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Jump on It

UF philosophy major Mike Alvarez does a "cat" over a concrete picnic table on campus Wednesday afternoon. Alvarez, who has been practicing parkour for a month, was practicing with others who are part of American Parkour. See story at alligator.org.

Shot student in critical condition

■ OFFICERS INVOLVED NOT EXPECTED TO BE CHARGED.

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
 and **KATHERINE BEIN**
 Alligator Writers

Ghanan graduate student Kofi Adu-Brempong was in critical but stable condition as of Thursday afternoon, according to Alachua County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Art Forgey.

ASO spokesman Lt. Steve Maynard said Adu-Brempong is under custody of the Alachua County Department of Jail.

Adu-Brempong's location was not confirmed by Maynard, but anonymous sources maintain he was taken to Shands at UF.

Criminal charges are not expected for the five University Police Department officers who were involved in the incident, said Spencer Mann of the state attorney's office.

The officers included Keith Smith,

William Sasser, James Mabry, Stacy Ettl and William Ledger.

"I know of no reason why they would press charges against the officers," Mann said.

The state attorney is still determining how to handle the six charges against Adu-Brempong, he said.

Adu-Brempong, a UF Ph.D. student and geography teacher's assistant, was shot by UPD with an assault rifle Tuesday night at his apartment across from the Levin College of Law.

According to UPD Capt. Jeff Holcomb, the 35-year-old student was shot after an hour-and-a-half standoff with UPD officers.

A representative from Shands at UF reported having no record of a patient by the name Adu-Brempong, where police said he was taken.

According to an anonymous source, Adu-Brempong checked into the hospital under a fake name. But Shands' nursing coordinator Doug Wallace said he was "under command" not to comment on a possible false identity.

LOCAL City votes on rezoning

By **TYLER JETT**
 Alligator Writer

The Gainesville City Commission took a step toward realizing Project Grace's goal to fight homelessness in a meeting Thursday night.

The Commission unanimously passed a motion during the meeting to rezone property that is planned to become the One Stop Residential Homeless Center and Food Distribution Center for the Needy.

The land, located at 820 NW 53rd Ave., was originally designated as industrial property, but the rezoning initiative has changed it to a planned development district.

The homeless center is a key part of the Gainesville/Alachua County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness Program, and the cen-

ter could not be built on industrial property. Attorney Karl Sanders questioned the commission's ability to make an unbiased decision before it voted.

Sanders represents Nalbandian Properties LLC, which is located south of the planned development.



Henry

"This is not your normal rezoning process," he said. "It was suggested by the city of Gainesville, and it is being voted on by the city of Gainesville." Commissioner Scherwin Henry told Sanders the Commissioners would vote

fairly regardless of what was recommended to them by other city groups.

"We can go against the grain if it is unwarranted," Henry said.

Thomas Center voted great place to tie knot

By **CINDY TAVERAS**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

A fainting uncle, temporarily misplaced rings and painful shoes were not enough to keep Adriana Sanchez-Lindsay from having her fairy-tale wedding.

Because of the Thomas Center, a historical building used most often to host venues, her wedding dreams came true, she said.

"Everything looked beautiful," she

said.

And Sanchez-Lindsay isn't the only one who feels that way.

For the third consecutive year, the Thomas Center was recognized as one of the best wedding reception and ceremony sites by The Knot, a magazine for brides and grooms.

"To know that we are getting posi-

SEE WEDDING, PAGE 8

■ UF junior Chandler Parsons and the Gators face a must-win situation after losing their previous two games when they play No. 3 Kentucky on Sunday in Lexington. See Story, Page 16.



Firefighters free duck stuck in Santa Fe chimney

SANTA FE, Texas — The bad luck of a stuck duck changed when firefighters in Santa Fe rescued the bird wedged in a chimney.

Fire Chief Tommy Anderson said the homeowner heard the bird and lit a fire, hoping the duck would get out on its own from the open-top chimney.

Anderson said the plan backfired when "it filled her house with smoke."

Firefighters who were summoned

around 5 p.m. Wednesday determined the bird was too big to get free on its own.

Anderson said the fire was put out, the damper was opened and "a wing was hanging out."

The chief said a firefighter reached into the lower part of the chimney, grabbed the duck and pulled the animal out.

Anderson said the duck was taken outside and it flew away.

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LOCAL

Student Finance Group challenges UF clubs to hot-chicken-wing contest

The Student Finance Group is challenging all UF student organizations on campus to take on the nuclear chicken wing.

The Student Finance Group is teaming up with the Beef 'O' Brady's on University Avenue to host the Nuclear Chicken Wing Eating Inferno on March 18 at 8 p.m.

The registration deadline for the contest is Friday at 11:59 p.m., and any student organization can participate, said Bastian Bockenhusen, Student Finance Group fundraising director.

Bockenhusen said the event gives student organizations the chance to win cash prizes and gift cards.

Students will also sample some spicy wings, which Student Finance Group President Jonathan Saxer has already sampled.

"I've tried these nuclear wings, and I felt like my tongue was going to fall off," Saxer said. "I seriously couldn't eat for two days afterward."

Each registered organization must supply one representative and at least 10 supporters, Saxer said. The representative will have 10 minutes to eat as many nuclear chicken wings as possible.

Tim McGivern, the co-owner of the West University Avenue Beef 'O' Brady's, said the winner will receive \$250 in cash for his or her student organization and a \$50 Beef 'O' Brady's gift card for his or herself.

"It's great exposure for us, and it's a great cause," McGivern said. "We want to give back to the community."

Other prizes include a \$50 gift card for the best costume and a \$50 gift card for the organization that brings the most supporters, he said.

Organizations can e-mail Bastian Bockenhusen at bastiannicolas@ufl.edu to register.

—LYN KRAMER

FORECAST

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
SUNNY 62/33	SUNNY 66/34	SUNNY 69/38	PARTLY CLOUDY 72/48	RAIN 70/50

Miss Gainesville pageant kicks off Saturday

Growing up, Elizabeth Gonzalez never expected to compete in beauty pageants. The 21-year-old from Newberry said her style was "boyish" during her adolescent years, preferring jeans and T-shirts to skirts and stilettos. But earning the title of Miss Gainesville would help her do what she's passionate about: reaching out to young people.

She and other contestants of the Miss Gainesville pageant will strut down the stage to compete for the crown Saturday in the Cofrin Theater at Oak Hall School at 6 p.m.

"The Miss America Scholarship Organization challenges young women to excel in all areas of their life, but most importantly to change the lives of others by giving back," Gonzalez said.

Merissa Amkraut, the executive director for this year's pageant, said between 20 to 25 young women usually compete.

The contestants must have at least six months of residency in Gainesville and be available for rehearsal.

Each year, the pageant normally consists of a mix of students from UF and Santa Fe College, Amkraut said.

According to the Miss Gainesville Web site, the Miss Gainesville Scholarship Pageant is affiliated with the Miss Florida/Miss America Organization.

The program provides more than \$45 million in scholarship annually, according to the Web site.

The title holder will advance to the Miss Florida Scholarship Pageant.

—DANIELLA DORCELUS

Nudist group to play volleyball this weekend

While the recent cold weather has encouraged Gainesville residents to bundle up, there is one group of students who is choosing to do the opposite.

The Naturist Gators, a nudist group which includes UF students, is heading to Lutz, Fla., near Tampa this weekend for a nude volleyball tournament.

Daniel Phillips, 24, creator of the Naturist Gators Facebook group, will play volleyball with about 40 nudists during the ninth annual Super Bowl South volleyball tournament in Lutz, Fla., at Lake Como Family Nudist Resort.

The event, which will cost about \$50 for participants and \$6 for attendees with student IDs, is a spin-off of the Volleyball Super Bowl in Pennsylvania, which began in 1971.

Participants will enjoy a weekend of camping at the resort and playing volleyball in the buff.

Phillips, a UF advertising junior, recently started the naturist group as a partner organization of Vita Nuda and hopes to educate others about a naturist lifestyle.

He wants people to understand some of the misconceptions about naturists.

"We are not exhibitionists," he said. "We only get naked where it is legal and socially acceptable."

—LAUREN MARKS

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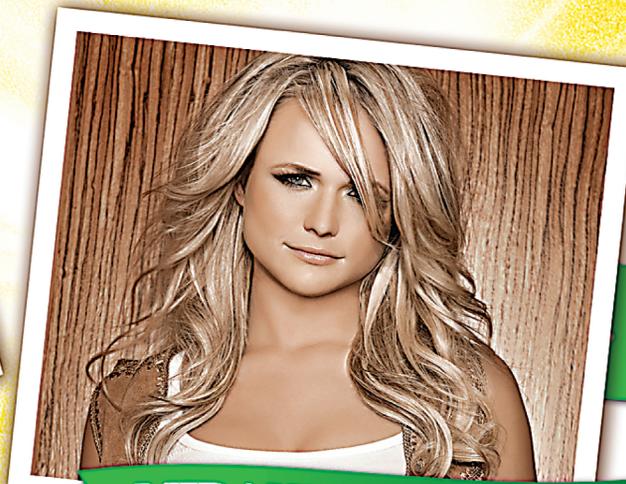
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Dorm timers save water

■ USE IS DOWN 3.83 GALLONS.

By **NATASHA BETTY**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Lather. Rinse. Don't repeat.

The on-campus water conservation campaign started last year shows promising results.

Comparing November's water usage with last November's amount, residents of Yulee and Reid halls saved 3.43 gallons of water per resident, per day. Mallory Hall residents saved 3.39 gallons of water per resident, per day.

Starting this spring, the "Can You Take a Five-Minute Shower?" water conservation campaign in Yulee Area was expanded to the Murphree and Graham areas. The campaign placed Shower Coaches, small timing devices, on the walls of 86 showers in Yulee, Mallory and Reid as part of a test run that began Oct. 12 to conserve water on campus.

Combined together, the three dorm areas have about 3,000 residents, according to each area's front desk clerks.

A five-minute shower uses 12.5 gallons of water, and each additional minute uses 2.5 gallons.

Residents are asked to take shorter, cooler showers to support water and energy conservation campus-wide.

"The Shower Coach timers are a fun way to remind residents about water and energy conservation while they are actively using resources," said Sharon Blansett, assistant director of housing at UF, in a press release.

One month after the launch of the campaign in the Yulee Area, residents were surveyed concerning their awareness and participation in the campaign. Of those surveyed, 94 percent reported awareness of the campaign, 80 percent reported participating in the campaign and 43 percent reported using the shower timers every time they showered.

Special Report

LOCAL

Tomato shortage hits Fla.

By **ANDREW PANTAZI**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Jack Frost's prolonged and icy grip on Florida farms is now reaching into grocery stores and restaurants across the country.

With tomato costs surging to nearly five times their normal cost after Florida's harsh winter led to a smaller crop, restaurants are now finding ways to conserve the popular food. "Instead of six slices of tomatoes per sub, we're now doing four slices per sub," said Tom Neal, owner of the Subway at 1005 W University Ave. Harry Klee, a UF horticulture professor, said the tomato shortage will not affect grocery stores as much as restaurants because the stores will simply charge more to recover their costs.

"[Restaurants] can't just raise their prices, so they'll temporarily have to eat their costs," Klee said. Jay Scott, managing editor for Tomato Genetics Cooperative, a group of tomato researchers sponsored by UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, said although tomatoes could be bred to with-

"What happens when there's a freeze is that people lose a crop. Then they replant, and the freeze ends. Everybody replants at once, so the tomatoes all come out at once."

Jay Scott

managing editor for Tomato Genetics Cooperative

stand the winter, it wouldn't be worth it because Florida isn't likely to have these extreme temperatures again.

"Working on freeze tolerance would be difficult and might be really hard to get the types of horticultural characteristics that farmers want," said Scott, who holds a doctorate in horticultural science.

For tomato growers, the winter will continue to hurt even after the freeze.

"You go from a short supply to an oversupply, and the prices are hurt," he said. "It's a double whammy." Klee expects tomato production to reach normal standards by mid- to late April.

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ON CAMPUS

Students show off talent at Upward Bound showcase

By **ALLYSON FOX**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Sixteen-year-old Bianka Sanders went to the front of the room, placed her violin on the left side of her chin and filled the air with music.

But this Eastside High School junior wants to do more than just play the violin. She has big dreams.

"I want to go to Princeton and

become an anesthesiologist," she said.

Upward Bound at UF, a program that helps low-income high school students prepare for college, will help Sanders achieve her dream.

Through Upward Bound, Sanders has gained knowledge about college and has adapted to new study habits and work ethics, she

said.

Doctors, attorneys, professors and business owners were invited to learn more about the participants in the program Thursday night in Dauer Hall.

Barbara McDade Gordon, director of Upward Bound, said the event's goal is to showcase the students' talents and gain its support

to the community.

"Our kids can learn from them, and they can share their resources," she said.

Upward Bound is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and serves the public schools in Alachua and Bradford counties. Participants in the program take classes in the fall and spring from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. They are also

offered after-school tutoring and attend a six-week summer session where they live on campus.

Participants come from low-income households with parents who don't have bachelor's degrees when starting the program, she said.

About 85 to 90 percent of the students go to college the year after they graduate, McDade Gordon said.

SG minority party wins most seats in 8 years

■ IN 2002 THE IGNITE PARTY WON 48 PERCENT OF SENATE SEATS.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**

Alligator Writer

The Student Alliance party formed this semester, but it earned more Senate seats than any minority party participating in Student Government elections since spring 2002.

The Student Alliance party won 20 out of the available 49 Senate seats, or about 41 percent of the available seats.

The Unite Party won 28 seats, and the remaining dentistry Senate seat went to Dusty Pfundheller with 76 write-in votes.

In the 2002 spring election, the Ignite Party, the minority party, won about 48 percent of Senate seats against the Swamp Party.

Minority parties participating in fall SG elections during the past 10 years have not earned more than about 32 percent of Senate seats.

Ben Cavataro, the former Student Alliance party candidate for Student Body president, said he could think of multiple reasons for his party's success.

He said the Student Alliance party's stance on the Reitz Union fee was a major point that attracted voters, but other platform points, such as setting up free printing labs in residence halls, were also major selling points for the party.

Sandy Vernon, the SG office manager for about 27 years, said she thinks the Student Alliance party did so well in the election because of all the hard work it put into its campaigning efforts.

Vernon said she saw a large number of Student Alliance party volunteers and candidates around campus handing out fliers and speaking with students.

Cavataro said the Student Alliance party definitely had more resources available during this election than other minority parties in the past five to seven years.

"I think we had a great deal of unity, which is a sign that the formation of our party was a success," Cavataro said.



Cavataro

In an interview Monday Cavataro said Tuesday's Senate meeting, during which the new senators were sworn in, would mark a positive shift for the university.

Student Body President-elect Ashton Charles said the success of the minority party during this past election probably had a lot to do with students' lack of education on the Reitz Union fee.

She said she is very proud of the Unite Party and hopes that the two parties can work well together in the future.

"I think it's very important to focus on business within the chambers and leave personal things outside of it," Charles said.



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Just Dance, It'll Be OK

A student protestor dances in front of Oakland police officers donning riot gear Thursday in Oakland, Calif.

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Editorial

Praise whatever God you do or don't choose to believe in — it's Spring Break!

We're going to cut to the chase because the only thing standing between us and one glorious week of freedom is this week's we-know-none-of-you-are-reading-this-because-you're-already-off-gallivanting-at-the-beach edition of...

Darts & Laurels

But don't think for a second that just because Spring Break is here our hearts aren't heavy.

Those filthy thieves who stole our distribution vehicle have really put a damper on things, and we're holding a grudge. That's why we're gathering a bunch of **DARTS**, welding them to a steel strip to make road spikes and hoping the dirty Alligator Vandits drive over them (but not with Van of course).

While we're on the subject of sketchy individuals, the Department of Darts & Laurels would like to shoot out an it's-all-going-to-come-to-the-surface-eventually **DART** to the multitude of UF's secret keepers.

Don't be lulled into a false sense of complacency over break. We've got reporters working on a story, and we're going to figure things out — you know what we're talking about University Police Department.

On a happier note, Sunday marked the end of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics and a very successful run for Team USA.

Among the gold winners was UF alumnus Steve Mesler, who helped the four-man bobsled team to its first gold medal in bobsledding since 1948.

Therefore, we'd like to give a thanks-for-giving-The-Gator-Nation-one-more-thing-to-brag-about **LAUREL** to Steve Mesler.

And just when you thought it was safe to go back to your pre-SG-elections, pre-Renew-Your-Reitz-hullabaloo life, the Department of Darts and Laurels is here to show you, well, it's not.

We're going to hand out two more **DARTS** before our break begins.

The first is going to all the whiny individuals who aren't happy with our coverage of the "SG audio tape scandal."

Well we've got some news for you, just because we had a fair and unbiased story regarding those tapes doesn't make us bad journalists.

So stop questioning our integrity, and stop telling us to be more like the University of Central Florida's paper, whose headline, "Scandal rocks UF Student Government" is sensational and untrue.

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And last, but certainly not least, for the 17 people who are still in Gainesville the day before Spring Break, (extra-special condolences to those whose professors sadistically scheduled an exam today) you might notice that UF pulled another fast one on us Thursday.

Our beloved Noodle Bar, purveyor of greasy-bottomed, sauce-saturated noodle bowls and seafood of very questionable origin, was stricken down in its prime for a younger, hotter, prettier Panda Express, which UF alleges will be ready by Summer B.

So, for stripping us of our indie-feeling, sweaty-cook sauce noodle and sushi bar for a corporate, mass-produced, sodium-soaked, calorie-crammed, Panda Express, we're throwing a big it's-not-even-close-to-being-good-enough-and-we're-still-pissed-about-Wendy's **DART** to Aramark, UF's food provider, for not even asking us before pulling the plug.

And Papa John's? We're not even going to start on that one.

With that being said, be safe and don't get arrested.

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Column

Alligator readers quick to attack writers

You've got to love Monday morning. Most spend the it with a bitter sense of injustice at having to wake up after a relaxing weekend. I partake in that activity with the added sense of injustice at having to go to Orgo 2. This particular Monday, however, I was greeted with a new sense of wrong.

The story began over the weekend when I went home on a spontaneous decision to visit my family. Sunday morning, I woke up bright and early at 7 a.m. to watch my beloved Celtic Football Club take on its bitter rivals the Rangers Football Club in what is, without a doubt, the most heated and intense derby game in all of sports. As a Celtic fan, I've gotten used to having decisions during the course of the season go against my team. Celtic is the Irish-Catholic team in Scotland, a group that is discriminated against to this day in the country. Rangers is the team of the establishment. A team that, until recently, had an internal policy at the club to not sign Catholic players for the team.

Sunday morning was slightly different from any other Celtic-Rangers game I've seen in recent history, though. The blatant cheating against my team was increased, believe it or not, as Rangers players took it upon themselves to kick every Celtic player off the ball at every opportunity. This came with little-to-no discipline, and most times a free kick wasn't even awarded to Celtic. To make matters worse, Scott Brown, the Celtic's captain, was sent off for inexplicable reasons. Rangers finally scored in the 93rd minute of the game. The goal came from two players who shouldn't even have been on the park at the time due to previous bad fouls.

The referee was praised after the game by the biased Scottish media, as Celtic Football Club declared an official appeal into the red card for Brown.

And then came the later sense of injustice. I've noticed that on a number of occasions this year, while writing for the Alligator, my words have been twisted and turned around on me. Usually, though, after hearing a counter-argument to



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my piece, I understand where the person came from, and I formulate a new, bipartisan opinion on my own.

The letters I don't understand are the ones like the one Frank White, UF alumnus, sent Monday. I completely understand if Frank disagreed with my view on the Conservative Political Action Conference. What I can't wrap my head around is why someone

would take the time to try to make me seem like a bad person for a throwaway line in my column. The line that Frank was, in a satirical or serious manner, so incensed over was the following: "And Democrats must call attention to the — let's face it — crazy groups represented at the CPAC and the seeming endorsements by the Republican speakers."

I would like to make the following point clear, because it apparently wasn't clear to some: I am not saying that everyone at CPAC is mentally ill. I'm saying that what some of the groups represented at CPAC are saying is crazy.

Far too often, it is evident that Alligator readers are very quick to attack the person writing the article and not the opinions in the article. There have been letters criticizing what I have been writing about but offering no specific reason why I am, say, "unoriginal."

These letters frustrate the hell out of me because I write these opinions columns for fun. I genuinely enjoy writing for the paper. I guess what I'm saying is, if you are going to take the time to write to the paper about my columns, try to offer some sort of advice so I can improve my writing.

The point is, whether it is injustice over waking up early for class, getting cheated in a sport or having your words misunderstood in a public arena, we all suffer from wrongs.

So thank God it's Spring Break. Have a good one everyone, and be safe.

Paul Murty is an English sophomore. His columns appear on Fridays.

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Will you miss Noodle Bar in the Reitz Union?

Thursday's question:

Should Senate pass Joe Lieberman's bill?

52% YES

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Letter to the Editor

UPD had no reason to shoot innocent graduate assistant

I'm a student of Kofi Adu-Brempong's class, Geography of a Changing World. I just want to say that there's absolutely no valid reason for the police to resort to shooting a handicapped man in the head who has trouble walking with a cane.

The claim that a group of policemen wearing protective gear weren't able to bring down a crippled man without using assault rifles is sad proof of how inadequate the University Police Department is. The Alligator article states that Kofi "came at police with a knife and pipe."

I don't dispute the fact that he might have had a knife; however, there is a very high probability that the pipe was actually his cane. Not many people have spare pipes laying around in their apartments. A police officer who can't distinguish between a pipe and a cane should not be armed with an assault rifle.

Throughout the semester, Adu-

Brempong never showed any signs of being delusional, let alone troubled. Being worried about a student visa renewal doesn't make a person delusional. It's a frustrating process with the ever present fear of being deported. I know this from personal experience.

Jeff Holcomb is as quoted saying police didn't know if there was anyone in a the room. If there was no one in the room, who was Adu-Brempong screaming at? I highly doubt he was screaming at himself, even if he was delusional. And if he was yelling on the phone, that's not a crime.

He was always happy and cheerful. He was a great professor and actually made the class pretty interesting. Adu-Brempong was the reason I even took Geography of a Changing World. When I saw him during of-ice hours he wasn't any different.

Also, Adu-Brempong has a son not, a daughter. He's mentioned a son several times in class.

Shanti Wiśniewska
UF student

Guest column

US should fight discrimination

I know I will probably catch some criticism for writing about this, but I feel it needs to be said. Wednesday, Sen. Joe Lieberman introduced the first "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal bill. Although the bill lacked any Republican support, it was still a step in the right direction.

Though it's a little late, it's still better than nothing. According to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network Web site, an advocacy group for LGBT military personnel, more than 13,500 members of our armed forces have been discharged since the ban was passed by Congress in 1993 and enacted in 1994.

Regardless of how people feel about the issue of gay and lesbian Americans serving openly and honestly in our armed forces, these brave individuals are risking their lives to fight for you. Something I and the majority of Americans have never considered. I am honored by this brave commitment. To fight for a country that doesn't want you to be honest about who you are takes a lot of courage. This type of courage should be encouraged, not punished.

Around the time of President Barack Obama's State of the Union, I was talking to a friend about repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." She thought it was a great idea but didn't know if it should

Nicholas Smith
Speaking Out

be done just yet because of hostile actions in the military. My response: It's been 17 years. How many

more soldiers have to lose their jobs before they can do what they love? The simple fact is that we need brave men and women to serve our country. Why are we going to get rid of perfectly qualified candidates?

Lieberman has taken a huge step in repealing this discriminatory rule — just like former President Truman when he decided to desegregate the military. He was met with opposition and skeptics, but look where we are today. The only difference is that Truman ended this discriminatory practice in 1948 through an executive order instead of waiting for legislative action. President Obama has made clear he wants to work with Congress to end the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. This is the president's chance.

We live in the land of the free because of the brave. But these brave men and women deserve the same rights as everyone else. The military was desegregated 62 years ago. I hope to look back 62 years from now and be proud of our elected officials for fighting discrimination once again.

Nicholas Smith is a UF student.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Student uses Facebook to fundraise for service trip

By **CHRISTINA STINE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Wet T-shirt contests. Sandy beaches. Booze. Community service.

Often when you combine the first three, you can end up being court mandated to do the last. But Florida Alternative Breaks has done it again — broken the stereotypes of the typical college Spring Break trip by sending hundreds of students around the nation and around the world to serve their communities.

With the state of the economy, some students have put a creative twist on typical fundraising techniques like scholarships and car washes.

Megan Iseman, a UF health science sophomore, is going on a FAB trip to Guatemala with 14 other students to work on poverty and development issues.

To help fund her trip, she turned to Facebook.

Because Iseman's trip is international, it is much more expensive than a domestic destination, and she could only afford half of it on her own.

She said she didn't want to give up on the trip because of financial hardships, so she created a Facebook group and invited her friends to donate as much as they could.

Iseman said the fundraising her FAB group did together, like working concessions at Gators basketball games and soliciting donations at Walmart, did not even begin to put a dent in her expenditures.

Slowly but surely, donations from \$1 to \$50 began to pour in from friends. Just one month after creating the Facebook group, she had the other half of her trip cost covered, collecting \$680 in total.

"My friends are the reason I am still going on this trip," Iseman said.

She said the reason she is so passionate about the alternative break is because of the issue of poverty and development that she will be addressing, through which she hopes to make a positive impact on the oppressed native Mayan people.

"I see it as an awesome opportunity for personal career development, community service and a little relaxation in the Florida sun."

Katie Conlon
UF sophomore

Katie Conlon, another FAB trip sophomore, chose marine life protection as her issue and will be spending her Spring Break in Naples,

Fla., cleaning beaches and trails, rebuilding docks and removing invasive plant and animal species.

Family members and friends helped her pay for the trip by giving her money for Christmas.

"My Christmas present definitely didn't fit under the tree," Conlon said.

Instead of asking for a new iPod, Conlon asked to spend her Spring Break doing hard labor while learning more about her major, environmental science.

"I knew that the fundraising we did wouldn't cover all of it, and I don't work during the school year so I didn't have much to put towards the trip myself," Conlon said. "I don't look at it as a sacrifice at all. I see it as an awesome opportunity for personal career development, community service and a little relaxation in the Florida sun."



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ter deal elsewhere. "Compared to other venues, I found that it was a lot more inexpensive," she said.

The Thomas Center, which just celebrated its 100th birthday this year, hosts about 60 weddings annually, Chatman said.

It's also used for business meetings and workshops, conferences, art gallery receptions, plays and other events.

Sanchez-Lindsay said she would recommend the center to other brides looking for their own fairytale wedding.

"Anybody can get married at a hotel," she said. "You can do so many princess fairytale fantasies at the Thomas Center."

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SPRING BREAK

More than 100 students to study abroad for break

By **GLENN COINE**

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF study-abroad students will be left with little time for a break this spring while taking weeklong courses overseas.

When the regular semester gets put on pause, 113 UF students will travel to one of five international destinations, said Angela Grindal, a study abroad adviser.

This year's Spring Break programs include trips to France, Belize, Belgium, Costa Rica and United Arab Emirates.

The costs for both undergraduate and graduate programs, which do not include airfare or passport expenses, range from \$1,200 to \$2,264.

The UF International Center provides financial assistance for students, said Maureen Turim, the director of film and media studies in

"I heard we won't be in the classroom hardly at all, which is pretty exciting."

Chase Den Beste
UF sophomore

the Department of English. Turim is teaching a film course in Paris during the break.

Churchill Roberts, a telecom-

munications professor, is teaching a course about the history of documentary film in Paris. He said Europe is expensive, but it is possible to do the trip on a budget.

Students can eat at all the most expensive restaurants in Paris, Roberts said, or at the McDonald's on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées.

Grindal said weeklong programs also offer a financial advantage when compared to longer programs.

For Chase Den Beste, a sophomore double majoring in telecommunication production and theatre, next week will be his second time in France but his first visit to Paris. He said he found out about Roberts' Paris documentary course during his advanced writing for electronic media class with Roberts at UF.

"I heard we won't be in the classroom hardly at all, which is pretty exciting," Den Beste said.

Residents react to passed gay-marriage legislation

■ IT PASSED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND MEXICO CITY, MEXICO.

By **ANNIE BOGGS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Recent legislation passed in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday and in Mexico City, Mexico, on Thursday legalizing gay marriage has received many different reactions in Gainesville.

Joe Antonelli, founder and president of the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization Gainesville Community Alliance, said he was pleased with the new laws in both capital cities.

"In my opinion there should be gay marriage. Period," he said.

However, Antonelli admitted LGBT activists still have a lot to achieve.

"I've seen great change since the '60s, '70s and '80s," he said. "But we still have a long way to go."

LGBT organizations on campus were also excited with the news.

"I thought it was awesome they did that. I'm happy that it passed," said Whitney Blake, vice president of outreach for UF's Pride Student Union.

National News Not everyone was as pleased as Blake.

"Of course I don't agree with it," said Tameisha Kirkland, a Gator Christian Life member. "As of right now, there's nothing I can do but share the gospel."

Perhaps the strongest voice on the issue in Gainesville was the Dove World Outreach Center.

"We are opposed to the legalizing of gay marriage. It is against God and the Bible. The legalizing of gay marriage puts the stamp of approval upon it, thus giving it the appearance that it is OK..." read a statement released Thursday by Senior Pastor Terry Jones.

With their new laws, Mexico City and Washington, D.C., join the five states and seven countries that allow same-sex marriages.



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Breaking Spring Fever

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

UF's campus is bursting with students packing up their shades and bathing suits, eager to hit the beach and make their mark on Spring Break. However, some Gators will be left behind, and rather than donning their swanky swimwear, they'll be sporting jerseys.

Spring Break is a phenomenon that's foreign to UF athletes, as most will be on the field or in a gym rather than on the sandy shores of Cabo or some other tropical locale.

Despite not having any scheduled meets for the week of March 8, the ladies of the UF gymnastics team will still be in the all-too-familiar O'Connell Center while the rest of campus gets to take a breather.

"What's Spring Break?" UF gymnastics coach Rhonda Faehn said. "Through the girls get to relax mentally from their studies, we are still keeping our goals in sight and are maintaining focus."

The heaviest part of the gymnastics season is underway, as the Southeastern Conference Championships are right around the corner on March 27. To prepare, the gymnasts will put in their usual practice time on the indigo mats over the break — three hours per day, five days a week.

"We essentially have the same training schedule over the course of Spring Break, but our practice times will be pushed back a little bit," senior gymnast Courtney Gladys said. "Instead of hitting the gymnastics studio at 6:30 a.m., we'll get the opportunity to sleep in and practice closer to 8:30 a.m."

And though the gymnasts won't be greeting the sunshine at dawn, they still plan on taking advantage of the rays when they aren't busy practicing.

They hope the temperatures will turn around so they can soak up the sun by relaxing poolside at their Gainesville apartment complexes.

They will also be shining some light on the community, devoting the little time off they have toward giving back, usually through service work at the Ronald McDonald House.

It would be fair for the gymnasts to be envious of peers boasting about their upcoming cruises, but surprisingly, their attitudes are quite the contrary — especially the senior team members.

"I don't really feel like we are missing out," senior gymnast Ashley Kerr said. "This is the seniors' last year in Gainesville. We really want to work hard for the remaining time that we do have left, while getting the chance to hang out with our friends and fellow UF athletes that will be here as well."

In Good Company

The members of the gymnastics squad aren't the only ones stuck in Gainesville for the break. The UF lacrosse team will host Georgetown on March 9 and will then leave for Maryland to face Johns Hopkins on the March 13.

"[Eighteen] of us are actually from Maryland," freshman midfielder Julie Schindel said. "So it'll be nice to be able to tailgate with our families before the match."

When not taking part in its games during the break, the team will still have three-hour practices all week long, as well as morning weightlifting sessions.

"I define a good vacation as being able to compete. We wouldn't be out here if we didn't thoroughly enjoy it."
UF decathlete Gray Horn

And with the break from classes resulting in a deserted UF campus, attendance for the home matches during the week is up in the air.

The Gators drew 2,114 fans, and more were turned away at the gate for their inaugural game on Feb. 20, a 16-6 win against Jacksonville, but they don't expect a similar turnout during the break.

"Just as the basketball team experiences a drop in attendance during winter break, we expect the same to happen to us over Spring Break," freshman midfielder Caroline Chesterman said. "It should be an interesting turnout, but we can only hope for a large amount of spectator support."

The Maryland natives on the lacrosse team won't be able to spend much time in their home state, but the Californians on the softball team will get a sweeter deal.

Back, Back to Cali, Cali

The Gators will take their annual trip to California for the DeMarini Tournament from March 5-7. Seven UF players call the Golden State home, so many will get to squeeze in some family time in the midst of

their five scheduled games in Fullerton.

"We are all going to eat at my aunt's house in the mountains of Anaheim," senior left fielder Francesca Enea said. "Her house overlooks all of Orange County, and the view is absolutely gorgeous."

A chef who goes by the title of "Taco Man" will come in to prepare food for the team's dinner. And in hopes of viewing more oddities, some teammates will get to make the switch from athletes to tourists in Hollywood for an afternoon.

However, the trip is also about representing southern softball on the West Coast.

"Play is different on the other coast," Enea said. "The teams out west are supposed to be the best. It's imperative for us to represent the South and make Florida stand out to them."

For the Gators who've played softball for the majority of their lives, passing up sand for the clay on the field is nothing new.

"Growing up playing softball, I never really got to have a Spring Break," junior Aja Paculba said. "So by now, I'm used to it."

The softball team will also make a stop in Athens, Ga., over the break to face Georgia in a double-header. The Gators will wrap up the week by taking on Ole Miss at home, racking up a staggering 10 games during Spring Break.

The Final Lap

Athletes view Spring Break as a major advantage, as the halt in classes allows an opportunity for more training time. Such training is especially crucial for UF's track and field teams as they prep for the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 12-13.

The teams will compete in "Last Chance Meets" over the Spring Break period, which will be the final opportunity for individuals to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

"Now is the time to really pump our intensity up," sophomore jumper Christian Taylor said. "It is time for us to take care of business."

The track team will be spread all over the map, competing in meets in Arkansas, Virginia and Indiana throughout the week.

And those trips will be enough to satisfy the athletes' need for a spring escape from Gainesville.

"I define a good vacation as being able to compete," sophomore decathlete Gray Horn said. "We wouldn't be out here if we didn't thoroughly enjoy it."

Sports Spring Break Calendar

9th Tuesday

- Baseball: vs. Illinois State, 6:30 p.m.
- Lacrosse: vs. Georgetown, 6:30 p.m.

10th Wednesday

- Softball: at Georgia, 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Tennis: vs. North Carolina, 5 p.m.
- Baseball: vs. Illinois State, 6:30 p.m.

11th Thursday

- Men's Basketball: Southeastern Conference Tournament, TBA

12th Friday

- Men's Golf: Las Vegas Intercollegiate
- Swimming and Diving: NCAA Zone Diving Championships (Atlanta)
- Track and Field: NCAA Indoor Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Men's Tennis: vs. Auburn, 3 p.m.
- Women's Tennis: at Auburn, 3:30 p.m.
- Baseball: vs. Charleston Southern, 6:30 p.m.

13th Saturday

- Men's Golf: Las Vegas Intercollegiate
- Lacrosse: at Johns Hopkins, 1 p.m.
- Softball: vs. Ole Miss, 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
- Baseball: vs. Charleston Southern, 4 p.m.

14th Sunday

- Men's Golf: Las Vegas Intercollegiate
- Softball: vs. Ole Miss, 12 p.m.
- Baseball: vs. Charleston Southern, 1 p.m.
- Men's Tennis: vs. Alabama, 1 p.m.
- Women's Tennis: at Alabama, 2 p.m.

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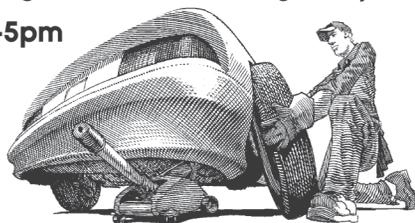
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- 5 The Miners of Conf. USA
- 9 One way to attend a party
- 13 Lincoln feature
- 15 ___ City: Baghdad suburb
- 16 Cook book
- 17 Suggestion to singer Lennox after a garlicky meal?
- 20 Half of the Brady bunch, to Carol
- 21 Clothes line?
- 22 Samuel Johnson portraitist John ___
- 23 Traitors
- 24 Jamaican group winding down after a gig?
- 28 "Yours truly calling"
- 29 Downed
- 30 "Ditto"
- 34 Warmup toss
- 35 City in Thessaly
- 39 "Oedipus ___"
- 40 Sylvester's problem
- 42 Hägar creator Browne
- 43 Roman moon goddess
- 45 Mocher at McDonald's?
- 49 Acid neutralizers
- 52 Outer area of an escutcheon
- 53 Afternoon service
- 54 Fragments
- 58 Feared words from an accountant?
- 60 Frankfurt's river
- 61 Canceled
- 62 Emece's job
- 63 Nos. divided by dashes
- 64 He played Obi-Wan
- 65 Strong taste

DOWN

- 1 "___ le roi!": French Revolution cry
- 2 Tiny amount
- 3 Mr. Peanut prop
- 4 Surveyors' tools
- 5 Online newsgroup system
- 6 Does lacework
- 7 Eponymous ice cream maker
- 8 Gets by special means
- 9 Roller coaster sounds
- 10 Senate apparel
- 11 Tickle pink
- 12 Fun partner
- 14 Pillage
- 18 "___ Out of My Head": 1964 hit
- 19 Language heard in Karachi
- 23 Flies, in a way
- 24 Law in the works
- 25 Paris possessive
- 26 Writing points
- 27 17-syllable poem
- 31 Libyan, probably
- 32 You might get one right after being seated
- 33 Checkup
- 36 Ticket order?
- 37 Barbecue order
- 38 Long Island university
- 41 Sci-fi weapons system
- 44 Words of atonement
- 46 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 47 Recent Zippo acquisition
- 48 Gumption
- 49 Oldest musketeer
- 50 It's on the Aire
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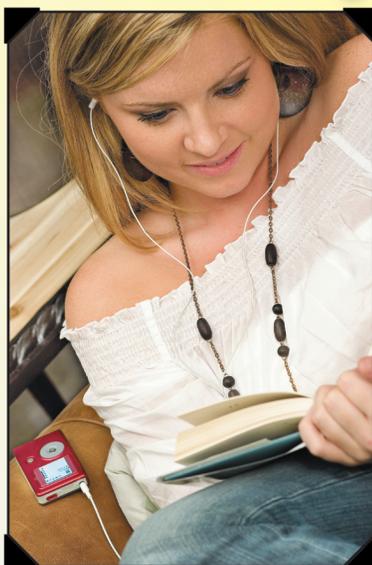
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UF BASEBALL

Gators set for road series with 'Canes

By TYLER JETT
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Florida looked like an elite team for eight innings.

But, against No. 3 FSU on Tuesday, there was that one inning — the seven-run first inning.

Playing their first nationally ranked opponent of the season, the Gators lost 10-5. The loss raised doubts about whether No. 5 UF — a popular preseason pick to reach the College World Series — could match up with the nation's best.

But Florida has a chance to redeem itself tonight at 7, as it takes the field against No. 16 Miami (6-1) in Coral Gables. With a win, the Gators (5-1) can prove they aren't just bullies who feast on underdogs.

"We just got a little ahead of ourselves," third baseman Bryson Smith said. "There are a lot more games. Playing good competition, I think we can handle it."

After winning its first five games

by a combined score of 42-18, UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said his players were undisciplined at the plate Tuesday.

The Gators swung for the fences — and missed — instead of settling for singles against accurate pitches.

Smith said that's why he struck out with runners on second and third in the sixth inning Tuesday.



Smith

"I had pretty good success last year, and I've always had pride bringing runners in," said Smith, a transfer who had 90 RBIs at Young Harris College last season. "I was trying to do too much."

Four other Gators stranded runners in scoring position Tuesday, so the team worked on situational hitting to prepare for Miami.

For example, assistant coach Craig Bell told designated hitter

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UF rebounds at home

■ THE GATORS SCORED A SEASON-HIGH 22 GOALS, WITH 15 IN THE FIRST HALF.

By TONI-ANN MILLER
Alligator Writer

If there was any doubt that Florida had moved on from its devastating loss to North Carolina, the Gators dispelled it with a convincing 22-11 win over St. Bonaventure on Thursday night.

Donald R. Dizney Stadium was UF's playground as it scored 15 of its 22 points in the first half, one goal shy of its previous game-high total of 16 this season.

A pair of freshmen led the charge for UF coach Amanda O'Leary's squad.

Attacker Ashley Bruns had five scores and two assists while midfielder Julie Schindel tacked on four goals and one assist.

Midfielder Caroline Chesterman scored three times, and mid-

fielders Kitty Cullen, Sam Farrell, Rachael Zimmerman and attacker Janine Hillier each tacked on two.

The Gators (3-1) started the game focused on bouncing back from the loss at UNC.

The team scored its first goal less than 30 seconds into the game and followed with another 18 seconds later to take a 2-0 lead with 29:14 remaining in the first half.

Bruns scored three of UF's first four goals and continued to thrive from her position behind the goal throughout the half. She scored her fifth goal with 8:39 left



Lacrosse

in the period.

Schindel then took over where Bruns left off, scoring her first goal at 8:17 and helping the Gators take a 15-8 lead into the intermission.

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Florida travels to No. 3 Kentucky

By ADAM BERRY
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The term "must-win game" has been used around the Florida basketball team quite a bit lately.

UF's 78-76 loss at Georgia on Saturday was supposedly a must-win, and several Gators said the same before their 64-60 home loss to Vanderbilt on Tuesday.

If UF (20-10, 9-6 Southeastern Conference) supposedly had to win those two, how much importance does it place on its final regular-season game, a noon matchup against No. 3 Kentucky (28-2, 13-2 SEC) on Sunday in Rupp Arena?

"A must, must win," junior forward Chandler Parsons said. "We think we can beat anybody."

No game occurs in a vacuum, but upsetting the Wildcats in Lexington, Ky., might be enough for the Gators to punch their tickets to the NCAA Tournament, barring a disastrous showing in the SEC Tournament next week in Nashville, Tenn.

ESPN.com's Joe Lunardi currently projects UF will make the Tournament as a No. 11 seed — perhaps a surprising prediction, considering the team has lost four of its last seven and isn't being given much of a chance this weekend.

A late-season win over Kentucky would

boost the Gators' résumé, likely taking them off the bubble and removing some of the sting from their back-to-back losses in supposed "must-win" situations.

"A must, must win. We think we can beat anybody."

Chandler Parsons
UF junior forward

Kentucky has no shortage of talent, as it features three potential first-round NBA draft picks this year in guard John Wall (17 points, 6.2 assists, 4.1 rebounds per game) and forwards DeMarcus Cousins (15.9 points, 10.1 rebounds) and Patrick Patterson (15 points, 7.6 rebounds).

As much trouble as the Wildcats' big three gave the Gators last time, it was guard Eric Bledsoe who exploded for 25 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

UF hung with then-undefeated UK in the teams' first matchup of the season, tying the game at 72 with 5:14 remaining before the Wildcats finished on a 17-5 run and pulled out an 89-77 victory.

"Every game, especially getting down to the wire, feels like a must-win," junior power for-

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Chandler Parsons and the Gators are currently projected as a No. 11 seed in the NCAA Tournament by ESPN's Joe Lunardi, and a win at Kentucky on Sunday would solidify their bid.

TEERING OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ For Washington Wizards' fans, buying five cups of Dunkin' Donuts coffee means two free tickets to a home game. I'd advise drinking those directly before tipoff to have any hope of staying awake. ... Mike Tyson is rumored to be considering a return to boxing at age 43. Don't worry. In the boxing world, if something is rumored, it just means it definitely won't ever happen.

UF TRACK AND FIELD

■ Three members of the women's team won yearly SEC awards: Shara Proctor (best field athlete), Lanie Whittaker (co-freshman runner) and Mike Holloway (best coach).

INSIDE

■ While UF students enjoy the week off, many student-athletes will be practicing in Gainesville or competing across the country. For a story on how the Gators handle Spring Break and a schedule of events, see pg. 10.

UF SOFTBALL

Gators head to California for annual DeMarini Tourney

By GREG LUCA
Alligator Writer

Although the Gators have to travel almost 2,400 miles to get there, this weekend's DeMarini Tournament in Fullerton, Calif., will be a homecoming experience for seven Gators.

Francesca Enea, Kelsey Bruder, Megan Bush, Aja Paculba, Shaunice Harris, Ensley Gammel and Brittany Schutte will all have an opportunity to catch up with friends and family in their home state this weekend, as the No. 3 Gators (12-1) play five games

against West Coast opponents, starting with Pacific today at noon followed by a game against No. 10 Stanford (12-2) at 4:30 p.m.

This will be the fourth-straight year UF will be participating in a California tournament, and the trips have become a highly anticipated experience for the players.

"This is what we look forward to," Bruder said. "Playing in front of the whole home crowd, friends and family, it's really exciting."

Recently, it has become a Florida tradition for one of the players to host a dinner where the entire team and their California families

gather and get to know each other while they are all out there.

Junior first baseman Bush's family hosted during her freshman year, then-senior Kim Waleszonia hosted last year, and this year, Enea, who is a senior, will do the honor.



Enea

Bruder and her teammates are particularly excited to have a "Taco Man" come by and provide the food.

"I don't think they have them

in Florida," Bruder said. "It's when a guy comes with a little cart and he actually makes any taco you want."

"It's really popular out there and nobody's even heard of it here. It's really fun, I love it."

While all of the girls enjoy the trip, none have proven it on the field to the extent Bush has, as she is batting .357 with four home runs and 12 RBIs in her 11 games in California as a Gator.

"It must be my family. They must be my good luck charms," Bush said.

For some of the younger Cali-

fornians at UF, like Schutte, who is a freshman, returning to their home state could be a slightly stressful experience the first time around.

With all of her friends and family watching for the first time since she joined the college ranks, Schutte knows how important it is to give them a good show.

"There's kind of an expectation because you play for the University of Florida," Schutte said. "There's some type of pressure just trying to make them proud, and I don't want to disappoint them at all."

Florida knocked out of SEC Tournament in first round

■ AUBURN BEAT THE GATORS 74-61.

By EUGENIO TORRENS
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UF topped Auburn in a double-overtime rollercoaster-type game in early January, but the Tigers brought the Gators' ride to a screeching halt Thursday.

Behind a career-high 29 points from guard Alli Smalley, Auburn beat Florida 74-61 in the first round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Duluth, Ga.

Smalley's play was redemption for her nine-point, 2-of-13 performance earlier in the season against UF.

She hit 10 of her 14 shots, including five

three-pointers.

"It was actually really nice," Smalley said. "I had a lot of open looks, a lot of air."

From tipoff, the Tigers (15-15, 6-11 SEC) distanced themselves from the shoddy first-half team the Gators (14-16, 7-10 SEC) beat Jan. 7.

And they did so without a big game from 6-foot-7 center KeKe Carrier. Carrier posted six points and seven rebounds after a 24-point, 12-rebound outing last meeting.

UF center Azania Stewart returned from a five-game absence due to a stress fracture in her left foot, but she played just 14 minutes, tallied eight points, zero rebounds and three fouls.

The Tigers sustained several Florida runs throughout the game and put pressure on the Gators by shooting 51.9 percent from the field

and 57.1 percent from three-point range.

Blanche Alverson had 13 points and Jordan Greenleaf added 15 points and 13 rebounds to notch the game's only double-double.

"The way their guards played in particular, was fantastic," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "Alli shot the ball really, really well. Blanche seemed to have such timely shots as well. It's just disappointing because they really only have two true shooters, and those guys got shots off."

Florida couldn't answer, shooting a pedestrian 36.1 percent from the floor and hitting 7 of 22 three-pointers.

UF guard Steffi Sorensen, who was score-

less for the first 45 minutes during the first matchup against Auburn, didn't take nearly as long to find her offensive rhythm this game.

She had a team-high 12 points before intermission on four three-pointers, while the rest of the team combined for 14.

But AU's Parrisha Simmons held Sorensen to two points in the second 20 minutes.

"Parrisha did a great job of blocking her down in the second half," Smalley said. "She was chasing her the whole way, was contesting every shot, and she wasn't getting hardly any looks."

Fellow senior Sharielle Smith had 11 points, but no other Gators scored in double figures and they were outrebounded 41-30.

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UF GYMNASTICS

Three-team meet serves as warm-up for postseason

By **TOM GREEN**
Alligator Writer

The Gators still have two regular season meets left on their schedule, but they are treating tonight's meet as an opportunity to prepare for the postseason.

No. 4 Florida (6-2, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) takes the floor tonight in the O'Connell Center against North Carolina (7-5) and Ball State (5-7) in a tri-meet.

In triangular meets, teams don't alternate taking turns with routines like they do in the usual dual meets. As a result, each team has a gymnast performing at the same time during each rotation, much like what the Gators will see when they reach the SEC Championships and beyond.

"I refer to it a little bit as a three-ring circus because everything is going on all at once," UF coach Rhonda Faehn said.

It will be the team's first official

triangular meet of the season after its originally scheduled one for last month was changed to a dual meet when weather prevented George Washington from traveling to N.C. State.



Faehn

Even though it's the team's first one of the year, the configuration of

the meet will be familiar to its veterans, as well as some of the freshmen, including all-around gymnast Ashanée Dickerson.

"It's just going to feel like I'm in [Junior Olympic] competition again because in J.O. everyone was performing at the same time, too," Dickerson said.

While the format of the event will help prepare Florida for postseason meets, Faehn said that won't be the team's only focus tonight as she feels

the team has yet to reach its maximum potential.

Even though the Cardinals and Tar Heels are the Gators' opponents in the O'Connell Center, Faehn said her team will also be competing against itself in hopes of topping its last two competitions, which were its two best of the season.

"We want to come out on vault and just blow it out of the water and carry that momentum throughout," Faehn said.

UF aims for more qualifying times at Last Chance Meets

NCAA Championships are next weekend

By **RYAN BUTLER**
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After several men's and women's track and field athletes put up career-best marks at the Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships, others will look to do the same this weekend.

UF coach Mike Holloway selected a group of athletes to compete in Last Chance Meets Saturday in order to record qualifying marks for the NCAA Championships March 12-13.

The Gators will use this weekend's meets to create the greatest number of lineup options possible for the championships.

"We don't leave any stones unturned to get the best athletes to that meet," Holloway said. "If you're not at the meet, you can't score points."

Coming off its season-best time (11:47.95) last weekend, the women's distance medley team competes at the Alex Wilson Invitational in South Bend, Ind. The relay team was 21 seconds behind a NCAA provisional qualifying time and more than 42 seconds behind an

automatic mark. It will feature a new lineup with SEC mile champion Charlotte Browning, Lanie Whittaker and Stacey Johnson.

Whittaker and Alishea Usery, the other leg in the distance relay, will compete individually in sprint events. Usery has reached provisional qualifying marks in the 60- and 200-meter sprints and will try to improve her 60 time this weekend. Whittaker, the fourth-place finisher in the 400 at the SEC meet with a time of 53.78 seconds, will look to cut a second off her time and secure an automatic qualifying mark.



Track

The pair will also compete on the 4x400 relay team. That group also includes Danielle Williams and Ije Iheoma, and they will try to reach an automatic qualifying mark for the first time this season.

At the Virginia Tech Qualifier in Blacksburg, Va., SEC triple-jump champion Christian Taylor will compete in the long jump. He was disappointed with his third-place finish at the SEC Championship and expects to land an NCAA qualifying mark.

Florida's top 60-meter dash runners will also compete in Blacksburg. Jeff Demps was .06 seconds away from NCAA mark last weekend and has the best chance of qualifying.



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UF midfielder Julie Schindel runs down the field during the Gators' 22-11 win against St. Bonaventure on Thursday night in Gainesville. She had four goals and an assist.

Defense needs improvement

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In the second half, Schindel scored the first goal, and later added another along with an assist for the win.

"We wanted to basically show everyone that we're the kind of team that after a tough loss (is) going to come out, and we're going to go hard, and we're going to win; not just win, but win big," Schindel said.

She added that the team was pumped up from the start of the match because it wanted to make up for what happened against the Tar Heels.

The coaches wanted to see how the young players would respond after they loss and to have a more effective scoring attack early in the game.

However, the Gators still showed they have plenty of room to grow.

"Our nemesis is putting people on the 8-meter arc line, and

"We just need, really need to be more disciplined, throughout the entire field."

Amanda O'Leary
UF lacrosse coach

we're not coming up with saves, and we're not doing a great job of defensively holding them out," O'Leary said.

During the match, O'Leary had to put backup goalkeepers Mikey Meagher and Marissa Higgins in the game after starter Cara Canington gave up seven goals in about the first 20 minutes of the game.

"We're trying to alleviate those big runs, because the momentum swings can really get you," O'Leary said.

"We just need, really need to be more disciplined, throughout the entire field."

Wildcats fighting for No. 1 seed

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ward Alex Tyus said. "They have great players. We just need to try to contain their whole team and make the game uncomfortable for them."

The Wildcats, who clinched at least a share of the regular-season SEC title Wednesday night, don't have quite as much to play for as the Gators do, but they are still motivated to earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

UF, meanwhile, is still fighting for its 10th win in conference play.

The team hasn't had 10 league victories

since winning consecutive national titles, as the Gators won eight SEC games in 2007-08 and nine in 2008-09.

Prior to the 2007-08 season, UF had won 10 or more league games in eight of its previous nine seasons.



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everything on the line, we obviously wanted to win and lock up a spot, but our backs are against the wall, so we're going to have to see how tough we are."

"I wanted that 10th win bad," Parsons said. "I think the whole team did, our whole university did. With

Situational hitting key for Florida

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Austin Maddox not to hit fly balls during batting practice Wednesday.

Sophomore Alex Panteliodis will take the mound for the Gators, and he hopes to be more effective than Anthony DeSclafani, who only faced five FSU batters before O'Sullivan yanked him.

Against lesser competition, UF starters allowed just two earned runs in 23

1/3 innings, and Panteliodis expects the Gators pitchers will be fine against good teams.

In fact, he thinks they will thrive against the Hurricanes and other high-quality opponents.

"With in-state rivalries, for some reason, you get more pumped up," he said. "Everything just happens to be better that day. Obviously, (Tuesday) was a little misleading."

UF TENNIS

Gators open SEC play

By **ANDREW OLSON**
Alligator Writer

The Florida men's and women's tennis teams begin Southeastern Conference play against Arkansas today.

The No. 7 men's squad will try to get its first road win of the season against the Razorbacks in Fayetteville, Ark., at 2:30 p.m.

The No. 6 women's team will be some of the only UF students left in Gainesville when it hosts the Razorbacks today at 5 p.m.

The women enter conference play as the favorites to win the conference title. UF is the highest of the five SEC teams ranked in the top 25.

The Gators come into today's match against No. 15 Arkansas with two-straight shutout victories over other top-15 competition - No. 8 Duke and No. 13 FSU.

UF women's coach Roland Thornqvist credits the strong start to a combination of "super freshmen" talent, No. 11 Allie Will and No. 15 Lauren Embree, and the team's senior leaders, Marrit Boonstra and Anastasia Revzina.

"We are blessed right now to have Marrit and Nastia on this team," Thornqvist said. "We are not in the same position we are right now without their leadership."

The men's team has proven it can beat top-10 competition, win at a neutral site and come from behind to win. However, a win in Fayetteville would be the team's first win on the road.

Arkansas is not one of the six SEC teams ranked in the top 25, but the Gators face an Arkansas team that has won eight of its last nine matches, including four straight.

UF's only road trip so far this season was a 5-2 loss to Baylor. For men's coach Andy Jackson, the road trip served its purpose of getting the team's four newcomers ready for play against top competition away from Gainesville.

"I don't expect to see the 'deer in the headlights' look from them I saw at Baylor," Jackson said. "They definitely had already matured on the trip to Charlottesville."

The current SEC Freshman of the Week, Bob Van Overbeek, enters today's match with the confidence of having defeated the then-No. 57 and previously unbeaten Abe Souza, of Illinois.



Thornqvist

Another newcomer to watch is sophomore Nassim Slilam.

After losing his singles match in Baylor, Slilam has been unbeatable at home and on neutral courts at the No. 6 spot.

Both Gators tennis teams will continue their SEC season with matches against LSU.

The men's team will play at LSU at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The women's team hosts the Tigers on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Small squad races to qualify

■ **SEVEN MEN'S SWIMMERS WILL COMPETE IN AUBURN.**

By **MATT RUBIN**
Alligator Writer

Seven members of the Florida men's swimming and diving team will be competing at the Auburn Last Chance Meet today in hopes of qualifying for the 2010 NCAA National Championships.

This will be the final opportunity of the year for freshmen Jason Taylor and Rodion Davelaar, sophomore Gabriel Huen, juniors Logan Storie and Manuel Rabelo and seniors Ryan Crete and Roland Rudolf to swim as fast as they can with one goal in mind.

"This meet is strictly about qualifying for Nationals," UF coach Gregg Troy said. "It's not a big team event."

If these swimmers end today's meet earning low NCAA provisional-qualifying times or even automatic-qualifying times, the Gators will not only increase the chances of individual swimmers doing well, but improve the chances of placing high as a team at the national meet.

"We have three or four that we think have a real shot at qualifying," Troy said. "But it's going to take some really outstanding performances."

Crete and Rudolf appear to have the

best shot at qualifying out of the seven.

Crete, who transferred from Georgia Tech after his freshman year, was a member of Florida's fifth place NCAA Championship team last year and a member of the squad that finished eighth the year before. Rudolf, who missed out on qualifying last year, competed for the Gators at the national level his freshman and sophomore year.

The women's swimming and diving team found out Wednesday night that 12 swimmers will be traveling to the 2010

Women's NCAA Swimming Championships.

When the three-day event starts March 18 in West Lafayette, Ind., the Gators will have the fifth-most swimmers competing.

"We had a couple others that were close that we thought might qualify," Troy said. "We have some good relays and some good individuals."

Out of the 12 swimmers, nine are freshmen and sophomores.

"We've had a really young squad all year," Troy said. "It's good for the future."

Seniors Gemma Spofforth, Liz Kemp and Stephanie Napier rounded out the women qualifiers. All three will be swimming at the NCAA Swimming Championships for the fourth time in their careers.



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