



Ben Folds fills Phillips Center

■ 1,577 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE CONCERT.

By **GABRIELLE FALCONEIRI**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Leaving behind green beer and St. Patrick's Day festivities, 1,577 people headed to the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday night to watch a sold-out Ben Folds performance.

Folds is a singer, pianist and songwriter known for his clever, tongue-in-cheek lyrics.

Folk-rock guitarist Zach Williams played a 30-minute opening set and told the audience he shared their excitement about seeing Folds.

Folds walked on stage and broke into the first few minutes of "Free Coffee" from the album "Way to Normal" before moving into "Annie Waits" from the album "Rockin' the Suburbs."

"Play some 'Picture Window' stuff," a fan shouted between songs.

"You know the new album," Folds laughed. "That makes me really happy, when people request songs that haven't been released yet."

Folds also played the hit single "Brick," which he recorded with his former band, Ben Folds Five.

The concert was in honor of Jewish Awareness month and co-sponsored by Student Government Productions Music and Entertainment and the Jewish Student Union.

Folds was paid \$35,240 to perform, according to Student Government Finance.



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Timmy 2.0

Former UF quarterback Tim Tebow shows off his improved mechanics and new throwing motion for NFL coaches and scouts at UF's Pro Scout Day in The Swamp on Wednesday. Tebow and other UF pro prospects, including Joe Haden and Brandon Spikes, worked out for teams. See story, page 23.

Shakespeare hits park

By **ANDREW PANTAZI**
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There will be eavesdropping, matchmaking and lying on the Plaza of the Americas today, Saturday and Sunday.

At least that's what JamieLynn Bucci is hoping for.

Bucci, a history junior, is the head director for Shakespeare in the Park's performance of "Much Ado About Nothing."

Shakespeare in the Park became an official UF organization two years ago and performs Shakespeare plays on the Plaza of the Americas each year.

This year's performances will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Saturday

and Sunday. There will also be a matinee showing at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Joseph Sweeney, Shakespeare in the Park's president, said he hopes at least 100 people will watch each of the performances.

The number of people attending the show has increased each year, Sweeney said.

On Campus

Allison Griner, co-director of the performance and an actor in the show, said this performance's actors are especially energetic during their outdoor practices. "I think the best inadvertent marketing technique was practicing outside because all the people walking by seem to notice the people yelling at each other," Griner said.

LOCAL

Voter turnout disappoints

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Staff Writer

Although Tuesday's city election saw an encouraging increase in voter turnout from the last mayoral race, election officials see room for improvement.

Their disappointment is directed at the 62,456 registered voters who failed to make it to the polls, particularly in the on-campus precincts.

Of the 13,525 people registered to vote at the Reitz Union, the Performing Arts Center and the Florida Museum of Natural History, 501, or about 4 percent, came out to vote.

"I'm pretty sure everyone wants to have their voice heard," said Pam Carpenter, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections. "I just don't understand."

Because there is no question on the

ballot that asks for student identification, there is no exact indication of how many students turned out at the campus precincts.

Carpenter said apathy may be the culprit behind the low turnout.

City Commissioner Craig Lowe received the most votes in each of the three precincts, gaining 253 votes.

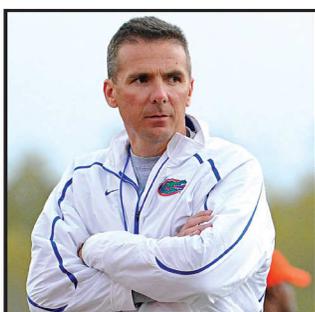
Monica Leadon Cooper had the second-highest total with 116 votes, followed by Don Marsh, who will be challenging Lowe in the April 13 runoff election, Richard Selwach and Ozzy Angulo.

For more information, visit elections.alachua.fl.us.



Lowe

■ UF football coach Urban Meyer returned to the field for the first day of spring practice, ending much of the speculation over his future after three months of uncertainty. See Story, Page 20.



Officers involved in grad student shooting placed on administrative duty

The five University Police officers involved in the March 2 shooting of UF graduate student Kofi Adu-Brempong were placed on administrative duty under UPD policy.

They've been promoted from the paid administrative leave they were on following the shooting, which is also standard procedure, said UF spokesman Steve Orlando. Any further disciplinary action would be premature until the investigation ends, he said.

One of the demands presented to UF ad-

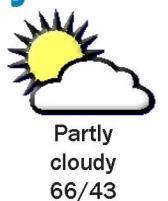
ministration by protesters Tuesday called for the firing of officer Keith Smith, who was verbally reprimanded last year for the harassment of residents in a known prostitution area by Gainesville police officers.

"I think the U.S. holds [itself] to a high standard in the justice system that people are innocent until proven guilty," said freshman Alexandra Bargoot. "Administrative duty is an appropriate position for him right now."

— KATHERINE BEIN

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the University of Colorado, Dan Kelemen of Rutgers University and Andres Malamud of the University of Lisbon. The main topic will be discussed in a comparative (American) perspective. For more information, go to <http://www.ces.ufl.edu>.

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Operation Beautiful fights negative body image



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Caitlin Boyle, founder of the Web site Operation Beautiful, smiles as a crowd member snaps her photo following Boyle's talk Wednesday evening.

BY LYN KRAMER
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 30 students learned about the definition of beauty and the power of anonymous notes at the Operation Beautiful Forum on Wednesday night in Anderson Hall.

The forum was presented by the Women's Leadership Council and Alpha Kappa Delta Phi.

Operation Beautiful, a Web site and movement started in June 2009, encourages people to post inspirational notes in public places for other people to find, said founder Caitlin Boyle.

"Beauty is deeper than just what you see in the mirror," Boyle said. "It's how you feel about yourself inside."

After having a bad day last year, the 25-year-old wanted to do something uplifting for someone else, she said. She found a small piece of paper in her purse and used it to write an inspirational message.

"I wrote, 'You are beautiful,' on it and posted it on the mirror in a public bathroom," Boyle said. "Then I took a picture of the note and put it on my blog."

Two days later, her e-mail was flooded with at least 50 messages from women responding to the Post-it post.

She received messages from women living in New York, California and Canada. She also got a response from a female soldier fighting in Iraq.

"It started from just a random moment of inspiration, but then it spread like wildfire," Boyle said.

Bowie Stephens, a member of Alpha Kappa Delta Phi and a public relations senior, said the forum sent out a positive message for women.

"It's okay to be yourself, and women need to know and believe that," she said.

Karim Hirani, a UF freshman, said his perspective about beauty had definitely been changed.

"I had no idea that 99 percent of magazine photos were altered using Photoshop," he said.

"Operation Beautiful: The Book" will be released to regular bookstores in August. It will be a compilation of 125 notes and tips from women of all types and backgrounds.

Student group holds mock First Amendment protest

The event promoted Friday's Free Food Festival

By JAMEL F. LANGLEY
Alligator Contributing Writer

Dressed in military fatigues and boots, UF Society of Professional Journalists President April Dudash led a mock protest of the First Amendment to the Constitution Wednesday afternoon on Turlington Plaza.

Nine members of the organization joined Dudash in a protest against free-

dom of religion, speech, press, petition and assembly.

The students meant for their demonstration to be ironic — they protested their right to protest.

Dudash said the intent was to promote the group's second annual First Amendment Free Food Festival on Friday, Dudash said.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 30 SPJ members and comedy group Theatre Strike Force

will use tape and other barriers to establish their own "country," equipped with guards, on the Plaza of the Americas, she said.

Students will have the opportunity to sign away their First Amendment rights for free lunch on the plaza.

Dudash said the organization wanted

to bring awareness on this issue in a radical way.

"Exchanging rights for a sandwich is ridiculous," Dudash said. "People need to realize how important their rights are."

The First Amendment Free Food Festival originated with the Florida Atlantic University chapter of SPJ and has since spread to five other universities, including UF.

Last year, the event brought close to 300 participants and more than 100 spectators, Dudash said.



Dudash

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Candidates talk finance

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
Alligator Writer

Richard Selwach will sell you a handgun, but he won't take a handout. Craig Lowe bought enough stamps to mail 23,672 first-class letters. Ozzy Angulo preferred to campaign by city bus.

Not only did Gainesville's five mayoral candidates have differing views on how to manage the city budget, they also had differing views on how to manage campaign finances.

By law, candidates must submit campaign financial reports to the Supervisor of Elections Office on everything — from the \$60 Don Marsh paid to attend the Rotary Club of Gainesville's Wild Game Feast to Craig Lowe's \$76.51 trip to ABC Fine Wine and Spirits for refreshments for a fundraiser.

Candidates must also report all donations received.

Craig Lowe's campaign accumulated more funds than any other candidate. Nearly 500 businesses and individu-

als contributed a total of \$33,459.41 to Lowe's campaign between September 2 and March 11.

Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan was among Lowe's donors, giving \$100 to the former city commissioner's campaign.

Richard Selwach contributed \$10,300 to his own campaign efforts but did not take one dollar in outside donations.

Monica Leadon Cooper received \$10,435, and Don Marsh brought in \$7,729. Angulo raised \$415.05 — \$54 went to buying 18 bus fares.

Fundraising will continue for Lowe and Marsh, the two run-off candidates.

Lowe's campaign spokesman, Eric Conrad, said although he was pleased with the amount of funds coming into the campaign, Lowe will likely hold additional fundraisers during the next month.

Marsh passed out donation slips at his post-election party Tuesday night.

"I really need to make some money," he said.

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Mobile museum outlines Fla. farmworkers' poverty



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Jasmine Harris, a public relations sophomore, walks through the Florida Modern-Day Slavery Museum Wednesday afternoon at Library West.

By ERIN O'DEA
Alligator Contributing Writer

A plain white delivery truck with pictures of fruit was parked near Library West on Wednesday, but the inside of the truck was less plain — chain and news clippings with the word “slavery” in every headline covered the walls.

The truck was once used to haul tomato crates from Immokalee, Fla. It served as the centerpiece for a Florida Modern-Day Slavery Museum exhibit that stopped at UF after driving to colleges and community centers across Florida for the past 2 1/2 weeks.

The museum was organized by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Student/Farmworker Alliance and UF CHISPAS, an organization that addresses immigrant-community issues. Its purpose is to inform students about the poverty among Florida farmworkers.

According to the museum’s display, most of the tomatoes in Florida are grown by workers who receive as low as 40 cents

for each 32-pound bucket they pick. Rachel Iannelli, an anthropology graduate student, said she did not realize the extent of the farmworkers’ mistreatment. “It makes me not want to have tomatoes on my sandwich,” Iannelli said.

The exhibit was not just intended to educate students about Florida farmworkers.

“It makes me not want to have tomatoes on my sandwich.”
Rachel Iannelli
UF graduate student

Richard Blake, a member of UF’s chapter of the Student/Farmworker Alliance, said the exhibit also told people about the Farmworker Freedom March that will take place from April 16 to 18. Participants will march 25 miles from Tampa to the Publix corporate headquarters in Lakeland.

“It’s not that people don’t care,” Blake said. “It’s just that they lack access to the information.”

UF clinic offers free screenings to check hearing problems

Screenings will take place in March and April

By KELLY MORGAN
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 20 people attended UF’s Speech and Hearing Clinic, located at 1405 NW 13th St., to receive a free hearing screening Wednesday.

“It gives people an easy way to make sure their hearing is normal,” said Dr. Ryan Baker, a clinical audiologist. “It’s also a quick and easy way for early identification of a hearing problem.”

Patricia Kricos, a UF professor specializing in communicative disorders, recommends getting screened at least every three years, adding that the amount of screening needed de-

pends on a person’s lifestyle.

Kricos said about half of the people screened have a legitimate hearing problem, while the other half shows up because of concern.

“A lot of people come because they’ve noticed they’re hearing words wrong or having trouble hearing at work or in the class-

room,” she said.

But hearing loss is not always to blame, Kricos said. Auditory processing problems, which occur when a person’s brain struggles to process sound, may be the cause.

Three more screenings are scheduled for this semester: March 31, April 7 and April 28. No appointment is necessary.

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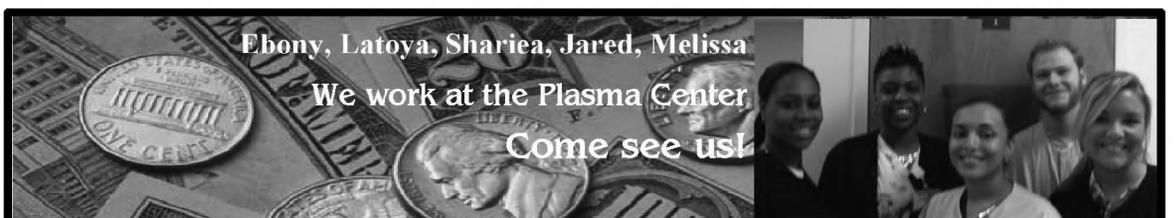
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Editorial

Hawhyii

Birther bill may do more harm than good

More than a year after Barack Obama was elected president, his home state is finally trying to grow a pair.

The Hawaiian House Judiciary Committee saw a bill Tuesday that would allow officials to ignore people who harass them for proof Obama was born there.

But while we understand where they're coming from, it's a mistake for Hawaii to put on the giant Nicole Ritchie glasses and hide from this.

Sure, we've been sick of the birthers since 2008, and we're glad the Hawaiian government is admitting its annoyance. It's time to stop with the conspiracy theories and admit that Obama is our president.

And the fact is that whether the crazies like it or not, they have no right to see the president's birth certificate.

Here's the big however.

It might be a good idea to let them see. It would, at least a little bit, legitimize him in their eyes, and, for our sanity, shut them up.

Don't get us wrong — we absolutely do not doubt Obama was born in Hawaii and is legitimately our president. We all saw the certificate online last year and read analyses that supported its legitimacy. Hawaii Department of Health director Chiyome Fukino has testified that she saw it in person.

But Obama should just release the documents already, and Hawaii should encourage him to do so. Stonewalling the public on the issue isn't going to make anything easier for the president or his birth state.

St. Hacktrick's Day

In a society that goes out of its way to celebrate the mediocre — Applebee's restaurants, allowing the Detroit Lions to be televised on Thanksgiving Day, '80s music — we really outdo ourselves on March 17.

Typically, if you're a celebrity kidnap victim, you get a picture montage to Sarah McLachlan, a Lifetime "Movie of the Week" and an interview with Diane Sawyer.

Why then does a tea-sipping redcoat from the fifth century by the name of Patrick who was kidnapped by a bunch of Irish raiders get America's biggest cirrhosis celebration?

Chasing snakes out of a potato patch does not give you the divine right to be the ambassador for alcoholism. If that was the case, we should all be passed out in a puke-filled gutter in remembrance

of Samuel Jackson month.

Now we're not going to be the puritanical parent and wag our finger at you for taking an ungodly amount of Irish car bombs and cabbage to the face. In fact, we encourage it and only extend our deepest sympathies to the souls stuck in elevators and crowded spaces with these pseudo-O'Malleys and McFinnigans.

As you go stumbling to your classes at the crack of 2 p.m., your mouth tasting of Guinness, cigarettes and drunken shame, we just want to kindly remind you that no matter how much green you threw on or how hard you tried to blast your eardrums with Flogging Molly, you were essentially rolling out the red carpet for a screening of Rocky V/Gigli/any film with Rob Schneider as the protagonist.

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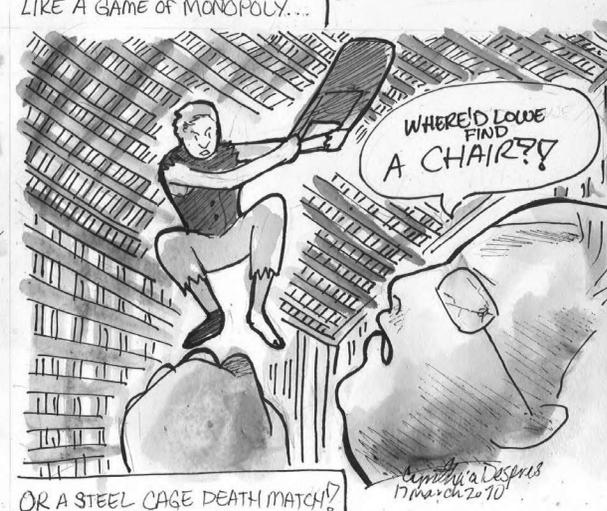
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Column

Columnist ties basketball to politics

Today roughly marks the one-year anniversary of the unquestioned pinnacle of Barack Obama's presidency — the bracket he filled out for last year's NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Mired in the muck of a massively unsatisfying and restive term as the leader of the free world, President Obama now must re-calibrate his approach and perhaps use the basketball acumen of his inner circle to a decided political advantage.

Faced with understandably stiff opposition for virtually every single thing he has done or said in the last ten months or so, Obama probably pines for the halcyon days only a year ago when he was simply reviled for his racial makeup, his father's religion and the lack of underdogs in his projected Sweet 16. Come to think of it, one of the first signs of trouble was when Obama bowed down when greeting the Tar Heels coach during their White House championship fete.

It is a shopworn anecdote in political journalism that Obama plays basketball, but the way roundball dominates Washington right now is truly unprecedented. Basketball is the key to understanding how President Obama got to the critical point he now occupies, and recent foreign-policy missteps have their roots in basketball-based decision making. For instance, Obama's reticence to meet with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the Dalai Lama both stem from their admittedly terrible dribbling skills.

Lobbyists and politicians used to making deals during relaxing golfing junkets at tropical resorts are now squeezing into some hightops and practicing their low-post moves in dingy gyms across the country. Insurance companies have undoubtedly been saddled with a huge uptick in the number of knee and hip surgeries for plodding ex-golfers pushing their bodies past the breaking point playing pickup



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basketball, paradoxically exacerbating the health care conundrum they seek to exploit with basketball-based access to political power.

Much has been written about the ballers closest to Obama and their now-legendary pickup games at the nexus of political power in America, but virtually nothing has been written

about the real story behind how Obama dropped the ball on health care. Nancy Pelosi, aching for a chance to shine as Speaker of the House, challenged Obama to a game of one on one for the right to spearhead health care legislation.

Obama laughed off the challenge, but Pelosi was deadly serious about the game — going so far as to break the clavicle of an aide for receiving a text message during one of Nancy's free throws. Wearing a \$4,000 dress and 3-inch heels, Pelosi fouled and scrapped her way to a tie with the President at game point. After unleashing a sick, Tim Hardaway-level crossover and almost breaking Obama's ankles, Nasty Nancy rose up and splashed a wet jumper from fifteen feet to win the game.

Pelosi glared down at the fallen President with a slightly more deranged stare than usual and walked off the court without saying a word, inextricably linking the fortunes of two pioneering politicians with a single inspired performance. With the way the voting public currently feels about Pelosi and Obama, though, the best political move for both of them may be to quietly ship Pelosi off to political trouble zones China and Israel with a basketball and direct orders to ball out and make it rain for America.

Tommy Maple is an international relations graduate student. His columns appear on Thursdays.

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

Reader response

Today's question:

Did you wear green for St. Patrick's Day?

Wednesday's question:

Did you vote in Tuesday's city election?

45% YES

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Letters to the Editor

Alligator missed important point in Adu-Brempong case

Much of the Alligator coverage in the past two weeks has dealt with the actions of the University Police during the tragic shooting of graduate student Kofi Adu-Brempong. But another, equally great tragedy is the scant coverage of the extremely poor response to a man suffering from poor mental health.

It appears that on the day of the shooting there was no trained mental health professional speaking to Adu-Brempong, only his faculty adviser. University Police seemed to be centered on preserving public safety, which is the primary goal of a police department. On the other hand, the primary goal of a mental health professional trained in crisis intervention is to keep the afflicted individual safe and to diffuse situations with words.

With the media's focus largely on the actions of the police once inside Adu-Brempong's apartment (which, make no mistake, is important), the broader question is being ignored: Why weren't the police officers accompanied by a mental health professional when they knew Adu-Brempong was delusional and unstable? Does UPD have staff in place to help work through these situations? If it does, why wasn't anyone sent to Corry Village trained in crisis intervention? This certainly won't be the last time a UF student threatens to hurt himself or herself. We must answer these questions and work to improve

our response to people with mental illness — ideally before there is another similar crisis. I urge the Alligator and its readers to seek the answers to these questions in the days and weeks ahead.

Nick Mildebrath
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Alligator coverage on Adu-Brempong case is shameful

The Alligator's coverage of the shooting of UF graduate student Kofi Adu-Brempong has been shameful. The story was first reported not as a front-page headline, as warranted, but buried deep within the paper. What pressing development grabbed the front page headline that day?

Alligator alumnus and Miami Herald reporter Carl Hiaasen had given an improvisational, unpaid talk the day before. Student is shot by campus police — Page 4. Reporter/author has chat with small crowd — large-font headline on the front page. For shame, Alligator.

Following a day of student protest over the shooting of a fellow student, the Alligator again gave the headline away — this time to the Gainesville mayoral race. Yes, student voter apathy is a problem, but given the perfect opportunity to headline student activism,

the Alligator dropped the ball. For shame, Alligator.

Speaking on behalf of the Alligator Editorial Board, Jared Misner opined: "We at the editorial board don't feel we have the authority to recommend firing a public official, but we do question why the officer who shot Adu-Brempong, Keith Smith, who was involved in a 2009 incident in which police officers harassed and threw eggs at residents, was even in this position."

If the Alligator must seek authority for its opinions, it is no longer truly independent. What the Alligator has become is yellow. And Misner and the rest of the editorial staff are yellow journalists.

I feel it likely that Mr. Hiaasen, the take-no-prisoners, hard-hitting, muckraking reporter that the Alligator staffers so dearly admire, would not be impressed. For shame, Alligator.

Rob Robins
Senior Biologist,
Florida Museum of Natural History

Editor's note: The initial story on the shooting of Kofi Adu-Brempong appeared on Page 4 only because all other pages had been sent to the printer when the Alligator received information. Had information been available earlier, the story absolutely would have ap-

peared on the front page.



A Letter to the City Commission:

The City Commission works for us, the taxpayers, just like the police are supposed to.

I talked myself blue in the face a little over a year ago about how the police who threw eggs at blacks in the Porters district should have lost their jobs. They were either racist or too immature to wear a badge and carry a gun. When the police union didn't fire them, you should have overturned their decision and done it yourselves.

If they wanted to try to sue someone, you should have told them, "Bring it on; sue the taxpayers. Good luck, because you work for them just like us." This time, I guarantee you a successful lawsuit will be filed against the University Police, and rightfully so because you guys didn't do your jobs.

This time, you've put me and others like myself in the difficult position of trying not to be judgmental, and I hate that. But, this time, instead of getting hit in the face with an egg, the victim this time, Kofi Adu-Brempong, was shot by one of the same cops who threw eggs last year. Thanks for not doing your jobs.

John Davies
Gainesville Resident

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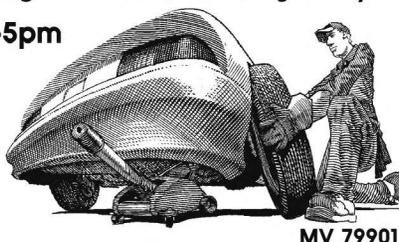
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The Beer is Always Greener...
 St. Patrick's Day revelers wait in line outside of Mother's Pub & Grill on West University Avenue in hopes of throwing back green beer Wednesday night.

Same-sex couples get say in Census

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

For the first time in history, gay and lesbian couples will be counted on the U.S. Census form.

The results could raise awareness about poverty levels, homeownership information and other issues present among the LGBT community.

The 2010 form is no different from the one distributed 10 years ago. But unlike in 2000, same-sex couples who identify themselves as husbands or wives will be counted as so.

"This year, the [U.S.] Census Bureau is not going to 'unmarry' those couples," said Naomi Goldberg, a sexual orientation researcher at the Williams Institute, a think tank at the UCLA School of Law.

The Department of Commerce under the Obama administration finalized the change last summer

when it announced the 1996 Defense Of Marriage Act would not prevent the federal government from tabulating same-sex marriage statistics in 2010 as it did in 2000 under the Bush administration.

That year, when the census did not count married same-sex couples, not one state issued same-sex marriage licenses.

National News Since then, five states, plus the District of Columbia, legalized same-sex marriage.

Vanessa Macoy, an organizer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Queer the Census campaign, said although the change is an improvement, the form is not detailed enough.

The main goal of the Queer the Census campaign is to add a question specific to sexual orientation to the form.

For more information about the Queer the Census campaign, visit www.queerthecensus.org.

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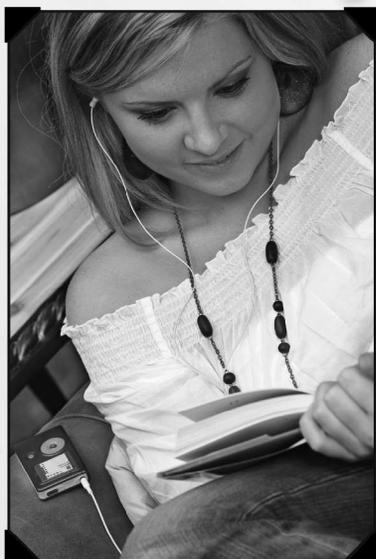
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unfolding Ben Folds



Ben Folds plays to a sold-out crowd at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The show was sponsored by Student Government Music and Entertainment Productions and Jewish Awareness Month. We got an Avenue exclusive Q&A with the artist.

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If you had to choose between giving up oral sex or cheese for your the rest of your life, what would you pick?

A-LIST

Having a rough time getting back into the swing of things after Spring Break? There's no better way to procrastinate than with YouTube videos. Some of our favorites: Handsome Men's Club with Jimmy Kimmel, the new Lady Gaga "Telephone" video and Very Mary Kate.

Steven Keys/Alligator Staff

SFC dance show hits the stage

By **LAUREN GOLD**
avenue contributing writer

The lights go down, and the curtain goes up. It's showtime. Dancers will take the stage this weekend at "Elements of Style 2010," Santa Fe College's annual dance performance.

The performance will showcase dancers from the past two semesters and will introduce Rodney A. Brown, the new assistant professor and artistic director of dance.

"This show is going to be amazing," Brown said. "It goes from comedy to classical. There's hip-hop. It's a show for everyone."

Brown said one of the solos is a new work titled "Odd Bird merrikore," which features a live accompaniment of music by famous jazz musician Keith Jarrett.

Alora Haynes, chair of the dance program, said that Brown has proven himself as the most exciting addition to the dance program.

"People will recognize how riveting Rodney's choreography is," Haynes said. "It really captures your attention. You're never aware of time. It's like a good film. It has an impact on you."

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. General admission is \$12 and free for Santa Fe College students and faculty.

For more information, contact Brown at 352-395-5674.

movies

Eighties babies will love "Hot Tub"

By **ASHLEY ROSS**
avenue editor

Admit it. Although your birth date falls in the late eighties or (gasp!) nineties, you still love the puffy-bright-tracksuit-side-ponytail-wearing-"Breakfast Club"-loving generation.

But to reminisce about the 1980s, you don't need to slip on a pair of leg warmers or shimmy into a unitard. On March 26, a movie so ludicrous in idea but so well played on screen will hit theaters bringing you back to the eighties.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" follows four best friends (John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson and Clark Duke) who are bored with their everyday lives and take a ski trip to blow off some steam. But after a long night of drinking in a hot tub, the guys find themselves transported to 1986.

During Spring Break, MGM Studios flew me out to Lake Tahoe for the film's press junket. And upon arrival, I was whisked away to a Winterfest 1980s party to mingle with the cast of the movie.

First on my list of stars to meet was Duke, who's known for his role as Dale on ABC Family's "Greek." As soon as I mentioned I came from UF, Duke placed his drink down and immediately started Gator chomping.

Crispin Glover ("Alice in Wonderland," "Back to the Future") was also in attendance, but his mood was far from chipper due to a red-bull-and-vodka spill on his pinstripe suit earlier that night.

Corddry ("What Happens in Vegas," "The Daily Show") cheered up the party by taking ridiculous pictures with fans and remind-

ing every journalist how hungover he'd be at interviews the next morning. And Robinson ("The Office," "Pineapple Express") stole the show as he rightfully sported a Dunder Mifflin jacket and broke it down on stage performing his rendition of "Jessie's Girl."

The movie has been said to be the hybrid of "Knocked Up" and "The Hangover." Lizzy Caplan, well-known as Janis Ian from "Mean Girls," said she wishes critics wouldn't compare the film to others so fans can make their own decision about its laugh-factor. You be the judge when it hits theaters March 26.



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Craig Robinson as Nick, Rob Corddry as Lou, John Cusack as Adam and Clark Duke as Jacob. Visit kicksomepast.com for the movie trailer.

Exclusive: Folds Q&A

GABRIELLE FALCONEIRI
avenue writer

Singer, songwriter Ben Folds performed last night at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Read here for his take on a cappella versus pop and how he designs his set lists.

You recorded a CD of college a cappella groups covering your songs. How did that come about?

A friend sent me a link of one of my songs being done by a university a cappella group, specifically a Columbia University group. And it was really good. I knew immediately that I wanted to make a record out of it.

Why do you think a cappella as a genre is important to integrate into pop music?

Well because I think it doesn't, as much, focus on a celebrity and a personality. It's more about the music in general. I also think it's really good when you can do something that doesn't require money, instruments, material, anything. It's funny to me that people consider it a bit of a novelty kind of music. I would think that auto-tuned, computerized dance tracks with a model that's been Photoshopped beyond recognition should

be novel.

What comes first, the melody or the lyrics?

Music almost always comes first. My association with the melody seems to be really strong. So I don't have to work at that really hard. What I do have to work at is trying to find out what it means. Even if it's an instrumental song it's going to mean something abstractly at least. I go about trying to haphazardly find the lyrics that don't destroy the melody.

Do you have a method to designing your set list?

Well, it's always different. Like right now, because I haven't played in three months, it all seems new to me. I don't really have a method, but when I get bored I start really shifting it up a lot, and people seem to be really happy about that.

Any songs that are your go-to?

I like to have a song called "Not the Same" somewhere toward the end of the set because it's a three-part harmony, and people do it so well. It's kind of like a treat for me because I'll never get tired of hearing 2,000 to 3,000 people singing three-part harmony. I get sick of the song, but I don't get sick of what it causes.



Steven Keys/Alligator

Ben Folds prefers a cappella music to the popular synthesized tunes. Above, he serenades a full crowd at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Wednesday.

Don't bake, fake to keep tan

By **ALLISON BANKO**
avenue writer

You may be freshly bronzed from those Spring Break fiascoes in the sun, but soon the honey-moon will be as done as your reputation from that night out in Cabo. However, your tan (existing as your one bit of dignity from that vacation) will soon disappear—causing you to resemble more of a "Twilight" vampire than Jessica Alba's doppel-ganger.

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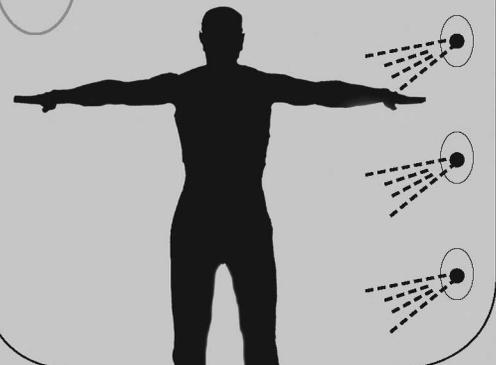
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Splurge on tickets now, summer fests sell out

By MICHELLE PROFIS
avenue writer

Music festivals. The one event where you can ignore the jacked-up water bottle prices and smelly bathrooms (or lack thereof) and just kick back and enjoy being in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by thousands of people who want and love the exact same thing you do: good music. The music festival season is fast approaching, and tickets are selling out quickly. Whether you're a seasoned music festival expert, or you've been itching to try one, here are some of the music festivals worth checking out in 2010:

Coachella

April 16 to 18//Indio, Calif.

Headliners- MGMT, Muse, Gorillaz, Vampire Weekend, LCD Sound-system, Passion Pit, Wale, David Guetta, Corrine Bailey Ray, Thom Yorke, Sly Stone, The Dead Weather, Phoenix, Matt & Kim

Be wary of- Unlike the majority of summer festivals that are located on fields or farms, Coachella sets up camp in Southern Cali's Colorado Desert, where temperatures are known to climb above 100 degrees and clouds or shade is scarce. The flip side? Cooler evening weather allows for unparalleled stargazing far away from the city lights.

Why You Should Go- In efforts to keep their lineup fresh and exciting, organizers rarely will book an artist who has performed in previous years: Only 21 artists have played at Coachella more than twice over the 10 years of the festival. Attendees range from all groups, which contributes to the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of the festival.

Ticket Info- All tickets are general admission. Festival passes are

\$269.00 and can be purchased at coachella.com.

Summer Camp

May 28 to 30//Chillicothe, Ill.

Headliners- Umphrey's McGee, moe., STS9, The Avett Brothers, Keller Williams, Gov't Mule, Yonder Mountain String Band, Pretty Lights, Bassnectar, Victor Wooten

Bonus Factor- The festival is hosting a battle-of-the-bands contest where local bands from all over the country can be nominated for a spot in the lineup. Visit the festival's Web site to either vote for a local band or nominate one of your own.

Why You Should Go- Started in 2001, the festival's first year's attendance neared 1,000. Now in its eighth year, the jam band music festival has more than 10,000 attendees flocking to the small town of Chillicothe.

Ticket Info- Three-day tickets are on sale for \$150, but tickets are nearly sold out. Visit summercamp-festival.com to purchase.

Sasquatch! Music Festival

May 29 to 31//George, Wash.

Headliners- My Morning Jacket, Vampire Weekend, Massive Attack, The National, MGMT, The Temper Trap, OK Go, Public Enemy, Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, Pavement, Ween, Kid Cudi, Dr. Dog, They Might Be Giants, City and Colour

Bonus Factor- Esurance, the auto insurance provider, joined with Sasquatch three years ago in hopes of creating a sustainable music festival. This means recycling, eco-friendly signage and energy-efficient lighting have all been introduced in order to increase the festival's sustainability.

Why You Should Go- Known to some as THE indie music festival,

Sasquatch was founded in 2002 with the aim of appealing to the eclectic masses: Past performers have included stars from Kanye West to Coldplay to Nine Inch Nails. Catering to the diverse spirits of the Pacific Northwest, Sasquatch aims to gather hippies and hipsters alike to its stages.

Ticket Info- All tickets are general admission. Single day tickets start at \$70 and three-day tickets start at \$210 and can be purchased at sasquatchfestival.com

Bonnaroo

June 10 to 13//Manchester, Tenn.

Headliners- Dave Matthews Band, Kings of Leon, Stevie Wonder, Jay-Z, Tenacious D, Weezer, Phoenix, Norah Jones, The Flaming Lips, Zac Brown Band, Damien Marley and Nas

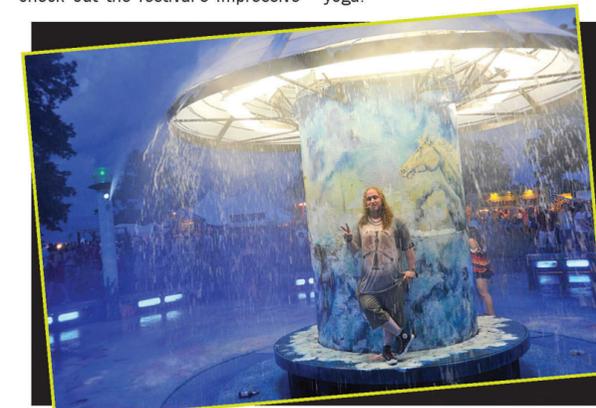
Bonus Factor- When your ears start to ring from all the music, check out the festival's impressive

lineup of comedians including Conan O'Brien, Aziz Ansari, Margaret Cho, Doug Benson and Greg Giraldo.

Why You Should Go- Bonnaroo swept into the summer concert scene in 2002 and has been hailed as the "Ultimate Over-The-Top Summer Festival" by Rolling Stone magazine. Lovers of indie rock, hip-hop, Americana and other alternative music camp out during the four-day festival on a 700-acre farm. Most people traipse around, sharing everything from their breakfast burrito to their toilet paper and even their freshly rolled joint.

Ticket Info- General admission tickets start at \$234.50. After these tickets sell out, prices increase by \$15. All tickets are four-day passes and can be purchased at bonnaroo.com.

Check out Wakarusa at wakarusa.com, an intimate festival in Arkansas that includes hiking and yoga.



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Fans relax in the atmosphere of Bonaroo 2009. This year's headliners include Dave Matthews Band, Kings of Leon, Stevie Wonder, Jay-Z, Tenacious D, Weezer, Phoenix, Norah Jones, The Flaming Lips, Zac Brown Band, Damien Marley and Nas.

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Andy Samberg makes waves

By AMELIA MARTY
avenue contributing writer

Mr. Pibb and Red Vines? Crazy delicious. According to Andy Samberg, anyway. The shaggy-haired Internet sensation and "SNL" funnyman will take the Center stage at the O'Connell Center on Tuesday. The event is sponsored by Accent Speakers Bureau and Jewish Awareness Month.

Samberg's been working on his brand of quirky, sometimes bizarre comedy with partners (and long-time friends) Jorma Taccone and Akiva Schaffer, both of who are now writers on "SNL."

The trio, known collectively as The Lonely Island, has since worked together on such viral hits as "Lazy Sunday," "D**k in a Box," and the Emmy-nominated "Motherlove."

Samberg himself has taken to the big screen in roles such as the quick-talking younger brother in "I Love You, Man" and as a wannabe stunt man in "Hot Rod." He has also performed stand-up in New York and Los Angeles and was featured on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

The event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8.

sex 

Too much porn can make the actual bedroom a bore

By **MICHAEL PERRONNE**
avenue writer

He says...

Great sex is in danger. Thanks to the rampant availability of pornography online and the wild sexual encounters it depicts, sex is beginning to fall short of our expectations.

Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against porn. I think that whacking the salami is healthy and in most cases, necessary to maintain one's sanity. My

problem with porn is how it can condition us — guys especially — into thinking that the situations we see on our computer screens are the norm.

As young lads, porn tricks us by offering a welcome respite from the Victoria's Secret catalogs and blurred nipples on TV. The first time I saw people having sex on camera, my face nearly melted off like the Nazis in "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

But apart from opening up a Pandora's box of blow jobs and anal sex,

porn can significantly harm our future sexual health.

First, your premature ejaculation problems are probably a result of your Usain Bolt-like jack sessions. When finding the material you need is as effortless as logging onto YouPorn, no real effort is needed to get your rocks off. Couple that with the fear of getting caught by parents or roommates, and you are essentially training your penis like an Olympic sprinter.

The content of today's porn can

make the actual deed, for some, seem lackluster. It's hard to not get swept up by all the fake boobs, tattoos and piercings. The chicks are definitely a lot hotter, but they are much less real. And with all the yelling, spitting and slapping, the girls are much more animated than in the porn of the past.

Eventually the line of expectations gets blurred, and guys get swept up in this false sense of sexual reality. I hate to break it, but the pizza girl is not going to grind on you just because you

whip out your Johnson instead of giving her a tip. Porn can pigeonhole guys into getting aroused by only a certain type of woman. If your thing online is busty Asian girls or red-headed amputees, you may be severely limiting yourself when you get out and try to pick up actual chicks.

Sex, like any skill, takes education and practice. Use porn as a way to raise your sexual awareness, but don't let it become your only window into the world of sex.

Spring brings new beer

By **RICHARD O. STEHLI**
avenue writer

With the first day of spring on Saturday, it's time to trade in your heavy, warming stouts and porters for lighter, crisper spring fare. Here are a few suggestions for what you can drink as the days get longer:

Chances are, you've had Magic Hat before, but until very recently you couldn't buy it in 12 oz bottles around Gainesville. Along with 6-packs of No. 9, the brewery's flagship brew, and Vinyl, a spring seasonal amber lager, you can now buy Spring Fever, a variety pack. The pack features three bottles each of No. 9, Vinyl, the brand new Odd Notion—an unfiltered, hoppy wheat beer available only this spring—, and Lucky Kat, an English Ale.

Samuel Adams also has the new Noble Pils. Featuring all five of the noble hops

(very old breeds of hops grown in specific regions of Germany and the Czech Republic), Noble Pils has an extremely fresh, natural hop taste.

Last weekend's Beerfest 2010 in Tampa showcased some of the best breweries and homebrewers in Florida. Swamp Head Brewery walked away with an impressive bronze and three silver medals. The company also won two gold medals for Midnight Oil, a coffee-infused oatmeal stout, and a barrel aged version of 10-10-10, a hoptastic Double IPA. You can savor the award-winning flavors of Midnight Oil at Salty Dog Saloon, Market Street Pub and Common Grounds. In celebration of the Beerfest victory, for a very limited time, Stubbies will have 10-10-10 on tap. But be warned — it is not for the faint of heart.

Behind the Bar

galoshes galore

By Ashley McCredie

Because of the large availability of rain boots, there are styles for everyone. Flowers and tie-dye for the hippie; whales and plaid for the preppy; solids to go with anything; and polka dots for the fun-loving. Here are just a few favorites.



Tired of slippery Rainbows and soggy Nikes? Slip into a pair of galoshes. They are fabulous for walking around campus on rainy days and even more fun for splashing in puddles. But better yet, they come in style.

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16 Health Services

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18 Personals

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21 Entertainment

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The Right Formula

UF goes dancing despite low expectations

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On paper, Florida should probably be playing in the National Invitation Tournament for the third-straight year.

The Gators' field-goal percentage (44.4) is their lowest since 1998, and the team's three-point percentage is even worse: 31.3, the worst UF has shot from the outside in more than 20 years.

In reality, the Gators overcame a lengthy list of have-nots and why-nots to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time since winning back-to-back national championships in 2006 and 2007.

Of the three Florida teams that have taken the O'Connell Center floor since Joakim Noah, Al Horford, Corey Brewer, Lee Humphrey and Taurean Green left, this year's squad arguably had the most excuses for playing in the NIT rather than the Big Dance.

Injuries? Check. Forward Adam Allen sat out all year with a knee injury, and center Kenny Kadji had season-ending back surgery on Feb. 10 after playing limited minutes in early nonconference play.

Lack of depth? Absolutely. Due to injuries, transfers and a few misses on the recruiting trail, the Gators have been forced to employ an eight-man rotation in which only six players see a majority of the minutes.

Inexperience? That, too. Sophomore Erving Walker is in his first full year at point guard, and freshman guard Kenny Boynton played 32.6 minutes per game.

On top of that, UF coach Billy Donovan has essentially built his team around role players after the early departures of his two biggest stars, Marreese Speights and Nick Calathes, who left for professional careers.

"Really, it probably should have taken a lot longer with what we've lost the last three years," Donovan said. "These kids deserve a lot of credit — with a team that did not have a lot of depth and a team that had no experience in the backcourt. For them to do what they did, I'm just really proud."

So, how is it that this version of the UF men's basketball team has overcome the odds and put together a Tournament-worthy season?

It's not an easy question to answer, especially for those who have followed the Gators' up-and-down year as it has unfolded, but Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl had a simple, succinct response.

"Chemistry, confidence, toughness, size," Pearl said on Feb. 22, a day before UF topped UT 75-62 — one of the most impressive lines on the Gators' NCAA Tournament résumé.

With that formula, Donovan has his team playing above its level — and right back into the NCAA Tournament.

Chemistry

The Gators had to do one thing first before everything else could fall into place.

Grow up.

The previous two years, young players were thrust into leadership roles before they were ready, and the team suffered as a result.

Donovan said UF could hardly practice in 2007-08, given the squad's abysmal work ethic. Last season, the work ethic improved, but the players still had no idea what it took to win.

"I wouldn't say we had bad chemistry last year," Walker said. "But this year with guys being more mature and understanding their roles better, that brought us together more."

That group mentality has shown on the floor as well, as the Gators have been a more balanced team than in previous years, when everything ran through Calathes.

All five of UF's starters are scoring in double figures this year, and the margin between the top scorer, Boynton, and fifth-leading scorer, Vernon Macklin, is just 3.2 points.

That number is surprisingly similar to the 2005-06 and 2006-07 national championship teams (3.3 and 3.0, respectively). By comparison, that margin for the 2007-08 Gators was 6.8, and the gap widened in 2008-09 to 8.3 points.

All six players averaging more than 13 minutes per game have led the team in scoring in at least one game this year, and each starter has dropped the most points in at least four games.

That kind of offensive balance has allowed the Gators to overcome their occasionally woeful shooting, something they couldn't do the last two years.

"I know we're not shooting the ball great, but we're capable of do-

ing that, and we've got guys who can score the basketball," forward Chandler Parsons said.

Confidence

Florida entered the most important stretch of its season with nothing to lose and a chip on its shoulder.

The Gators hadn't beaten FSU in three years, and Michigan State was the second-ranked team in the country. They had to play both during the last week of November.

By the time it was over, UF had shocked the college basketball world, shutting down the Seminoles 68-52 and upending the Spartans 77-74 in Atlantic City, N.J.

Those two wins were the Gators' strongest argument for returning to the NCAA Tournament — two games most people counted as guaranteed losses before the season.

"You always want to challenge yourself," Parsons said. "Those are great teams that really made us better. Win or lose, we're going to get better from playing the best competition."

Despite a few bad losses, some lengthy losing streaks and the uncharacteristically low shooting numbers, Donovan encouraged his players to keep trusting their shots — an attitude that permeated through the rest of the team.

"I'd attribute that to Billy preparing us, not giving up on us and forcing confidence — making us believe we could do it," Walker said.

UF entered the season as an underdog — unranked, unheralded and picked to finish fifth in the Southeastern Conference East — but accomplished what most people thought it couldn't.

Even after silencing their doubters, the Gators are taking that attitude into the NCAA Tournament.

"We want to go like we have

something to prove," Parsons said. "We want to go with a chip on our shoulder, with a hunter mentality and like we're the underdog. We want to shock the world."

Toughness

It wasn't always easy for the Gators to maintain that level of confidence, though. The team suffered plenty of setbacks over the last two years.

Amid the early departures, late-season collapses and disappointing finishes, Donovan kicked them out of their luxurious practice facility during the postseason in 2008. After the 2008-09 season, he told them to stay in Gainesville for both summer sessions so they could get a better idea of what it took to succeed at the college level.

"When they got here, as much as I tried to explain and tell them, they thought they were next in line to win it all," Donovan said. "They just thought it was going to happen without having any clue of what goes into winning."

As difficult as his first two seasons were, Parsons said the team needed those wake-up calls.

"They make us tougher," Parsons said. "They make us understand how important everything is. I think they bring us closer as a team and make us a much better team."

That mental toughness helped turn the Gators into the team they are this season. When things didn't go their way, and especially when their shots weren't falling, they displayed a resiliency that had been missing.

And this season, the only reason UF has overcome its circumstances and its own flaws has been its defense.

While the Gators' shooting has been almost historically poor by program standards, their ability to slow down opponents has been just as good.

UF is allowing 65.4 points per game entering the Tournament — better than the previous two years, and better than all but four teams (2003, 2005-07) in school history dating back to 1968.

The renewed commitment to defense the Gators made in the off-season has paid serious dividends on the court, as they are forcing opponents to shoot just 42.9 percent from the field and 32.1 percent from three-point range.

By focusing on defense, they have stayed close with every opponent, even when facing deeper, more talented teams.

"A year ago or two years ago, we wouldn't even be in those games. We'd be losing by double digits," forward Dan Werner said. "It's all about the defense, the stops and the toughness we have."

Size

Before the season started, Macklin was the X-factor for Florida's frontcourt: If he was effective, everyone would reap the benefits.

Although he has struggled at times, the redshirt junior center started all 33 games for the Gators, and his presence sparked some of the changes Donovan had hoped for.

UF is 13-4 this season when Macklin scores in double digits, but perhaps his greatest contribution has been what he has allowed his teammates to do in their more natural positions.

Alex Tyus, playing at the power forward spot, went on a tear during the middle of the season, putting up 15.5 points and 7.4 rebounds over a 13-game span.

And Parsons, who finally came into his own on the wing, picked up where Tyus left off, averaging 17.7 points and 8.4 boards in the seven games following Tyus' impressive streak.

Down the stretch, Parsons developed into one of the most versatile players in the SEC, as he has proven capable of playing four positions, seen some time running the point and led the team in rebounds.

"When I think of Werner, Parsons, Tyus and Vernon Macklin, what these kids have done and the changes and the growth I've seen, it will go down for me as one of the most special teams I've ever coached," Donovan said.

Even with all the pieces falling together — the improved chemistry, newfound maturity, renewed commitment to defense and more traditional lineup — the Gators wouldn't have made it this far without a little luck on their side.

If the rest of the teams on the bubble hadn't struggled down the stretch, if Parsons' 75-foot miracle heave at N.C. State didn't find its way in or if his game-winner against South Carolina had been slightly off, the Gators' 1-4 close to the regular season would have likely kept them out of the NCAA Tournament.

But a little luck went a long way for Florida, putting the Gators where they thought they belonged all year: back in the Big Dance.



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UF's postseason fate may have turned out differently if not for two game-winning buzzer-beaters by forward Chandler Parsons (center). Parsons hit a 75-footer to beat N.C. State and a three-pointer to top South Carolina, two wins that helped the Gators overcome the 1-4 ending to their season.

UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Gators host WNIT opener

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It's not the NCAA Tournament, but the Women's National Invitation Tournament will at least offer the Gators a shot at redemption tonight at 7.

UF (14-16, 7-9 Southeastern Conference) hosts in-state rival and defending WNIT champion USF (15-15, 6-10 Big East Conference) in the first-round, earning home-court advantage by virtue of having a higher seed within its conference than any other team left out of the Big Dance.

That means one more chance in the O'Connell Center for the five UF seniors who lost to Alabama on Senior Day. But the time off has given the whole team chance to mull over how the season ended.

"You want to feel differently than you did the last time you were on the court," UF coach Amanda Butler said. "I think that's still fresh in their mind at this point. We would love to be in that NCAA field."

Instead, the Gators are in the WNIT bracket but should feel more confident. In

the two weeks since their last game, center Azania Stewart — who missed five games late in the regular season — to continue to recover, and Butler said she expects Stewart to play.

Home-court advantage coupled with Stewart's improved health are factors contributing to the team's appreciation for another game.

"You want to feel differently than you did the last time you were on the court."

Amanda Butler
UF women's basketball coach

"I'm glad we can just play again at home," senior Sharielle Smith said. "Me being a senior too, it's horrible losing at home, your last game at home — or thinking it was your last game. This is just another championship opportunity, of course we would love to be in the NCAA tournament. We weren't able to, so now we have to go from where we are and try and end the season as best as we can."

Women set for NCAAs

By **MATT RUBIN**
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From the time the members of the Florida women's swimming and diving teams competed in their first meet of the season, they've had one goal: win a national championship.

For 14 of them, the time to reach that goal is now.

Twelve swimmers and two divers will begin competition today and represent their teammates at the 2010 Women's NCAA Swimming Championships, hosted by Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind. The three-day event will conclude Saturday.

Though the team failed to win the Southeastern Conference this year, it still has a shot at the national title.

"Each meet is one in itself," UF coach Gregg Troy said. "We re-focused on what we had to change."

Of the 12 swimmers, nine are freshmen or sophomores.

The other three are seniors —

Gemma Spofforth, Liz Kemp and Stephanie Napier — who have competed at the NCAAs for three years.

The three-time defending national champion in the 200-yard backstroke and a two-time defending champion in the 100-yard backstroke, Spofforth became the only swimmer in SEC history to win both races in three-straight years. For all her accomplishments, Spofforth might be the most nervous as she begins her last meet.



Swimming

She's dedicating the meet to her mother, who died of cancer in 2007.

"I had a little bit of a mental breakdown on Monday," Spofforth said. "I have huge support around here and back home."

Divers Kara Salamone and Monica Dodson will also compete after qualifying at the NCAA Zone B Diving Championships on March 14.

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Brantley takes reigns at quarterback

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time away."

Addazio played a big role in hiring the new assistants, while Meyer kept the highly touted recruiting class together in a time of uncertainty.

Even during that span, Heater was confident in Meyer's ability to scale back his intensity in order to remain on

the field.

"I know him as a person," Heater said. "I know his strength and his focus, and trying to just restructure a little bit, rewrite a little bit. He's a very willful guy. A very disciplined guy."

Football

Now, Meyer's job will be to

smoothly transition the program out of the Tim Tebow era and into the John Brantley era.

Brantley will be counted on to step out of Tebow's shadow and into an immediate leadership role.

"It's hard to be a leader when the other guy is around. The other guy is so overwhelming, Tim (is)," Meyer said. "It's his huddle now."

Haden flies, Spikes flops in 40-yard dash

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thers head coach John Fox said. "It's kind of like my golf game, sometimes I tweak my swing some too. He has great abilities, and I think he showed that today."

Coaches Eric Mangini (Cleveland Browns), Raheem Morris (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Tom Coughlin (New York Giants) and Mike Tomlin (Pittsburgh Steelers) were also on hand, along with Jacksonville Jaguars general manager Gene Smith and Browns President Mike Holmgren.

They watched as former Gators worked out, ran the 40-yard dash and performed positional drills — most notably cornerback Joe Haden, defensive end Carlos Dunlap and linebacker Brandon Spikes.

McShay singled out Haden as the top performer. After the best time he could muster at the NFL Combine was a 4.57, Haden's athletic ability was called into question.

But on a damp field in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Haden removed the monkey from his back with runs of 4.39 and 4.41 seconds.

"It was a little bit wet, but I was going to run it if it was snowing because I had to get that time down," he said.



Haden

Dunlap also posted an impressive workout, improving his 40 time, bench press and broad jump. The South Carolina native then spent a half hour doing drills with Panthers' defensive line coach Brian Baker.

Meanwhile, Spikes may have hurt his draft stock, as he failed to post a run better than five seconds.

"It's tough because he's a really good football player, and 40 times don't define the football player, but it's going to hurt him," McShay said.

Stopping Fredette is main task

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West Conference Tournament.

"As much as I have great, great respect for Wall, Downey, (Dee) Bost and a lot of those other great point guards, those guys can't get 50 in a college game like this guy can," Donovan said. "They can't get to the free-throw line 24 times a game. So this guy, to me, is one of the best-kept secrets in college basketball."

Although Fredette has been a scoring machine for the Cougars this year, they have plenty of other high-percentage outside shooters alongside him. As a team, BYU is shooting 48.6 percent from the field and 41.9 percent from beyond the arc.

Of the BYU players who have taken more than 10 three-point attempts, the lowest-percentage shooter, Tyler Haws, is making 36.8 percent of his threes.

Parsons, the Gators' most efficient shooter from beyond the

arc, is hitting 36.7 percent of his three-point attempts.

"I've seen a lot of different defenses, but we have a very talented team," Fredette said. "If they just try to take away me, we've got a lot of other guys who can score the basketball."

Parsons said the keys to stopping the Cougars are taking away the three-point line and getting back in transition. UF struggled to defend from beyond the arc against Mississippi State in its last game, giving up 10 three-pointers on 20 attempts.

The most effective way to contain Fredette from going off against the Gators would likely be to put freshman guard Kenny Boynton on him, but Donovan said UF would have to do more than just that.

"Fredette has seen the best defenders on everybody's team, and it's not going to be Kenny Boynton's job to stop him," Donovan said. "We've got to do it collectively as a team."

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Gators open spring practice with Meyer on sidelines



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UF head coach Urban Meyer talks with new starting quarterback John Brantley during the Gators' first spring practice at the football practice fields on Wednesday afternoon.

MEYER HANDED CONTROL OF SPECIAL TEAMS TO D.J. DURKIN.

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When Florida coach Urban Meyer announced that he would be taking a leave of absence rather than retire from coaching all together after health concerns, he said his gut feeling was that he would be back for the start of the 2010 season.

He made his return Wednesday instead, well before that time marker.

UF opened its spring practice schedule under a cloudy gray sky in Gainesville, and Meyer could be found in his usual spot on the field. He directed the proceedings but admitted to feeling himself hold back from time to time.

"Springtime I'm usually like this," Meyer said. "Let the guys coach, and let everybody do their job, and see what we got."

Meyer declined to talk in depth about the current status of his health, saying only "I feel fine, and I feel good."

During special teams drills, he deferred a little more responsibility than normal to assistant coaches — D.J. Durkin in particular — and he was rarely

loud on the field.

The most emotion he showed was during a non-contact passing drill when tight end Desmond Parks and freshman cornerback Jaylen Watkins collided after closing on a ball from different directions.

While numerous assistant coaches yelled at the shaken-up players to get off the ground, Meyer simply showed his approval of the effort by screaming, "Yeah! Yeah!"

"He's back, he's doing great, he's on fire," co-defensive coordinator Chuck Heater said. "He's really excited about getting back today. This is a duck to water. If you're a coach ... this is why you do what you do."

With four new assistant coaches — Durkin, Stan Drayton, Zach Azzanni and Teryl Austin — being integrated into the system this season, it was important to have strong leadership from the top.

Meyer has always provided that as a head coach, but Heater said the program didn't lose it when he was forced to take his leave of absence.

"There were some really Herculean efforts by some people," Heater said. "Steve Addazio has done a phenomenal job of just leading this thing in coaches

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UF PRO SCOUT DAY

Tebow shows new form

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Tim Tebow finally got a chance to answer his critics, and he capped it off by meeting with one of his biggest.

After completing passing drills at Florida's Pro Scout Day, Tebow stopped for an interview and handshake with ESPN analyst Todd McShay, perhaps the most vocal detractor of his throwing motion.

"I just try to treat everyone like I like to be treated," Tebow joked.

McShay and others will have less to pick at after Wednesday's performance, when Tebow showed 75 NFL personnel — including five head coaches and two general managers — a more compact delivery without the oft-criticized looping windup he used in college.

"I think it was a good first step," McShay said. "He still has a long way to go, and none of it is battle-tested in game experience, but I think

if you're a team seriously considering drafting him, today was positive in that you saw he accepted he has to work on certain areas, he's been working on them and he's making strides."

"He doesn't lack in the work ethic department, so whatever needs to be done, he'll do it."

John Fox

Carolina Panthers head coach

Tebow said improving his delivery wasn't a focus during his college career because he was having success and winning games, but he had no problem making adjustments once it was clear he needed to.

And his willingness to change has scored points with NFL coaches and scouts.

"He doesn't lack in the work ethic department, so whatever needs to be done, he'll do it," Carolina Pan-

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BYU poses tough test for UF

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OKLAHOMA CITY — About 10 minutes after the initial excitement of making the NCAA Tournament wore off, Chandler Parsons came to a harsh realization about his team's next opponent.

"Once I figured out where, when and who we were playing, I started watching film on [BYU] and realized just how good of a team they are, how good of a year they've had, how good Jimmer Fredette is," Parsons said.

Back in the field of 65 for the first time since winning back-to-back national titles, 10th-seeded Florida (21-12) will take on No. 7 BYU (29-5) in the Ford Center in Oklahoma City today at 12:20 p.m. to kick off the first round of the Tournament.

The Cougars, who received their fourth-straight at-large bid this season, are led by Fredette, the 6-foot-2 point guard from Glens

Falls, N.Y.

Fredette is averaging 21.7 points and 4.7 assists per game in his junior season, and his prolific scoring has drawn plenty of attention from UF coach Billy Donovan.

"We had a chance to see a lot of great point guards in John Wall and Devan Downey, and I don't think either one of those two guys

impacts a college game like Jimmer Fredette does," Donovan said. "He has a totally different effect level on a game."

Fredette has been hard to stop all year, and he is shooting 45.8 percent from the field, 44.8 percent from three-point range and 89.6 percent from the free-throw line.

Earlier this season, he set a BYU record by scoring 49 points against Arizona, and he scored 45 points on 23-of-24 shooting from the free-throw line last week in the Mountain

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Men's Basketball

TEERING OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ I know Pro Day is serious, but it was still St. Patty's Day. While I was watching players run the 40-yard dash, I was hoping a coach would pinch them for not wearing green. ... Carlos Dunlap dropped one of my favorite quotes of all time Wednesday: "I don't want to sound cocky or confident, but I'm the humblest guy there is." It takes talent to brag about being humble.

ANOTHER WORKOUT SET

■ Former Gators Ryan Stamper, Brandon James and Jermaine Cunningham were unable to perform at Pro Day because of injuries, and they will hold a separate workout April 7.

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■ The softball team swept a doubleheader with Auburn after Kelsey Bruder's walk-off double, and the men's tennis team led FSU 2-0 before rain forced play to be suspended indefinitely. Check the Web site for stories.

UF LACROSSE

Bruns' big night leads Florida to rout of Marist

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

It was the Ashley Bruns Show in Donald R. Dizney Stadium on Wednesday night.

The freshman attacker led the Gators (4-3, 0-1 American Lacrosse Conference) with six goals — a new career high — and four assists in Florida's 22-3 win over Marist. The win ended UF's two-game losing streak.

Five of her six scores were unassisted as Bruns had her way with the defense throughout the match, often rolling from behind the goal and dumping the ball into the net.

"It took us six games to get there, but we finally saw a game where we played a solid 60 minutes, so I'm really proud of this group and of their effort tonight."

Amanda O'Leary
UF coach

Bruns credited the defense and the rest of her teammates for her performance on the night.

"You can't do anything without each other," she said. "It's not just me."

UF coach Amanda O'Leary said Bruns is the Gators' point guard whose work ethic has been the key to her success on the field.

"She didn't force a lot of shots, so I was

really excited for her effort and the fact that, if you look at her shooting percentage, it was very high," O'Leary said. "She was feeding the ball, she was putting goals in the back of the net, and that's really what we ask from her."

Bruns has been doing extra shooting in

practice and her success in games earlier in the season has helped boost her confidence.

It wasn't just Bruns who did the scoring though. Attacker Caroline Cochran and Midfielders Colby Rhea and Julie Schindel each added three scores while midfielder

Brittany Dashiell accounted for two more goals.

Midfielder Kitty Cullen aided the scoring, dishing out three assists Wednesday night.

UF got off to a slow start, taking almost six minutes to score its first goal, but after that, the Gators started to pour it on, scoring five goals over the next 15 minutes to take a 6-0 lead with just more than 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

With just one second left in the half, Bruns buried the ball in the net on a broken play to give the Gators a commanding 12-2 lead at the break.

The second half was even less difficult for UF because the Red Foxes could not slow O'Leary's squad on offense. UF reeled off nine goals before Marist midfielder Morgan Dillon scored the team's third and final goal.

O'Leary said she was ecstatic at how her team rebounded after suffering back-to-back losses.

"It took us six games to get there, but we finally saw a game where we played a solid 60 minutes, so I'm really proud of this group and of their effort tonight," O'Leary said. "They were really unselfish. Offensively, they moved the ball around.

"A lot of different people were able to score. Defensively, they played as a team which was something that we've been really trying to pride ourselves on, playing more as a defensive unit versus seven individuals."



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Ashley Bruns scores a goal during the Gators' 22-3 win against Marist on Wednesday night in Gainesville.

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