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Student dies in highway accident

■ A TREE FELL ON THE CAR.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
 Alligator Writer

UF electrical engineering student Thomas Hollister and his father, David Hollister, were killed Saturday when a pine tree fell on their car, causing it to swerve into a ditch.

Hollister and his father were driving on U.S. Highway 98 on their way to Carrabelle, a beach town in the Florida Panhandle, when the accident occurred, according to Carolyn Mulbach, a senior at Florida State University and Hollister's high school friend.

Hollister was a transfer student, and it was his first semester at UF, Mulbach said.

Hollister, who was born in Af-

rica and raised in Thailand, was interested in traveling, playing the drums and cooking, Mulbach said.

"He was a really, really good guy," Mulbach said.

Marcy Lee, Hollister's academic adviser, said she last saw him the week before Spring Break, when he was getting ready to register for his summer courses.

Lee said she did not know him well because Hollister had just recently enrolled at UF, but, in the short time she knew him, she could tell what a sweet person he was.

"They're all like children to me, so it's like I lost a child," Lee said.



Hollister

Student vote urged

By **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Staff Writer

After months of sign-waving, door-to-door canvassing and candidate forums, it all comes down to a vote.

As Alachua County residents rush to the polls today to decide who will represent their interests in city government, candidates are hoping to get a boost from students.

Pam Carpenter, the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, said student turnouts for elections have been historically low in past elections with the exception of last year, which saw a spike due to Charter Amendment 1 being on the ballot.

But Carpenter believes that the number of candidates running for mayor and District 4 City

Commission will inspire citizens to vote.

"If you think about it, how many of our national leaders started locally?" said Carpenter, who hopes to get a 25 percent turnout from registered voters. "These are the people who you see at the grocery store, restaurants and gas stations ... They have the most impact on day-to-day local operations."

Local News The candidates for Gainesville mayor are Craig Lowe, Don Marsh, Richard Selwach, Ozzy Angulo and Monica Leardon Cooper.

Marsh, who runs a window cleaning business, emphasized the importance of the student vote in elections.

"If you're 20, you don't have

SEE VOTE, PAGE 8

Board vote saves Machen money on federal taxes

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
 Alligator Writer

Although student voters rejected a proposed Reitz Union student fee, some student leaders are still working to form a more perfect union.

In a meeting of the UF's Board of Trustees Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy on Monday, UF Student Body President Jordan Johnson said Student Government is seeking alternative sources of funding for renovating the aging student center.

"We're continuing to work with architects," he said. "We're looking to keep the train rolling."

"Dr. Machen, someone's going to hit you up."

Jordan Johnson
 UF Student Body President

In the Feb. 23 and 24 SG elections, nearly 56 percent of voting students rejected the proposed student fee.

SG is going to take a long-term approach to the renovation and is going to seek funding from multiple resources, Johnson said.

The money may come from the Public Education Capital Outlay, which is a state program that provides funds to school districts, and UF administrative funds, he said.

"Dr. Machen, someone's going to hit you up," he said, jokingly, turning to UF President Bernie Machen.

The issue of Machen's sabbatical payment was also resolved during the meeting.

When Machen was hired in 2003, his contract stated that after five years, he would be eligible to receive either a one-year sabbatical, which is paid leave, or the equivalent amount.

In January 2009, Machen chose to take the money in four annual installments.

After receiving the first installment of the money, it was

discovered that the four-year payment plan would require the university president to pay federal taxes on all four installments, even though he had only received a quarter of the total.

To fix the problem, the Board of Trustees voted to give the rest of the sabbatical money to Machen in a single lump sum.



Laurie Michaelson / Alligator

UF President Bernie Machen attended UF's Board of Trustees governance committee meeting at the Emerson Alumni Hall Monday afternoon.

■ UF left fielder Daniel Pigott went 2 for 3 with two runs and an RBI in the Gators' 9-3 win against Army on Monday. No. 6 Florida will host No. 5 FSU tonight at McKethan Stadium. See Story, Page 14.



Detroit city workers being warned to go scentsless

DETROIT — Change is in the air for Detroit city workers.

City employees will be urged not to wear perfume, cologne or aftershave as a result of a settlement in a federal lawsuit.

Officials plan to place warning placards in three city buildings.

The signs will warn workers to avoid "wearing scented products, including ... colognes, aftershave lotions, perfumes, deodorants, body/face lotions ... [and] the use of scented candles,

perfume samples from magazines, spray or solid air fresheners."

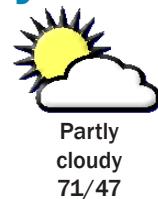
The employee handbook and Americans with Disabilities Act training also will bear warnings.

The Detroit News reports the move stems from a \$100,000 settlement in a federal lawsuit filed in 2008 by a city employee who said a colleague's perfume made it challenging for her to do her job.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Free film screening of "As We Forgive"

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
A documentary about Rosaria and Chantal — two Rwandan women coming face-to-face with the men who slaughtered their families.

Director Laura Waters Hinson and narrator Mia Farrow explore topics concerning the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide of 1994. A discussion panel will follow the film.

ACTIONS! presents "Is It In You? Cancer Awareness Forum"

Today, 7 p.m.
Turlington Hall, Room 2319
Come to get educated by medical professionals speaking about what cancer is, how to reduce cancer risk factors and what current research is going on to discover a cure. The event is part of Raise Your Voice Month 2010.

D'U Got Talent?

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Skyy Night Club
Delta Upsilon will be hosting its annual philanthropy. Tickets are \$6 at the door, and all proceeds go to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County. All are welcome and invited to come out for a night of talent and fun. For inquiries, please contact Bryan Griffin at 707-234-5242.

Got something going on?

And want to see it in this space? Send an e-mail with "What's Happening" in the sub-

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ject line to efuggetta@alligator.org. Please model your submissions after the events listed above. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

NATIONAL Woman allegedly hits sister with toilet tank lid

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa City police arrested a woman who allegedly attacked her sister with the lid of a toilet tank.

Nitasha Johnson, of Iowa City, was arrested early Sunday and was charged with domestic abuse assault causing injury and interference with official acts.

According to police, Johnson removed the lid and hit her sister during a fight.

Authorities said the sisters suffered an injured foot and finger. Johnson was taken to the Johnson County jail.

She remained in jail Monday on a \$1,500 bond. Jail officials did not know if she had hired an attorney.

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CORRECTIONS:

It was incorrectly report-

ed in Monday's Alligator that UF President Bernie Machen hired the outside firm Healy & Associates to oversee the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation.

It is overseeing UF's internal investigation and is not related to the investigation conducted by FDLE.

The mayoral endorsement in Monday's Alligator indicated Monica Leadon Cooper was unfamiliar with the charter amendment on last year's ballot that would have repealed transgender provisions in Gainesville's code of ordinances.

Cooper said she was aware of the ordinance, but she declined to comment to the Human Rights Campaign until after she had read a finalized version.

After she found it, she called the interviewer back and indicated that she realized the ordinance's stance and that she supports equal rights.

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Hanna Palmer / Alligator

Spring Strings

Wolfe Cronin, 20, a UF mechanical engineering major, plays guitar on the Reitz Union North Lawn Monday afternoon.

Program offers rides to cancer patients

■ THE PROGRAM SERVES 11 COUNTIES.

By MEGAN MERRILL

Alligator Contributing Writer

After winning her battle against breast cancer, Barb Thomas now lives to help drive the disease out of other cancer patients' lives.

Thomas, 56, began volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program about a year and a half ago and has been driving cancer patients from their homes to treatment centers for their appointments.

She said the program is needed because many cancer patients are so fatigued or on such strong pain medication that they are not physically able to drive themselves.

"Family members or friends that have not gone through cancer may not completely understand it, so it's nice to have other survivors with you," Thomas said.

Margaret Shaw, a local Ameri-

can Cancer Society representative, expressed an urgent need for volunteers for the program, which has 30 drivers for Alachua County.

She would like to have 100 drivers for Alachua, Marion and the other nine surrounding counties the program covers.

To become a volunteer for the Road to Recovery program, volunteer drivers are required to go to a half-hour information session in Ocala, where they will be trained

and put on the company's liability insurance.

Volunteers also need to have an up-to-date driver's license and would need to use their own vehicle and gas.

Volunteer drivers do not have to commit to any certain schedule.

Shaw said one of the best parts of the program is the relationships formed between the drivers and patient.

"It's a time to spend with a sick patient who really, really needs your help," Shaw said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Toyota drivers sue in US for full refund for recalled cars

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A group of Toyota owners sued the automaker Monday, demanding a full refund for their recalled cars and seeking a payout that could exceed several billion dollars.

Dozens of Toyota owners in Arizona and Washington claim the vehicles recalled over incidents of sudden acceleration are so unsafe they should be able to return them immediately. Attorney Steve Berman said many of the owners no longer trust their vehicles.

The new lawsuits seek class-action status,

which if expanded nationwide, could mean a settlement covering about 6 million recalled Toyotas in the U.S.

Dozens of other potential class-action lawsuits have also been filed against Toyota since it began recalling millions of vehicles to fix floor mats the company says can snag on the accelerator in some models and gas pedals that can get stuck in others. Critics and lawsuits contend the real problem is Toyota's electronic throttle control, which the company has denied.

Most of the lawsuits contend the recalls

have triggered a significant drop in the value of Toyotas — between 6 percent and 15 percent, according to the Kelley Blue Book used-car manual — and are seeking a cash payment for owners to compensate for that loss. Lawyers involved in those cases have estimated Toyota could have to cough up more than \$3 billion, assuming a conservative \$500-per-owner payment.

A Toyota spokesman did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

A group of attorneys filing Toyota cases nationwide — known as the Attorneys Toyota

Action Consortium, or ATAC — announced Monday they are adding racketeering claims to many of their lawsuits. The attorney coordinating the effort, Northeastern University law professor Tim Howard, said Toyota has known of accelerator problems since at least 2000 and engaged in a "conspiracy to hide the truth" from consumers.

If fraud claims are successful under the federal Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations or RICO law, Howard said, it could push total Toyota class-action damages above \$10 billion.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SWAMP

UF employee helps in Haiti

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Four days after the earthquake hit, Jason Byrd was in Haiti counting bodies.

Byrd, a UF forensic entomologist, works for the National Disaster Medical System, a response team that is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As a forensic entomologist, he uses bugs near corpses to determine how much time has passed since death.

He made two trips to Haiti and returned from his second trip on Feb. 28. While there, he estimated how many deaths there were, assessed how many U.S. citizens and foreigners were in the country when the earthquake hit and set up an identification system for the dead.

Byrd also works as the associate director for the Maples Center for Forensic Medicine at UF and teaches honors courses in forensic anthropology and forensic science.

He said the massive loss of life in Haiti took an emotional toll on him.

"Almost everyone that we talked to down there lost an immediate family member," Byrd said.

He said Port-au-Prince contained the main airport, the main seaport, the seat of government and the seat of the military, and it was all destroyed.

"It crippled the country," Byrd said.

He said some Haitians did not have a lot of resources to begin with, and many lost everything in the earthquake.

"I've never been around a population in any type of natural disaster that had as little as they did," he

said.

Byrd was there when the 6.0-magnitude aftershock hit, and he said it shattered his preconceived notions of what earthquakes felt like.

"The ground isn't supposed to

ripple like water," Byrd said. "But it does."

For Haiti to recover, Byrd said Port-au-Prince needs money for relief efforts and an urban plan to prepare the city for another earthquake.



Courtesy Photo

Jason Byrd, a UF forensic entomologist, flew to Haiti days after the earthquake to count bodies and to ascertain the times of death.

Web site matches dorm roommates

■ 323 UF STUDENTS USE THE SERVICE.

By **STEPHANIE RAMIREZ**
Alligator Contributing Writer

They create a profile and post their pictures with hopes of finding a perfect match, but these UF students are not looking for love — they are looking for roommates.

Through URoomSurf, a roommate-matching Web site, current and incoming students search for compatible roommates by creating an account similar to one they would create on a dating service Web site.

They answer questions about topics including cleanliness, preferred room temperature and political and religious beliefs.

There are 323 UF users, and most of them are incoming freshmen, said Dan Thibodeau, co-founder of URoomSurf.

"We're kind of like Match.com for roommates," Thibodeau said.

URoomSurf's network, which has 24,300 users, features 28 schools in Florida and 650 schools nationwide, he said.

On the Web

"Who you're going to be living with in college is a big concern for students, and we've noticed that," Thibodeau said.

Franklyn Francois, an incoming UF freshman from Naples, Fla., said he used URoomSurf because he wants a roommate who shares similar values.

Users fill out a survey, but Francois said URoomSurf gives students the chance to write more about themselves on site profiles.

Francois has found two potential roommates on URoomSurf, and he applied to live in the Lakeside Residence Hall.

To make a URoomSurf account, students upload photos, choose their college network and complete a profile. Then they take a roommate survey, review their matches and communicate with their top roommate picks.

Once they choose roommates, students fill out mutual request forms and submit them to their universities.

The site, which launched in February, has a Facebook-like chat application for direct communication, and users can make video profiles for more personal introduction, Thibodeau said.

Gentlemen's Showcase seeks to prove chivalry is not dead

One man will win a steak dinner

By **RACHEL MANKO**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Hannah Roberson said she hasn't had a man escort her anywhere, open a door for her or push in her chair for as long as she can re-

member. Chivalry is dead, she said.

"If he is being a gentleman, it's because he's trying to get into her pants," Roberson said.

But that's the mindset that the UF Network of Enlightened Women, a conservative women's organization, is trying to change by participating in the second annual Gentlemen's

Showcase, a contest for women to recognize the gentlemen in their lives.

"We want to spread this message that chivalry isn't dead and that gentlemen do exist. We want to thank them," said Rachel Kopec, the president of the UF chapter.

Women can enter any gentleman they know on the group's Facebook fan page by submitting a video stating what makes him a

gentleman. Anyone can vote by "liking" the entry through March.

The winner will be announced March 31 and will receive a steak dinner for two to the restaurant of his choice. The woman who entered him will receive a Network of Enlightened Women T-shirt and the book "Who Stole Feminism?: How Women Have Betrayed Women" by Christina Hoff-Sommers.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Program would give Fla. students college head start

By **EMILY MORROW**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A new program that will give high school students a head start on college may come to Florida.

Organized by the National Center on Education and the Economy, the program will give high school students the option of graduating two years early.

The high schools implementing the program will offer students a variety of tests at the end of their

sophomore year. Subjects range from English to mathematics.

If they pass, they will be able to receive a high school diploma and enroll directly into a community college.

Students who pass the exams but want to stay in high school to prepare for a selective college, such as UF, may continue in one of five college-preparatory programs that will be offered for students in their junior or senior year.

"We are trying to bring the type

"I don't like the idea of abandoning them after two years. It's like throwing them to the wolves."

Linda Lanza-Kaduce
director of the High School Dual Enrollment program at Santa Fe College

of education that's typically only available to the highest-achieving students to everyone," said Betsy

Brown Ruzzi, deputy director of the center.

But Linda Lanza-Kaduce, director of the High School Dual Enrollment program at Santa Fe College, said she doesn't think giving high school students the opportunity to graduate when they are 16 or 17 years old is a good idea.

About 500 Alachua County students participate in SFC's dual enrollment program each year, and Lanza-Kaduce said only about one-third of those students

are ready to take college-level classes. The rest take courses on SFC's campus with high school-level instructors.

"I don't like the idea of abandoning them after two years," she said. "It's like throwing them to the wolves. I'd rather see them be able to earn college credit while still under that high school umbrella."

The UF Office of Admissions was unavailable for comment on the issue despite repeated phone calls and visits to the office.

No jail time for Nevada ex-jailer in 'Girls Gone Wild' case

■ SHE RECEIVED \$1,680 WORTH OF CASH AND GIFTS.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. — A judge ordered no prison time Monday for the final defendant in a bribery scheme that allowed "Girls Gone Wild" founder Joe Francis to eat sushi and watch

"The Office" and "Family Guy" DVDs while jailed in Nevada on tax charges.

U.S. District Judge Larry Hicks sentenced ex-law officer Mary Boxx to 100 hours community service, three years probation and a \$1,680 fine after she pleaded guilty to accepting a gratuity as a public official.

The maximum possible penalty for the crime was two years in prison. Corrections officials had recommended Boxx serve at

least four months house arrest.

Boxx tearfully apologized to the judge for the "nightmare" she had put her family through during the past two years.

National News

He agreed to let her move to New York so she can help care for her five grandchildren, including one with autism, because her daughter's husband is about to be deployed to Afghanistan.

As part of a plea agreement, Boxx, 54, admitted that while working as an inmate classification specialist at the Washoe County jail, she smuggled in special tanning lotion requested by Francis as well as DVDs.

However, the Sparks woman said she never connected that to the \$1,680 worth of cash and gifts she received from a Hollywood associate of Francis, the creator of the soft porn empire worth millions.

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Editorial

No Excuses

Students should vote in today's city election

The upcoming federal election cycle sure looks exciting from here. Democrats are fighting for their political lives, Republicans trying to make gains in both houses of Congress and Tea Partiers clamoring for revolution.

And while we're at it, we're still feeling the buzz from the 2008 presidential election, even if "Yes we can" is turning into "No, we still haven't."

If you're political junkies like us, you can't get enough of exercising your civic duty. If that's the case, may we interest you in a local mayoral election to whet your appetite for the fall?

Gainesville voters will elect a new mayor today. Hopefully, students will have a better showing at the polls than they usually do in city elections.

We'll forgive students for not getting involved in previous mayoral elections. Hardly anyone else in Gainesville got involved, either. The last time Gainesville elected a mayor, 2007, the turnout was only 11 percent.

But the traditionally low turnout for city elections means students' voices will be even louder if they turn out at the polls.

Some city officials snub their noses at the student community. Monica Leadon Cooper, one of the mayoral candidates, said UF students "act like little children."

Having a larger than usual student turnout would force city officials to pay more attention to the needs of students.

But if that's not enough to convince you to vote, just think of it as getting yourself ready to vote in the fall, when Florida will elect a new governor and U.S. senator. It takes practice to bubble in a ballot.

Give Us Google

Students get a bad rep around Gainesville sometimes for throwing a metaphorical four-year party, trashing the place because we don't have to live with the resulting mess. You'll hear this when any vote on taxes does or doesn't pass, when discussing student driving habits or when we throw the parties that land us among the top 5 party schools.

But all 50,000 of us have an opportunity today to fight this image by giving back to the community, in a politically neutral way, without spending a single cent of our beer money: convince Google to build the nation's fastest Internet network in Gainesville.

The "contest" began when Google began its search for a town between 50,000 and 500,000 people (Gainesville: about 117,000) to test its new

network, which would allow you to download the contents of a DVD in about 5 seconds.

What else it means will take a lot of imagination, as that increase is about 100 times faster than what we're using now. Already, the best minds at UF, Shands and in Gainesville's business community are dreaming up ways to use this technology. If you belong to a club, play Internet video games or take online courses, we're sure you can come up with awesome ideas, too.

With online start-ups, such as Grooveshark already based in Gainesville, it's easy to imagine new tech job opportunities springing up here. By helping to better Gainesville, we might create more jobs.

If this sounds good, visit Gig4Gvn.com for a list of easy ways to get involved. The contest ends in less than two weeks, so get a move on making "Go Gators" go faster.

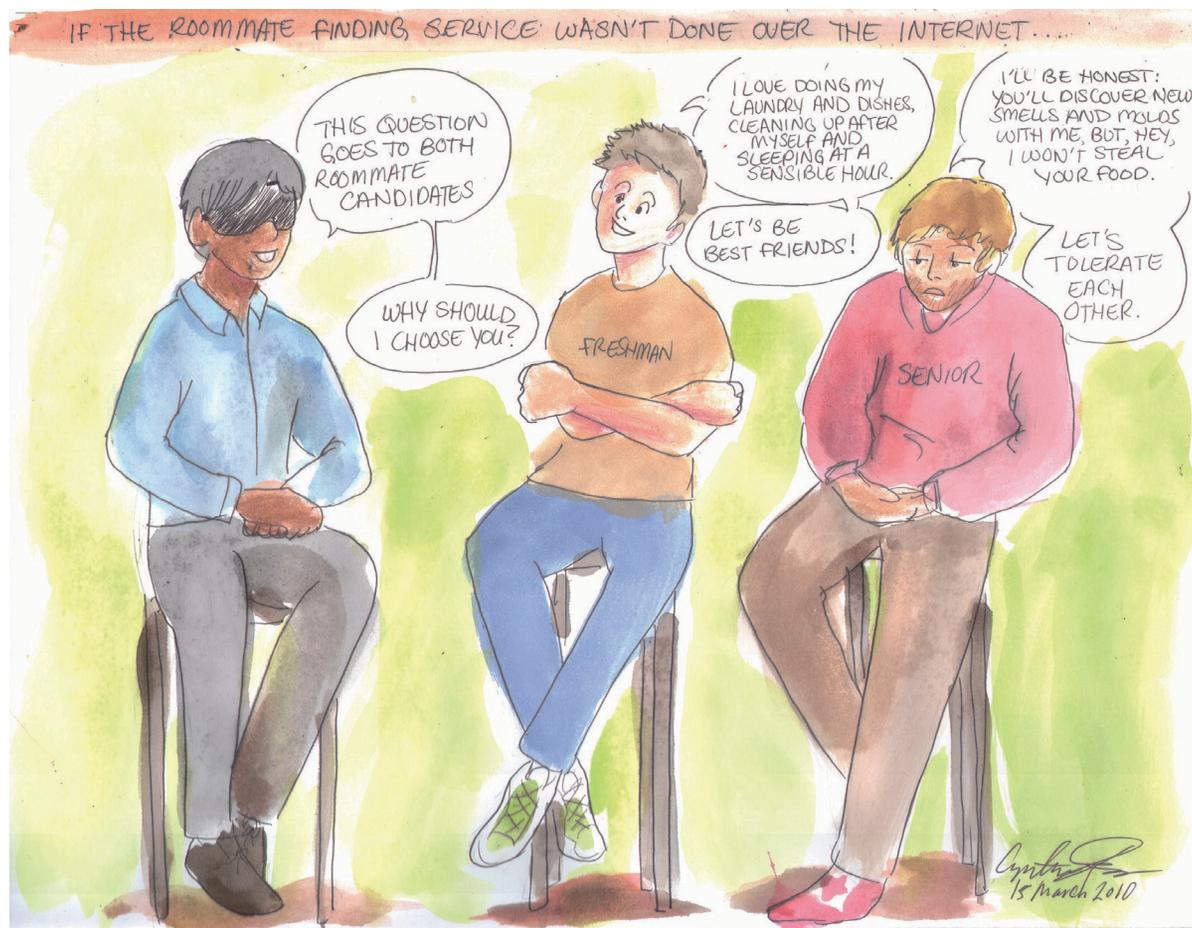
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Column

TheLadders commercial is regressive

I fully admit to being a cynic about advertising, but there's one TV commercial that throws me beyond mere cynicism and into just sputtering, angry confusion.

It's that damn commercial for TheLadders.com. The one with the guy playing tennis.

TheLadders is an online job search service that purports to specifically cater to job hunters looking for six-figure jobs. The service itself is predicated on an elitist idea to begin with: don't want to get caught up with all the riff-raff messing around on Monster.com? Come to TheLadders, where you won't have to even mingle online with the less fortunates.

And as unsavory as that might sound, I don't really have too much of a problem with it. If they want to fill a specific niche in the recruitment industry, more power to them.

But you don't need to revel in the elitism. And TheLadders does exactly that with this commercial. The spot opens with a WASPY-looking guy about to serve in a tennis match when a woman runs in and collides with him going for the ball. The crowd runs onto the court, cluttering it with their rudeness, awkward racquet swinging and general rowdiness. The man glares, annoyed, at the people who have ruined his tennis game as a voice-over informs us, "If you think about it, this is the trouble with most job search sites."

The trouble? "When you let everyone play, nobody wins." The first version of the commercial, which started airing in January 2008, ended with the announcer saying what was presumably TheLadders' tagline: "The premium job site for only \$100k-plus jobs, and only \$100k-plus people."

Somebody at TheLadders must've realized just how awful that sounded (or, you know, somebody without a jackass gene must've taken a moment to ask what the hell a "\$100k-plus person" is) because the version posted on its Web site is tagged "MarchRevise:" the apparent revision ends with the tagline, "Only \$100k-plus jobs, and only \$100k-plus job seekers." Awkward, but better.

But now these ads are back, and they end with what appears to be a strange, middle-ground compromise between



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the two: "Only \$100k-plus jobs, and only \$100k-plus talent." Still bad.

Let's set aside the notion that there's something both seriously flawed and vaguely disgusting about using money as a means of determining someone's personhood or talent. We'll even set aside the uncomfortable imagery of the "riff-raff" crowding the guy including a bunch of minorities, women and overweight people.

It's "\$100k-plus people" with "\$100k-plus talent" who helped the economy nearly collapse, who euchred unsuspecting people out of house and home, who played games with the banking system and stock market, and who threatened the financial stability of countless families who wanted to live pleasant lives and send kids to college. This happened under the watch and actions of people TheLadders would term "\$100k-plus people" with "\$100k-plus talent."

I don't mean to paint with broad strokes. I don't doubt that there are people who make well more than six figures who do good, honest work, and I'm sure some of them even work on Wall Street. And yes, a part of it may be a little personal: As someone who'd be thrilled to find any employment post-April 30, six figures or not, I can't help but cringe when these ads come on.

But one of the few good things to come out of the economic crisis was the national reassessment of what constituted being successful: All of a sudden, being ridiculously rich isn't a source of admiration as it once was. All of a sudden, Teach for America and Doctors Without Borders and just selflessness in general didn't just feel right — it felt aspirational.

TheLadders ads are predicated on bringing us back to a last-decade way of thinking. And that's not just bad advertising; it's bad for us all.

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

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Would you search for a roommate on the Internet?

Monday's question:

Did you get sunburned over Spring Break?

31% YES

69% NO

100 TOTAL VOTES

Vote or post a message at www.alligator.org

Letters to the Editor

Reader urges UF students to vote for Wells in Gainesville's elections

In today's elections for City Commission's District 4, students should choose Randy Wells. Wells has a proven track record of getting results and bringing people together.

Wells' outreach to UF students and his plans for the city show that he will be a responsive commissioner who all Gainesville residents can be proud of.

District 4 represents most of campus, including every residence hall except for Lakeside.

It also includes much of the College Park and Duckpond areas as well as the area southeast of campus along Southwest 13th Street.

As a small business owner and community leader, Wells has served as president of the Duckpond Neighborhood Association for four years.

He was also a chairman of the City of Gainesville's advisory boards on affordable housing as well as bicycles and pedestrians.

In addition to successful efforts to clean up local waterways, improve neighborhood parks and schools and promote energy efficiency, Wells has also been very active in supporting the citywide Gig4GNV campaign to bring Google's planned high-speed pilot program to

Gainesville.

Of all the candidates, Wells has developed the best ideas for a positive relationship between UF and the City of Gainesville.

As a first-time candidate for public office, Wells brings both a fresh perspective and the experience to back that up.

His plans for a local economic development and protection of our environment make him the best candidate for City Commission.

UF students who live in City Commission's District 4 should vote for Randy Wells today.

Ben Cavatara
4LS

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Alligator Endorsement Misrepresented Mayoral Candidate

I was misrepresented in the Alligator on Monday concerning my knowledge of the city's strong anti-discrimination protections.

I have been a human rights activist from the time I was 18 and worked on anti-discrimination issues at UF.

I have always been opposed to discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

I have always supported equal rights for all people and taken time off from my studies at UF to help migrant farm workers achieve the rights that are afforded to other workers in the United States when they were being mistreated.

To have commented on my stance without ever reading it is unconscionable, especially with an election the next day.

The Alligator should strive to be a professional newspaper with strong fact checking standards.

Craig Lowe knows that I support him and that our differences are in other areas such as my opposition to building a new power plant, the lack of action at Koppers Superfund site, the continued limits on food for the hungry and the dismal budgetary track record of our commission.

I always investigate issues and read documents before signing my name and that's exactly the case here. You should want to endorse a candidate who does her homework.

Our country was founded on the ideals of freedom from discrimination. I support those ideals.

Monica Leadon Cooper
Mayoral candidate

Guest column

Student shooting raises concerns

We, as a community, are saddened by the recent events in which a geography Ph.D. student, Kofi Adu-Brempong was shot by a University Police Department officer. It appears this situation did not warrant the use of deadly force and that UPD allowed the situation to escalate out of control. Our questions seem to be falling on deaf ears.

Did the UPD officer know that Adu-Brempong suffered from a childhood case of polio? Did they know that he needed a cane to stand on his own, let alone to walk? Officers were present the day before he was shot and knew about his condition. The officers present said they acted out of fear for Kofi's life. Then why use an assault rifle?

We are also disappointed that the UF administration was so late to address this issue with the students, faculty/staff and community members. The original statement released by President Bernie Machen was only sent to residents of Corry Village, and we feel that the entire student and employee body of UF should have received a notice immediately. It wasn't until well into Spring

Jeremiah Tattersall
Speaking Out

Break that Machen sent an incredibly vague letter to students. More impor-

tantly, Machen refused to take a stand in support of a victimized fellow Gator.

The letter itself encourages an independent investigation but ignores our calls to not utilize the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Given that the police reports and stories are changing on a daily basis, we would like the university to initiate its own investigation into immediately and take student and faculty input along the way.

UPD handled the situation like a SWAT team sting operation rather than negotiated with someone who was having a mental breakdown. Today on Turlington Plaza at 10:45 a.m., students and faculty are coming together to demand justice for Kofi Abu-Brempong, and we want you to join.

Jeremiah Tattersall is with Students for a Democratic Society, and Dave Schneider is with Student Labor Action Project. This a guest column on behalf of the Coalition for Justice Against Police Brutality.

Guest column

Candidate urges vote

My name is Craig Lowe and I am running to use my proven leadership and experience as mayor.

When I was elected to city commission, our city faced complex issues. I brought in new leadership which freed the utility to greatly expand conservation strategies such as efficiency rebates and loans available to all (including low income families). Under my guidance, we instituted a solar energy incentive that is emulated around the nation.

As the Campaign Chair of Equality is Gainesville's Business, I helped defeat charter amendment 1, which would have stripped LGBT protec-

Craig Lowe
Speaking Out

tions that have helped earn us our reputation as

a progressive and inclusive community. My opponents have opposed or been simply unaware of the need for these protections. This isn't the kind of leadership we need.

This May, there will be no time for on-the-job training. I am the only candidate that will bring proven experience to the office at a time we need it most. I have kept my commitments. Please vote for me so I can keep Gainesville moving forward.

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BEHIND THE BALLOT As residents hit the polls today to cast their votes for mayor, here is a breakdown of the key issues in the election.		BUDGET	BIOMASS PLANT	CABOT-KOPPERS CLEANUP
MAYORAL CANDIDATES		With budget cuts on the horizon, the candidates addressed how the city will fund critical services.	The proposed biomass plant has stirred debate on its economic and environmental impact.	The proposed cleanup efforts for the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site, a contaminated industrial site, divides the candidates.
 Ozzy Angulo		"We are going to balance our budget by cutting services."	"Right now, the city cannot afford to fund the biomass plant. We need to look at the energy options we have right now."	"I expect a cleanup to begin and if it doesn't happen, we may have to look into utilizing a legal method to solve this."
 Monica Leadon Cooper		"I will scrutinize the budget and eliminate unnecessary expenditures and focus on paying for core services first."	"We need to focus on conservation, efficiency and true clean energy, like solar - and not a polluting biomass plant."	"I will be very proactive in protecting neighbors and our city's drinking water supply by coordinating our city, county, state and federal representatives."
 Craig Lowe		"We'll need to examine each expenditure and revenue source and weigh the impact on the taxpayer and the citizens receiving the services."	"The biomass plant ... is an approach to achieve carbon neutrality. If any additional information ... comes forward, I'm certainly willing to evaluate."	"What we'll need to do to clean up Koppers is to work with the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up the site to the highest possible standard."
 Don Marsh		"We are spending too much money on a lot of our special projects here in town. We do a lot of cosmetic work that is not necessary, and it costs millions."	"It will cost more for electricity ... I'm for something that will not lose any more money."	"We cannot ignore it anymore. We need to bring in contractors and enforce contracts."
 Richard Selwach		"I'm going to balance the budget. I'm going to disassemble the budget and then reassemble it with police, fire, roads and parks getting priority."	"It's not good for our environment; it's not good for our area. We should probably get off coal and buy surplus nuclear energy."	"I'm going to create home rule and then give Koppers a notice of non-compliance and fine them daily."

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Lowe will offer free rides to supporters from campus to polls

VOTE, from page 1

a smaller amount of votes than someone who's 50," Marsh said. "Just because I'm twice your age doesn't mean I have twice as many votes as you. You count as much as I do."

Selwach, the owner of Best Jewelry & Loan Pawnbrokers, said that students have the obligation to get involved in the political process.

"If you have a good idea, we want to

hear it," he said. "If you don't do your part, we're just going to have a mediocre city."

Angulo, who quit his job at Taco Bell to concentrate his efforts on his campaign, said he will reach out to UF and Santa Fe College student governments if elected.

He said that an open dialogue between city and student governments will help bridge the gap between students and the rest of Gainesville.

Cooper promised that if elected, she

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Richard Selwach
Mayoral candidate

would protect students from the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site and the construction of the biomass plant, which she believes is a detriment to the quality of life

for students and residents alike.

Lowe, who as a city commissioner has the most political experience of all the mayoral candidates, has relied heavily on the help of student volunteers throughout his campaign.

In an effort to bring more students out to vote, his campaign will be offering rides to the polls from campus.

"I'm hoping that every student in Alachua County, every single one, will turn out," he said.

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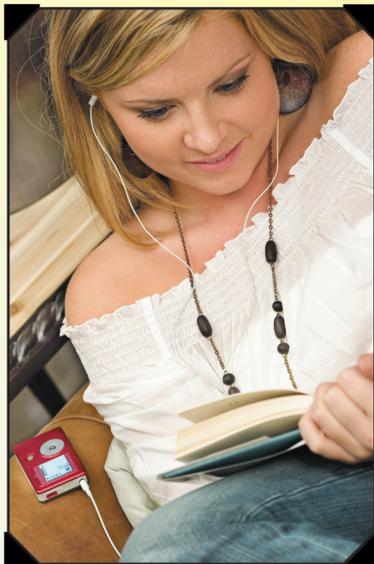
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16 Healthy
17 Musical narrated by Che
18 Rival of Staples
20 '40s-'50s paranoia that led to blacklisting
22 "For Your Eyes Only" singer
23 Island strings
24 Rides roughshod over
25 Red Cloud's tribe
30 Board with eerie messages
31 Neither's partner
32 Microwaves
36 Not guilty, for example
37 Make one of two?
39 Came down to earth
40 Cowpoke's prod
41 Petunia, e.g.
42 Serpentine
43 Jane, to Dick, e.g.
46 Fillies and foals
50 __ la la
51 Track athlete
52 "The Breakfast Club" actors are part of it
57 Pencil game that hints at this puzzle's theme, found in the first and last letters of 18-, 25- and 43-Across
59 Conservative front?
60 Perry's creator
61 "Major" constellation
62 Grand __ National Park
63 Futurist
64 Seamstress's fold
65 Not approximate

DOWN
1 "Believe" singer
2 Wander
3 "Ars amatoria" poet
4 Antiprohibitionists
5 Count with a cape
6 Coastlines
7 Family board game
8 TV E.T.
9 Defogging target
10 Nest noise
11 Chair maker
Charles
12 South American plain
13 Houston pro since 2002
19 Whole grain cereal brand
21 Dossier letters
24 Flue filth
25 "How clumsy of me!"
26 Big swig
27 Stead
28 Slightly open
29 Jones of English architecture
32 Author Grey
33 Quaint word of regret

34 High-speed highway
35 Underworld river
37 Pugilist's punch
38 Puppy bites
42 Legislative act
43 Military service designation
44 Windex target
45 Lyricist Gershwin
46 Art works by Romain de Tirtoff

47 Paper measure
48 "I surrender!"
49 Bury
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53 Suffix with cine
54 " __ boy!"
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56 "Critique of Pure Reason" philosopher
58 Capote, on the stage

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Three-run fifth inning propels UF to win over Army

■ ANTHONY DESCLAFANI GOT THE WIN IN 5.2 INNINGS.

By ANTHONY CHIANG
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After seeing Army left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld lay out and snag a hard-hit ball in the fourth inning, the Gators took a different approach.

They turned what should have been two easy fly outs into two doubles in the fifth to score three runs in the inning and gain some separation from Army (5-4).

It was all No. 6 Florida (12-3) would need, as it blew past the Black Knights 9-3 on Monday.

"We've got the advantage because we play here a lot," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "We've seen that a lot and we've talked a lot amongst our team that when it does get twilight, the in-

field has to point and yell to help the infielders out."

In the eventful fifth inning, catcher Mike Zunino hit a fly ball to shallow center field that fell in between three Black Knights for a two-bagger, while Daniel Pigott hit a lazy ball up in the air that the dark sky helped turn into an RBI double. Austin Maddox then hit a single to knock the other two runs home.

"It felt good. The sky helped me out a little bit, but I'll take what I can get," Pigott said.

Florida didn't stop there.

With a 5-2 lead, shortstop Nolan Fontana doubled down the right-field line to lead off the sixth and got to third on an error. Third baseman Bryson Smith, the next batter, lined a single up the middle to drive in Fontana and extend the lead.

Then in the seventh, Preston Tucker ended his homer drought and hit a two-run



Steven H. Keys / Alligator Staff

UF sophomore Daniel Pigott hits during the Gators' 9-3 win against Army on Monday in Gainesville. The left fielder went 2 for 3 with two runs and an RBI.

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Stamper should be drafted

All Ryan Stamper did his senior year was lead the fourth-best defense in the nation in tackles with 78.

He was a team captain for the Gators the last two seasons, when he started 25 of the 28 games.

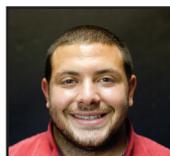
In the 2009 BCS Championship Game, he tied Joe Haden for a team-high 10 tackles to help UF win 24-14.

This season, when Brandon Spikes couldn't play, it was Stamper who stepped up in the star linebacker's place.

He racked up 31 tackles and added an interception in the two games Spikes didn't play — Vanderbilt and Mississippi State — and against Tennessee when Spikes left early.

Despite all he has done, Stamper likely won't get drafted.

Not only will he not get drafted,



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but he has barely drawn much attention.

"My agent and coaches and other people who have talked to (NFL general managers) are telling me I can

go anywhere from the fifth round to undrafted," Stamper said.

A 6-2, 235-pound linebacker who hasn't registered a good 40-yard dash time is rarely going to draw much praise from analysts and scouts.

But Stamper managed to make plays on a unit that was filled with NFL talent.

Along with Haden and Spikes, defensive ends Jermaine Cunning-

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Gators miss NCAA Tourney

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One year following a second-round loss in the NCAA Tournament, Florida missed out on the tourney altogether.

This season, the Gators (14-16, 7-9 Southeastern Conference) were hit by graduation, injuries and inconsistency, and landed in the National Invitation Tournament. The NIT committee released its field Monday night.

UF will host USF (15-15, 6-10 Big East Conference) on Thursday. The Bulls are the defending NIT champions.

"We are excited to be going to our third postseason tournament in a row," Butler said in a press release. "I'm excited for our fans and that we'll get another opportunity to play in front of them at home. South Florida poses a great challenge and this should be a great SEC-Big East battle."

UF had impressive marks on its résumé, including sweeping the season series against Mississippi State and a win over No. 23 Georgia.

But the Gators failed to close out chances to bolster their résumé with single-digit losses to nationally ranked opponents No. 11 Florida State, No. 3 Tennessee and Georgia.

Then came the résumé-smearing losses: a 40-point beatdown at home to No. 21 LSU and two to Alabama who finished 12-18 and had only two other SEC wins.

UF started conference play strong with consecutive wins, and sat above .500 before faltering down the stretch when center Azania Stewart missed six games toward the end of the regular season — the roughest part of the team's schedule. It went 1-5 in that span.

A stark contrast between this year and last was the production of graduated seniors Marsha Dotson and Sha Brooks, who combined for 30.4 points, 6.9 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game, respectively. This year, no player in the team's starting lineup cracked 10 points per game.



Butler

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■ The Erin Andrews peephole stalker got two-and-a-half years in prison. I have to question the legal system after a verdict like that. No award? ... Gilbert Arenas told Esquire that he had as many as 500 firearms in his home at one point in time. I guess we should've taken Arenas nicknaming himself "Agent Zero" a little more seriously. He certainly did.

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Rivalry showdown awaits No. 6 Florida as No. 5 FSU comes to town tonight

BASE, from page 14

shot to left-center field after going 14 games without one.

He hit 15 last season, about one every four games.

"It was just a matter of time," O'Sullivan said. "I think it was more of a big deal to him than it was to any of us. I think he just

wanted to get the monkey off of his back."

He finished the game with three RBIs and has driven in nine runners in the last three games.

"It just goes to show that guys are afraid to pitch to Maddox because he's been driving in a lot of runs," Tucker said. "They are starting to pitch to me more and

it's been real effective."



Baseball

Sophomore pitcher Anthony DeSclafani did his job on the mound and turned in 5.2 innings of two-run baseball while striking out three.

Reliever Jeff Barfield took it

from there and threw 3.1 innings and gave up one run to earn his second save and close out the game, saving the bullpen for today's game against FSU.

Earlier, Matt den Dekker went yard to lead off the game after seeing his 22-game hitting streak come to an end on Sunday. The Gators will be back at it today as they send out freshman pitcher Hudson Randall to take on No. 5 FSU (13-2) at 6:30 p.m. in McKethan Stadium. UF fell to the 'Noles 10-5 in their first meeting.

BOBBY, from page 14

ham and Carlos Dunlap and safety Major Wright all had the chance to participate at the NFL Combine in front of coaches and front-office decision makers.

All five players will likely be taken in the first three rounds of the draft, and in multiple games, Stamper outperformed all of them.

Because many scouts are looking for a

certain prototype, NFL teams could miss out on a great player who at the very least would be useful on special teams.

With quarterback Tim Tebow unveiling his new throwing motion and all the other studs working out at UF's Pro Day on Wednesday, there will be plenty of coaches and scouts in attendance. This could be Stamper's last chance — and one of his few overall — to impress them.

An ankle injury kept him from playing at the East-West Shrine All-Star Game,

where he could have displayed his talent on the field.

The injury will limit him in some of the drills, but just talking to him for a couple minutes shows Stamper has great knowledge of the game and is an even better person.

Those factors, combined with his game film, should be enough to at least get him drafted.

"It gets disappointing because just like in high school and just like in college,

I have to prove people wrong and show that 40 speed and testing ability isn't really the most important thing when it comes to playing football," Stamper said. "I feel like I'm fast enough, I'm strong enough to make plays and I think that's what's important because you can't teach football. You either got it or you don't."

Stamper showed he had it in 2009, when he proved he could be one of the best players on a star-studded defense, and at least one NFL team should be able to see that.

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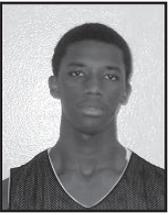
Stats shown are from Auburn and Mississippi State games in SEC Tournament.



Chandler Parsons, F

Parsons once again takes the top spot, this time for his consistency during Florida's brief SEC Tournament appearance. The junior forward dropped 21 points in UF's 78-69 win against Auburn and added six rebounds and two assists against the Tigers. He was the only Gator to score in double-digits in both games, as he followed that performance up with 10 points and seven boards against Mississippi State. It wasn't Parsons' best week in terms of distributing the ball, as he only dished out three assists, but he played well enough in UF's second-round loss for the Gators to win had they gotten more than eight points out of their starting frontcourt. Still, UF is back in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in Parsons' college career due largely to his growth into a versatile, consistent player.

Stats: 31 points, 10-21 shooting, 3-7 3-pointers, 8-11 FTs, 13 reb, 3 ast, 2 stl



Kenny Boynton, G

If not for Boynton's 23-point performance against the Bulldogs on Friday, the Gators would have suffered an ugly loss that may have hurt their reputation in the eyes of the NCAA selection committee. MSU ran all over UF in the opening minutes of the Gators' 75-69 loss, taking an 11-point lead into halftime, and Boynton was seemingly the team's only reliable option early on. He finished shooting 8 of 17 from the field, 4 of 8 from three-point range and 3 of 4 from the free-throw line while also recording three rebounds and three assists and playing a team-high 37 minutes. The freshman guard wasn't particularly effective on offense against Auburn on Thursday — nine points, 33-percent shooting and two assists in 27 minutes — but he didn't need to be with the way Parsons and Alex Tyus were scoring.

Stats: 32 points, 11-26 shooting, 7-15 3-pointers, 3-5 FTs, 3 reb, 5 ast, 1 stl



Alex Tyus, PF

Tyus was a scoring machine down low for the Gators against the Tigers on Thursday. The junior power forward dropped 24 points, including plenty of easy dunks on the under-sized Auburn frontcourt. He was also impressively efficient, hitting 68.8 percent of his shots and putting up a season-high total in points in just 29 minutes. He also grabbed five rebounds, dished out two assists and blocked two shots. Tyus followed up one of his better outings of the year with a weak showing against MSU, scoring just five points and grabbing five rebounds while committing four turnovers and losing crunch-time minutes to senior forward Dan Werner. Still, his dominant performance against Auburn was enough to get him the third-place spot this week.

Stats: 29 points, 13-21 shooting, 10 reb, 2 ast, 3 blk, 1 stl

STANDINGS

Parsons - 18	Boynton - 7
Tyus - 11	Macklin - 7
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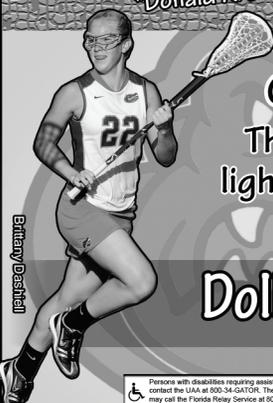


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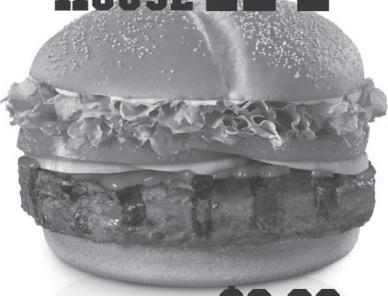
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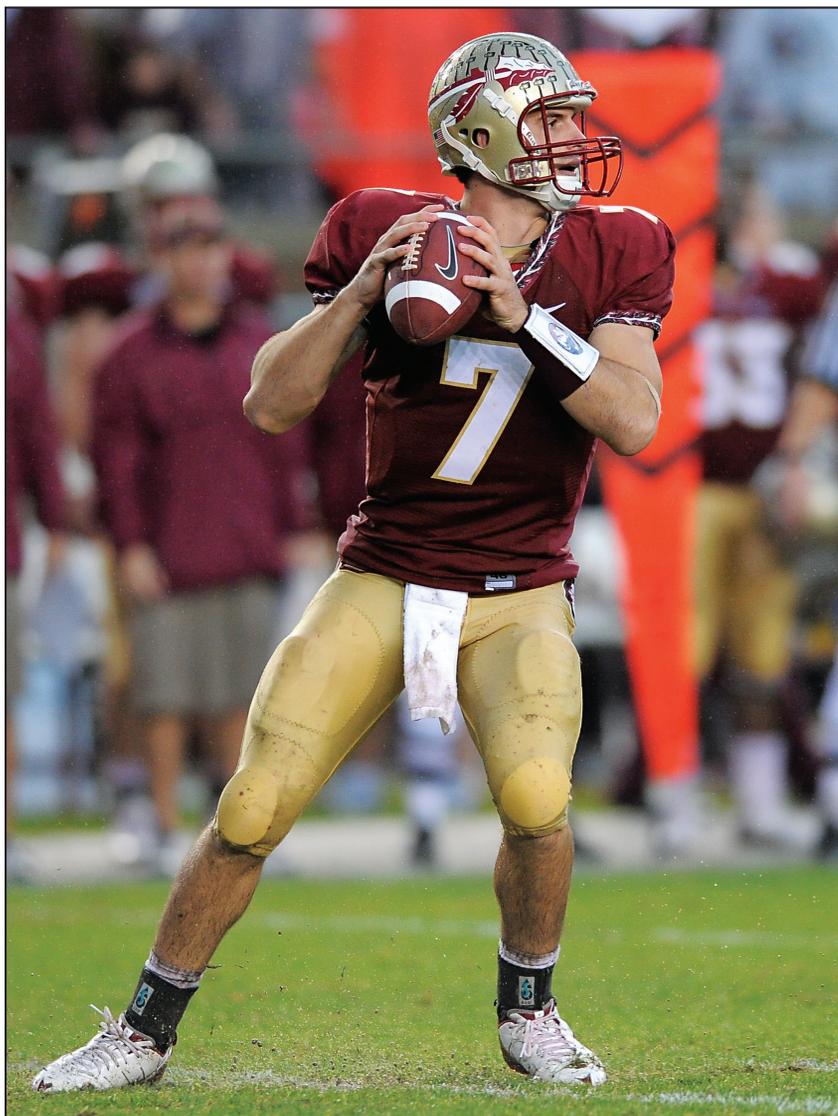
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FSU set to open practice today

■ QB CHRISTIAN PONDER WILL PRACTICE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE INJURING HIS THROWING ARM LAST SEASON.

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TALLAHASSEE — FSU opens its 15 days of spring practice Tuesday, and new coach Jimbo Fisher can't wait to get started.

"We're ready to roll," Fisher said during a 45-minute update with the media Monday. "Everybody's here doing what they're supposed to be doing."

Most importantly, quarterback Christian Ponder — his MBA nearly in hand — has recovered sufficiently from November surgery on his injured right throwing arm to take part in the team's spring drills.

Fisher said he expects Ponder to play in the school's April 10 spring game.

"We ain't going to hit him anyway," Fisher said, noting the quarterbacks will be off-limits to defenders in an otherwise full-contact spring contest.

"Knowing him, if I had to bet, if I was in Vegas, I'd be putting money on him."

Ponder, who is 13-9 as a starter at Florida State, passed for 2,717 yards and 14 touchdowns last season before being injured Nov. 7 while making a tackle at Clemson. He underwent surgery two weeks later.

Fisher is pleased with Ponder's recovery.

"He's in such great physical condition, his rehab is going to be faster," Fisher said.

Ponder's backup, EJ Manuel, also underwent offseason shoulder surgery and will not be available for much, if any, of the spring drills.

Manuel started four games after Ponder's injury, going 3-1 and throwing for two touchdowns, six interceptions and rushing for two more scores.

Freshman Clint Trickett, son of Seminole offensive coordinator Rick Trickett, and redshirt freshman Will Secord will get more reps in Manuel's absence.

"The most impressive thing of the offseason to me was we didn't have guys that couldn't make it through the workout. They all got better. No guys were lagging."

Jimbo Fisher
FSU football coach

Ponder said Monday he's been throwing without pain in the injured shoulder and that he'd thrown 125 passes Sunday.

Aside from keeping his quarterbacks safe, Fisher plans to scrap the situation-style scrimmage employed by former coach Bobby Bowden in the spring game with a regular game in hopes of attracting a larger crowd.

Fisher praised the efforts of all his players during their offseason conditioning program and looks forward to spring practice in advance of the spring game.

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The Seminoles finished 7-6 last year after defeating West Virginia 33-21 at the Gator Bowl in Bowden's final game.

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