Dane Bradshaw's attractive sister. Throughout the game, chants broke out about his sister every time the ball touched his hands.

That ruthlessness and dedication is no longer there. Fans just show up, cheer and leave.

College basketball is one of the few sports where fans can make a difference and get inside an individual player's head.

At football games, a loud crowd can make it hard on an offense, but there is little chance a player can hear taunts aimed specifically at him.

This year, fans can show up half an hour before tipoff and still get in the student section.

Heck, before the Auburn game, spots were still available the day of the game for students to register.

And for the Kentucky game, there were not more than a handful of people camping out.

The Rowdy Reptiles section never included the alumni.

Although it helps if the team is better than what the Gators are, it's on the students to make the O'Connell Center a place to fear playing at.

And that hasn't been there lately.

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Constitution Amendments for the 2010 Spring Ballot

Fellow members of the Gator Nation:

As you may know, Student Government elections are upon us. While you may or may not vote in these elections, it is important that you know that this election is a bit different than most. Every 10 years, our student body Constitution demands that a Commission convene to draft revisions to our constitution, and this process has occurred over the last 14 months. The results of the Commission's work will be on the ballot during this election and you will have the opportunity to accept or reject the changes. I write to you today, as the Chairman of this Commission, to encourage you to vote in favor of these changes.

The 20 members of the Commission are proposing many important changes to our Constitution. The process was not a political process, but one designed to ensure that this important document holds our elected leaders accountable, that this document is updated and current, and that our student body has access to our student courts and student leaders. Our changes lower the threshold for impeachment for Student Senators that have been accused of official misconduct. We lowered the threshold to submit constitutional initiatives to the Student Supreme Court. In light of Florida Board of Governors Resolution 08-23, we ensured the continued viability and presence of the former office of Honor Court Chancellor by creating a presidentially appointed position.

The 20 members of this Commission span the entire spectrum of our Gator Nation community. From Majority and Minority party senators, the Interim Dean of Students, the current Senate President Pro-Tem, the current Chief Justice of the Student Body Supreme Court, the Director of Student Activities and Involvement, to many involved undergraduate, graduate, and law students. The result is a comprehensive and united effort to help ensure that our student government, like our student body, remains unrivaled in reputation, both today and into the future. I would encourage you to review the proposed changes and email me directly to discuss any questions you may have. We hope you will take the time to vote to pass this new Constitution.

Sincerely,
David M. Kerner
Chairman, 2009-2010 Constitution Revision Commission
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On Behalf of the Full Commission: Taylor Tribou, Ben Cavatara, Thomas Cockriel, Matt Michel, Jay Miller, Naadira Renfroe, Dan Siegel, Jacqueline Acosta, Victoria Ajayi, Kirby Bissel, Brooke Eisen-smith, Audrey Goldman, Kara Olesky, Frank Pierce, Whitney Smith, Josh Winegar, Dr. Paige Crandall (Interim Dean of Students), Dr. Nancy Chrystal-Green (Director of Student Activities and Involvement), Mr. Chris Loschiavo (Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution).

Language as it will appear on the ballot:

Should the Student Body Constitution be amended to: change the time for appointment of Summer Replacement Senators from May 1 to the last meeting of spring term; remove verbiage that purports to allow the Student Senate to contract on behalf of the student body; permit the Student Senate to amend election laws within four weeks, rather than five weeks, of an election; comply with Florida Board of Governors Resolution 08-23 by preserving the role of the Honor Code Chancellor, now referred to "Honor Code Executive Director," and allowing this executive director to be appointed by the Student Body President; amend Article III to read "Funding Fee Increase Restrictions", instead of "Budget Restrictions"; ensure that terms of executive department heads expire concurrently with the terms of the elected executive officials; remove any reference to the "Student Honor Court" and "Student Honor Court Bar Association;" direct the submission of proposals by initiative to the Chief Justice of the Student Body; amend the proposal initiative process to provide that a petition carrying the signatures of 5% of the student body shall be placed on the ballot; authorize the Elections Commission to determine if initiative ballot titles and summaries are accurate and lawful and amend ballot titles and summary if they determine that they are not accurate, subject to appeal to the Student Body Supreme Court; require 2/3 of the trial body of the Student Senate for conviction of impeachment, instead of 3/4; make grammatical and other minor corrections and replacements.

Summary of changes proposed in the amendment:

1-1: Article II: Changes various wording in the article. For example, this proposal removes the words "by law", and replaces this phrase with "provide by Student Body law". Further, where the article used list every judicial office, it now simply states "Student Government offices of the Judicial Branch". Where the article used to use the word "de jure", it now reads "automatic". Moves the non-discrimination clause to Article I. There are no major substantive changes in this proposal.

1-2: Article I: The non-discrimination clause is added here. Further, the basic rights under section 2 are now listed in a bullet point form, instead of reading as one full paragraph. The Honor Code is within this article.

1-3: Amends the preamble to read:

We, the Student Body of the University of Florida, in order to:

- Represent and defend the rights and interests of students to the university, the community, and government;
 - Provide a forum for the expressions of student views and interests;
 - Promote the academic freedom and responsibility and high standards of education;
 - Provide services and organize events for the benefit of students; and
 - Help promote understanding and recognition of the responsibilities of students to the university, the community, and humanity,
- Do hereby establish this Constitution.

2-1: Article III: Amends section 1 to read "All legislative powers of the Student Body shall be vested in a student senate.", instead of reading "All legislative powers of the Student Body shall be vested in the student senate."

2-2: Article III: Capitalizes "Student Senate" (where it used to read "student senate"). Further, it changes the deadline to appoint summer senators from May 1, to the last meeting of spring term.

2-3: Article III: Amends section 5 to mandate that the Student Senate President and the Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall be elected by the members of the senate according to their rules and procedures.

2-4: Article III: Amends section 6 by removing subsection (i), which purported to give the student senate the right to contract on behalf of the student body.

2-5: Article III: Amends section 7, subsection (i) to read "change the election laws during the four weeks before the scheduled election to be effective for that election.", instead of five weeks.

2-6: Article III: Amends section 7 by adding the office of "Executive Director of the Honor Code Administration" to the list of officers allowed to address the student senate.

2-7: Article III: Amends section 9 title to read "Funding Fee Increase Restrictions" instead of reading "Budget Restrictions".

2-8: Article III: Amends section 7 by removing subsection (h), which purports to give the student senate the authority to regulate a student honor court bar association.

3-2: Article IV: Amends section 4 to allow the student body president to appoint a "Student Honor Code Executive Director" to the cabinet. Further, it mandates that the terms of the heads of executive departments shall expire concurrently with the expiration of the regular terms of the elected executive officials. Finally, it changes the term "University Cashier" to read "University Controller".

4-1: Article IV: Eliminates section 4 (student honor court) and other references to it. It clarifies that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint law students to serve as temporary justices where an Associate or the Chief Justice is subject to recusal.

5-1: Article V: Amends section 6 to require that the student senate to validate the general and run-off elections "in the next regularly scheduled senate meeting", instead of reading "no later than 10 school days after the last day of the final election an election cycle" Further, it amends section 7 to read that campus wide officers elected in the spring general election in races requiring a majority vote shall assume office "on the last regularly scheduled class day", instead of reading "at 8:00 PM on May 1st". Further, it amends section 8 to require a member of student government to hold a 2.5 GPA instead of a 2.0 GPA. Finally, it amends section 8 to read "Center for Student Activities and Involvement" instead of "Office of Student Activities".

6-1: Articles VII and VIII: Amends these articles to reverse the composition of the Impeachment Body and Trial Body and apply the same voting threshold of 2/3 for each body. The prior burden for the trial was 3/4. Amends the article to demand that 5% of the electorate sign any initiative before it will be placed on the ballot and directs that any initiative be directed to the Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court. It further allows the Elections Commission to review the ballot title and summary of any initiative to ensure it complies with the law, and allows them to amend it if they find it does not comply with the law, subject to Supreme Court jurisdiction. Further, it amends the constitution to demand that a Constitution Revision Commission convene in 2019. Finally, regarding the CRC, it demands that the Director if CSAI be a member of the 2019 CRC instead of the Dean of Student.

Please contact David Kerner, Student Body Supreme Court Chief Justice and Chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee, with any questions at chiefjustice@sg.ufl.edu. A copy of the changes can be found at www.sg.ufl.edu. Elections will be held February 23-24. Please visit www.sg.ufl.edu/elections for polling locations and a list of candidates.

Student Body Elections

POLLING LOCATIONS:

Accounting	Matherly
Agriculture & Life Sciences	McCarty-A, FLMNH
Architecture	Rinker
Business Administration	Matherly, FLMNH
Building Construction	Rinker
Dentistry	JHMHSC
Education	Norman Hall
Engineering	New Engineering Bldg., Journalism (Weimer)
Fine Arts	Rinker
Freshman Class	Norman Hall, JWRU, Turlington 1st Floor, Springs, Broward
Graduate Students	Matherly, Rinker New Engineering Bldg., Norman Hall, JWRU, JHMHSC, Levin Law, Turlington 2nd Floor, FLMNH
Health & Human Performance	Florida Gym
Public Health & Health Prof.	JHMHSC
Journalism	Journalism (Weimer)
Law	Levin Law
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Turlington 2nd Floor, JWRU, FLMNH
Medicine	JHMHSC
Nursing	JHMHSC
Pharmacy	JHMHSC
Sophomore Class	Norman Hall, JWRU, Turlington 1st Floor, Springs, Broward
Veterinary Medicine	JHMHSC

JHMHSC= Communicore in library area
FLMNH= Florida Museum of Natural History
JWRU= Reitz Union (1st Floor)

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UF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2010

INSTRUCTIONS:
To vote, complete the arrow to the right of your choice with a **HEAVY BOLD LINE** like this .
IMPORTANT: USE A #2 PENCIL OR THE MARKING PEN PROVIDED. DO NOT USE RED INK!
NOTE: IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL AND OBTAIN ANOTHER.

<p>PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for UP TO (1) One)</p> <p>BEN CAVATARO and SAGAR SANE STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>ASHTON CHARLES and MARCUS DIXON UNITE PARTY</p> <p>TREASURER (Vote for UP TO (1) One)</p> <p>RAFAEL YANIZ STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>VIRLANY TABOADA UNITE PARTY</p> <p>CHANCELLOR (Vote for UP TO (1) One)</p> <p>SENATE GRADUATE STUDENTS (Vote for UP TO (8) Eight)</p> <p>TYLER HISHAM ANTAR STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>TOVAH GOLDFARB STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>BRIAN KIRCHBERG STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>ALAN CHRISTOPHER MARTIN STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>MATT MARTZ STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>ANU PANDEY STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>JOANNA SANDFORD STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>ZACK SMITH STUDENT ALLIANCE</p> <p>ANDREW S. GUGLIEMO UNITE PARTY</p> <p>JONATHAN LENNER UNITE PARTY</p> <p>IVAN MARTINEZ UNITE PARTY</p> <p>MATT MICHEL UNITE PARTY</p> <p>TOMMY ROBEY UNITE PARTY</p> <p>DAN "THE FIREMAN" SIEGEL UNITE PARTY</p> <p>KUNAL SINGH UNITE PARTY</p> <p>LEXI WYNNE UNITE PARTY</p>	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Should the Student Body Constitution be amended to: change the time for appointment of Summer Replacement Senators from May 1 to the last meeting of spring term; remove verbiage that purports to allow the Student Senate to contract on behalf of the student body; permit the Student Senate to amend election laws within four weeks, rather than five weeks, of an election; comply with Florida Board of Governors Resolution 08-23 by preserving the role of the Honor Code Chancellor, now referred to as "Honor Code Executive Director," and allowing this executive director to be appointed by the Student Body President; amend Article III to read "Funding Fee Increase Restrictions", instead of "Budget Restrictions"; ensure that terms of executive department heads expire concurrently with the terms of the elected executive officials; remove any reference to the "Student Honor Court" and "Student Honor Court Bar Association;" direct the submission of proposals by initiative to the Chief Justice of the Student Body; amend the proposal initiative process to provide that a petition carrying the signatures of 5% of the student body shall be placed on the ballot; authorize the Elections Commission to determine if initiative ballot titles and summaries are accurate and lawful and amend ballot titles and summary if they determine that they are not accurate, subject to appeal to the Student Body Supreme Court; require 2/3 of the trial body of the Student Senate for conviction of impeachment, instead of 3/4; make grammatical and other minor corrections and replacements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> ← NO <input type="checkbox"/> ←</p> <p>REFERENDUM QUESTIONS A Reitz Union fee has been proposed to repair and expand the facility. This fee would better student services, and increase space for students and organizations. Both USF and FSU have implemented fees: \$20 per semester plus \$1.50 per credit hour at USF, and a fee of \$20 per semester plus \$2 per credit hour at FSU. At UF the current proposed fee is \$20 per semester plus \$3 per credit hour. This will allow for students at the state's flagship university to have access to the same level of quality in student resources as those offered at Florida's other state universities and its peer universities around the country. A recent university survey shows the Reitz Union is in need of more than \$40 million in deferred maintenance and repairs. The Reitz Union was built more than 40 years ago for the 19,000 students then enrolled. UF now has nearly 50,000 students and more than 900 student organizations, all in need of space, resources and support. Shall a new student fee be created to fund repairs of the J. Wayne Reitz Union? YES <input type="checkbox"/> ← NO <input type="checkbox"/> ←</p> <p>Shall a Reitz Union Fee, if implemented, be used to pay for additional expansions to the J. Wayne Reitz Union? If a fee is implemented, voting YES indicates the wish to fund an expansion of the Union. Voting NO indicates the wish to only fund necessary repairs. YES <input type="checkbox"/> ← NO <input type="checkbox"/> ←</p> <p>Should the University of Florida join the Workers Rights Consortium to help ensure that licensed merchandise with the University of Florida and Gator logos is not made in sweatshops? YES <input type="checkbox"/> ← NO <input type="checkbox"/> ←</p>
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February 23-24
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Please visit our website to see a full list of candidates and details about the proposed Constitution amendments.