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UPD cuts Slightly Stoopid concert short

■ ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED.

By **CRISTINA RABAZA**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

The Slightly Stoopid and G. Love & Special Sauce concert was cut short Saturday night at about 9 p.m., as the audience grew overly aggressive and several people were injured.

According to Aaron Crespin, Student Government Production's chairman, about 12,000 people attended the concert at Flavel Field.

At one point during the show, Slightly Stoopid's lead singer Miles Doughty asked the crowd to calm down in order to let EMTs carry an injured man, who appeared to be unconscious, out of the audience.

Crespin said about 11 people were taken away in ambulances.

Another individual left the concert after being punched in the face and bleeding from his eye.

Several more students, either injured, crowd surfing, or in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, were pulled from the front of the crowd and es-

corted out of the concert, as well.

"At first the crowd was calm," UF freshman Jessica Pariente said. "But as the concert continued, the crowd started to get really rough and people just began pushing each other around. That's when people started getting hurt."

"At first the crowd was calm, but as the concert continued, the crowd started to get really rough..."

Jessica Pariente
 UF freshman

EMTs and police officers continued to move into and out of the audience to control the crowd throughout the night. Authorities warned the audience to settle down.

Crespin said the University Police Department ended the show early to prevent further injuries.

UPD would not comment on the situation on Sunday.

"I don't think it could've been prevented, but maybe if there were more police present, it could have helped the situation," Pariente said.



Cristina Rabaza / Alligator

A girl crowd surfs at the Slightly Stoopid concert at Flavel Field Saturday evening.

Relay raises \$114K

By **SAMANTHA DELGADO**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Andrew Ruiz remembers his mother's battle with cancer.

Alongside 1,500 people who have somehow been touched by cancer, Ruiz helped raise \$114,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society during Relay for Life at the O'Connell Center on Friday and Saturday.

The money was raised from donations leading up to the event and donations made during it, Ruiz said.

Participants walked around the indoor track at the O'Connell Center for 18 hours. Sixty-five teams chose themes and

hosted activities for relay participants to help raise money. At least one person from each team had to walk at all times.

Ruiz, a telecommunications junior, said the event is a good way to give back to the community.

"Cancer is still going to exist," Ruiz said. "Why not find a way to help other people?"

Arts and crafts helped draw people to the table sponsored by Phi Sigma Rho, the engineering sorority.

"A lot of the sisters have personal attachments with family members who have cancer," said Elysse Rodriguez, a member of the sorority.

Around Gainesville

NATIONAL Health Care bill increases funding for Pell Grants

By **MATT HARRINGER**
 Alligator Writer

Hidden within the health care legislation passed by Congress Thursday was a big bonus for college students — more money.

The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 made changes to the first health care bill passed by the Senate and increased funding for Pell Grants and student loans.

The bill will boost Pell Grant awards from a current maximum of \$5,550 to \$5,975 by 2017.

Congress has also made it easier for

students to qualify for Pell Grants.

Before the new bill, students with a family income of \$45,000 were eligible for Pell Grants. Now, students with a family income of \$50,000 can qualify.

The bill also makes changes to the student loan system. Currently, the government subsidizes banks to offer federal student loans and covers up to 97 percent of defaulted loans.

Ben Cavaturo, Florida College Demo-



Cavaturo

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■ UF freshman Austin Maddox went 2 for 4 from the plate with a home run and three RBIs in the Gators' 13-1 win over Ole Miss on Sunday to avoid being swept in Oxford, Miss. See Story, Page 14.



Charter bus catches fire outside Lakeside Residential Complex

A charter bus caught fire outside Lakeside Residential Complex at about 9:40 p.m. Sunday night while transporting 22 students.

Miami Bus Service stopped to drop students off at Lakeside when the bus began smoking.

Passengers filed off the bus and some were ushered into Lakeside by nearby students.

The backside of the bus caught fire soon

after, and flames were clearly visible. University Police Department and Gainesville Fire-Rescue responded at about 9:53 p.m., said Lieutenant Scott Summers of UPD.

Nobody was injured in the fire, said Summers.

Summers said the fire seemed to be from some sort of engine failure and did not appear to be suspicious in nature.

Miami Bus Service had no comment.

— MEREDITH RUTLAND

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Free Film Screening of "The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo"

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Reitz Union Cinema

Since 1998, a brutal war has been raging in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Emmy Award-winning producer and director Lisa F. Jackson documents the search for survivors, the tens of thousands of women and girls who have been systematically kidnapped, raped, mutilated and tortured by soldiers. A discussion panel will immediately follow the film.

Sierra Club Program:

The Floridan Aquifer: Connecting Man and Nature
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Entomology Building

The speaker, Dr. Knight, is an aquatic and wetland scientist who has done applied research in Florida's springs and wetlands for 30 years. He will discuss declining flows and water deterioration.

RUB Entertainment presents: Local Brew!

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew

Join RUB for a night of musical goodness featuring Orlando folk/soul singer Matt Butcher, whose album was rated one of the 10 best of 2008 by the Orlando Sentinel. The Brew will also feature Gainesville's own Cassette (folk/country) and southern rock band The Takers. The event is free. For more information, join us on Facebook or on Twitter @RUBentertain.

CALOR's Charity Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CALOR will be hosting its annual volleyball tournament in support for Haiti. All proceeds will go to Gators United for Haiti. Lets help them out! A grand prize will also be awarded to the winning team. Registration forms are available at La Casita, facebook, ufactor.webs.com, or you can email ufactor@gmail.com

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14th Annual PSA Cultural Show: Pakistan Through Our Eyes

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

University Memorial Auditorium

UF's Pakistani Students Association presents the 14th Annual PSA Cultural Show: Pakistan Through Our Eyes. With this year's cultural show, PSA hopes to rejuvenate the Pakistani culture and its values through a mesmerizing depiction of religion, poetry, music and dance enriched over a thousand years of tradition. There will be special performances by the UF Bhangra and Fusion Dance Teams.

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LOCAL

More than 200 people attend dog show

Every dog has its day, and on Saturday, Taz pawed her

way to the top for best in show at the Fourth Annual Mutts and Pups Dog Show.

More than 200 people and about 100 dogs attended the all-day event at James Paul Park in High Springs, including Ellen Powers and her Jack Russell terrier, Taz.

The pair has been competing and racking up the first place finishes for about six years.

"We're a team and always have been," said Powers, who is from High Springs.

Taz completed a routine filled with leaping, flipping and dancing that also landed her in first place for the best trick category.

"The main focus is Taz," Powers said. "I just act like a prop, and she knows what to do."

Tina Prizament, event director, said this year's turnout was better than ever, with more than 50 dogs competing in 12 categories.

The Alachua County Humane Society was one of the main sponsors for the event, bringing six dogs to show for adoption.

Three of the six dogs brought by the the Humane Society were adopted.

"Any time I can go back to the shelter with less animals than I brought out to an event is a very good day," said Kirk Eppenstein, director of the Humane Society.

— PAIGE LACY

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Students adjust after shooting

Victim taught 177 students

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
Alligator Writer

When the students of GEA 1000, Section 2238 returned from spring break, they were supposed to learn about climate change.

Instead, many of them learned their teacher had been shot.

Nearly one month after 35-year-old graduate student and teacher Kofi Adu-Brempong was shot and arrested, his former students in GEA 1000, Geography for a Changing World, are still adjusting to the news.

"It was kind of a hard transition after he left," said UF freshman Jennifer Torres.

Torres did not know what had happened to her teacher until UF President Bernie Machen sent a mass e-mail to all UF students ten days later on March 12 explaining the incident.

"I didn't believe it," Torres said of the e-mail. "I was shocked."

Even though Adu-Brempong is no longer teaching GEA 1000, the class of 177 students has continued working through the syllabus without him.

Graduate student Keith Yearwood, who has replaced Adu-Brempong, has taught the class

before.

To make the transition as smooth as possible, the original syllabus, grading policies, class material and office hours have remained unchanged, Yearwood said.

The two teachers have similar teaching styles, Torres said. Both have a humorous, eclectic quality, she said.

Adu-Brempong and Yearwood are good friends, Yearwood said, as the two used to share a small office in the geography department.

"I didn't believe it. I was shocked."

Jennifer Torres
UF freshman

"I used to kid him all the time," Yearwood said.

Yearwood has not been able to visit his friend at Shands at UF, as Adu-Brempong remains under the custody of the Alachua County's Department of the Jail.

About 10 students have written get well cards to their bed-ridden teacher, he said.

"The students are concerned about their grades, but they're also concerned about [Adu-Brem-

pong,]" he said. "The Monday after spring break, there was standing-room only in here."

Nearly all 177 students crowded into Room 100 of Williamson Hall that day to hear geography department head Peter Waylen explain what had happened.

Many of the students expressed anger that it took 10 days for UF administration to explain what was going on.

Even though he received an explanatory e-mail from the department of geography the morning after the shooting, Yearwood was also upset that UF took so long to respond.

If former UF quarterback Tim Tebow had been shot, Machen would have released a statement in less than 24 hours, he said.

The delay occurred because investigators needed time to get a feel for what happened before an official statement was released, Machen said in a phone interview.

An in-depth investigation is being conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and is not likely to finish before the end of the semester.

Between now and the end of the semester, Yearwood is scheduled to talk about deserts, dams and acts of God.

Whatever he teaches, Yearwood tries to keep it light.

Web site offers \$5 marketplace

■ THE SELLER GETS \$4 AND THE WEB SITE KEEPS \$1.

By **LYDIA ROSENFELDT**
Alligator Contributing Writer

For five bucks, you can have a fake Facebook boyfriend. Or a letter from the Easter bunny.

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Anyone looking to earn some extra cash can sell a service for a flat rate of \$5.

For each sale, the buyer pays \$5 via PayPal, and the seller receives \$4. The Web site keeps \$1, which is its primary source of income.

UF computer engineering senior Ashneel Singh has used Fiverr for help proofreading papers, merging PDF files and creating a Web site.

His message to future Fiverr shoppers: You get what you pay for.

"Nobody is going to waste a lot of time producing a service they are getting paid \$4 for," he said. "If it's a mediocre job, I still only paid \$5, and I still didn't have to do it myself."

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About 6,000 people 'march' 8.5 miles for babies

■ ORGANIZERS ESTIMATE THE EVENT RAISED ABOUT \$815,000.

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
Alligator Writer

James Boudreau is alive.

The Buchholz High School senior was born about a month early and escaped with only allergies and asthma.

He was not one of the nearly 1.2 million babies who die each year from being born prematurely.

Boudreau was, however, one of nearly 6,000 participants in Saturday's March for Babies, a fundraiser dedicated to giving aid to the families of premature infants and funding neonatal research.

"It was an outstanding showing of people all throughout the community."

Betsy Trent

executive director of the March of Dimes North Central Florida division

Event organizers estimated that the event raised about \$815,000, although exact figures will not be known for several months, said Betsy Trent, the executive director of the March of Dimes North Central Florida division.

Participants in the 8.5-mile march, which started and finished at Westwood Middle School in northwest Gainesville, were greeted by a throng of cheering vol-

unteers who handed them stickers and offered high fives.

While some participants finished in less than an hour, some marchers took more than four hours to walk all the way around.

Upon finishing, some marchers iced and rubbed down their legs, while others

collapsed and took naps in the school yard grass.

Although rain was expected for part of the day, Trent said the marchers experienced sunny skies throughout the morning, ideal weather for a high turnout.

"It was an outstanding showing of people all throughout the community," she

said.

And it was this commitment throughout the community that energized the march.

Joel Herron, who works for the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, raised money by purchasing \$40 worth of sodas and selling them at his office.

After two weeks of buying and selling beverages and pizza, he had turned the \$40 into more than \$400, all of which he gave to the March of Dimes.

Overall, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office raised about \$3,000.

The top three fundraisers were Publix, Walmart and Shands hospitals, respectively.

The 12 Publix supermarkets in Gainesville are projected to have raised about \$80,000 collectively, according to Rob Chapman, the local Publix district manager.

In the past six months, several Gainesville high schools pooled their resources together to raise about \$61,000 for the March of Dimes, Boudreau said.

The schools, collectively known as Chain Reaction, were the fourth-highest fundraisers.

"I'm walking for myself and all premature babies," said Boudreau, who has worked for Chain Reaction for the past two years.

"I don't want any parents to go through what my parents went through."

The next local March for Babies will take place on Nov. 14. It will be five miles long and will begin at Turlington Hall.



Minch Minchin / Alligator Staff

Ten-month-old Logan Sprague walks with his mother, Julie, near the finish line of the March of Dimes March for Babies Saturday afternoon at Westwood Middle School in Gainesville.



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ON CAMPUS

Students showcase art

By **VICTORIA ISRAELS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students from diverse backgrounds showcased their artwork at the first Colors of Hope: Art Exhibition on Friday.

About 70 guests visited the Institute of Hispanic Latino Cultures building from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to view 19 pieces of art from 10 UF student artists and to show support for diversity and multiculturalism.

The displays featured oils, acrylics, clay ceramics, chalk and colored pencil drawings. Artists hailed from Cuba, Venezuela, Colombia and the U.S.

Corey Brown, an anthropology senior, focused his artwork on the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community. According to the event's program, his artwork reflected his identity, his views on queer culture, and society's views of the LGBTQ community.

Martha Calderon's three pieces were inspired by negative stereotypes she experienced.

When Calderon moved from Colombia to the U.S., she said people discriminated against her because of her Latino

background.

"My artwork was inspired by the discrimination I felt," Calderon said. "But now with my future artwork, my inspiration is the desire to share the richness of my country and everything it has to offer."

Melany Valderrama's pieces were entitled "Oil and Water," "Calor del Baile," and "and life goes on."



Brown

Valderrama's "and life goes on" was a person standing face forward with a gray umbrella while several other figures faced backwards with different colored umbrellas. The figures were set in a dark, rainy city.

She said this piece symbolized her transition to the more fast-paced American way of life.

The event was free and open to the public. It partnered with the Gainesville Art Walk, which occurs on the last Friday of every month and gives local artists a chance to display and advertise their work.

Exhibit turns blind eye to artistic conventions

By **KATIE EVANS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students didn't need their eyes to appreciate the art at the 13th annual MindSight exhibit Saturday.

For the 60-plus visitors at the Harn Museum of Art, the exhibit was a sensory experience, and guests had the option of navigating the museum blindfolded to "see" the art through their other senses.

"It's called MindSight because it's a mind game for people with sight," said Linda DiFranco, a featured artist who was the director of MindSight before it was turned over to the Gator Lions Club, an organization dedicated to helping the blind community.

The exhibit featured about 30 pieces of art and 13 plants.

Participants were able to listen to music, touch and smell plants, and feel the pieces of art.

Both the blind and blindfolded were led by student guides who described the plants and art.

"It was an out-of-body experience because it's one of those experiences where you're not relying on your usual senses," said Mary Velasco, a UF nursing freshman. "What you would normally feel is heightened, and everything is more sensitive."

On Campus

Joel Weiss, a physics junior and president of the Gator Lions Club, said that about 15 percent of the participants were visually impaired.

For these guests, appreciating art with senses beyond vision is an everyday reality.

"People who are blind pick up what's in the picture much faster than the non-blind," said Elizabeth Hernandez, a student guide at the exhibit. "I even had one lady earlier who was blind say to me, 'I see what you mean,' as I was describing a painting."

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Editorial

Shame on Them

Church's smear tactics cruel, indecent

First, it was the disturbingly homophobic fliers accusing Gainesville mayoral candidate Craig Lowe of being "responsible for legally allowing men in women's restrooms."

Then it was the shockingly hateful rant video from local fundamentalist fear-mongers, the Dove World Outreach Center, in which the church's second-in-command delivered verbal blows like "homo" and "fag."

We're wondering what's next in the line of attacks against someone who could be our city's new mayor, and we're sick of it.

Gainesville has a reputation not only for being LGBT friendly, but as a generally welcoming place — where else could you get away with jorts around educated people? But these attacks are making us sick to our stomachs and ashamed to live in Gainesville.

As you know from our endorsement, we support Lowe. We respect what he's done for the city during his time as a Gainesville commissioner, and we appreciate his work with the equal opportunity council. But this isn't about politics, and it's not about Lowe as a candidate.

It's about decency, something this election season's attackers would do well to learn something about. Their statements surpass ignorance and venture into idiocy.

Their word choices surpass insensitive and fly into cruelty. It tarnishes Gainesville's reputation as a welcoming place and makes us all look like bigots. The hate campaign has to stop, and those who perpetuate it should be deeply ashamed.

Idol Hands

In the old days, grabbing a fistful of altar boy would get you a cop car ride, a trial and a new girlfriend named LaDarius.

Now, it gets you a job transfer and closer to canonization.

With the sexual mindset of NAMBLA, a public relations team more fitting for O.J. Simpson and a knack for cover-ups that would make Jimmy Hoffa blush (a true "holy trinity"), the Catholic Church has outdone itself with Touchy-Gate 2.0.

We could understand your need to build your lavish palace in Italy with funds raised from guilt-tripping illiterate townsfolk. ("Give us thirty pieces of silver and grandma gets to leave purgatory and go play shuffleboard with Jesus!")

We can momentarily overlook your "expert" medical opinion that AIDS-

ridden Africa needs abstinence programs and a few rosary beads instead of more practical things such as a protection and sexual education regimen that isn't routed in the Dark Ages.

But when your over-embellished, over-publicized king in Rome tells a country with one of the richest Catholic traditions in the world "Oops, we did it again," something's not right.

Instead of giving boatloads of cash to the people you used to give lollipops and back rubs to, take some steps that — you know — aren't grounded in the doldrums of depressing Gregorian chants and antiquated traditions. If it takes allowing clergy to marry or crucifying these criminals in St. Peter's Square, do it.

But heaven help us if all Father Happy Hands gets is only a slap on the wrist from the hand of God.

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Column

Current events bring sense of déjà vu

Rarely is this question posed: Have I unknowingly been in the hot tub time machine or has the past week or so been a really wicked case of déjà vu? I have recently been asking myself this as a series of seemingly long-exhausted events came to an incredibly startling — OK, slightly entertaining — temporal intersection.

Most prominent in both the current public eye and the foundation of my possible time warp conundrum, the Roman Catholic Church has entered round two of its sex-abuse scandal chronicles, the first instance of which rose to a national fervor here in the U.S. during the early part of the last decade. Now the allegations have emerged in Europe, where Pope Benedict XVI, the cardinal formerly known as J.Ratz, has been implicated in a case in Germany, as well as in the halting of the prosecution of a case from Milwaukee.

Demands of an apology and acknowledgement of responsibility have been raised, along with a few assertions of resignation, amid much speculation concerning the tarnishing of his legacy. I suppose this means his options include his original, colloquial reputation as "that nearly Nazi pope," his established standing as "that whip-cracking pope," and newly-revealed role as "that fondle-friendly pope." (Bonus points if he goes for all three; I hear that's quite the often-strived-for, seldom-achieved combo-fetish in his native Deutschland.) Perhaps he should just pray for a swift onset of Parkinson's disease so the church can allow his responsibility in the matter to be conveniently sidestepped and diminished, as was done with his predecessor Pope JP II.

Another blast from the past reared its head last week in Arizona. That's right, McPalin is back together. I was beginning to long for the dumb-yet-spunky/ancient-thus-crotchety dynamic that rocketed them all the way to an impressive second place finish in the '08 election. At a rally for McCain's re-election to the Senate, Palin pleaded with crowd, "for the sake of our country," to support the elder senator. Of course, her appeal would have been more effective had, say, a group



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of Palinites not shown up with T-shirts, signs and, naturally, palms branded with "Palin 2012." As if that wasn't attention-diverting enough, the consensus quoted among her folksy-focused supporters was approximately, "I could care less about this 'John' character, I'm here for Sarah — woo!" Perhaps they were confused about the nature of the event. Perhaps

she was confused about the nature of the event. Maybe they all just went rogue (independently, of course).

Keeping this flashback train rolling, reminiscence of Kanye West and Hurricane Katrina danced through my head after seeing a video of George W. Bush and Bill Clinton visiting Haiti. The clip shows the two former presidents shaking hands with residents and survivors of the recent earthquake, when a seemingly panic-stricken Bush suddenly and blatantly wipes his hands all over Clinton's shirt sleeve after finishing his greeting rounds. Bill gives his best WTF face as the clip cuts away. Hilarity ensues, followed by a sobering feeling that Kanye West was in fact on to something when he stated, in a post-Katrina moment of agitation, "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

Not only did this wipe channel Bush's alleged disaster-triggered racial indifference, it also prompted memories of the famed eyeglass wiping incident and, of course, his post-Obama-shake hand-sani-spritz, all combining to form one mind-bending cluster-nugget of coincidence I've come to expect only from "Lost." I'm just glad to see G-Dubs still sticking to his guns. His unapologetic, PC-slashing guns. Way to keep it classy.

All in all, I think it's appropriate to give a shoutout this week to random resurfacing, fecund fortuitousness, historical happenstance — oh, and nicknames.

Ryan Spencer is a psychology senior. His columns appear on Mondays.

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Reader response

Today's question:

Would you pay \$5 for a fake Facebook relationship?

Friday's question:

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Letters to the Editor

Bright Futures raise acceptable, but not enough

This seems to be an unpopular opinion, but I'll say it: The increased minimum scores for Bright Futures is the first step to fix it.

At UF we have a Dean's List award. This award's requirement is tiered based on colleges — for instance, a 3.2 GPA in Engineering and 3.75 in CLAS. This needs to be the same restriction for Bright Futures, especially if lawmakers really want to promote more students to become engineers. Scale those down a bit, and you have a more fair standard — an engineer will need to keep a 2.9 to keep 100 percent Bright Futures, while a CLAS student will need, say, a 3.4.

Yes, it's a lot higher - but it's also more fair, because engineering classes are unquestionably more involved. Without this, we hit the unfortunate position that engineers will drop out of college due to a difficult first year because they can't afford school. I've seen it happen many times when I was a student.

What will not help is the proposed law of adding a four-year time limit to Bright Futures payoffs. This affects mostly engineering and nursing students, who are often undergrads for more than four years.

If my ideas sound like discrimination, they are — but only to discriminate the hardworking against the free-riders.

Daniel Seeman
UF alumnus



Bright Futures has become a middle-class entitlement

I bet the view from your ivory tower is quite lovely. But let's put in a little perspective. Many people who have been proponents to the raising of the Bright Futures standards come at it from the idea that it is there to reward hard work, good grades and service.

Really, it was created to help students of all backgrounds accomplish their scholastic dreams and goals. It has become an entitlement to middle-class people who have a better opportunity to gain the criteria needed to get the scholarship. The ironic thing is that most people who receive Bright Futures can most likely afford college expenses, paid for by mommy and daddy.

Meanwhile, your peer is working two jobs after school, doesn't have the time to study for the SAT or afford the cost of Princeton Review, and will graduate no less intelligent than you, but going to night school instead of a university. There is a direct correlation to wealth and academic success and anyone choosing to ignore that is simply trying to legitimize their own privilege to the program. It was meant as a program to encourage students to strive for college and hopefully gain the possibility, and in Florida we are very lucky to receive it.

However, in today's economy, social climbing purely on merit is all but dead. The American dream of working hard and one day having a little house in the suburbs with the two-car garage is very much out of reach for most people, not because of lack of intel-

ligence and hard work, but opportunity. College is a stepping stone necessary to this dream and is becoming increasingly out of reach.

Disagree with me if you will, but access to a good education, including college, should be a right to everyone, not only those who get a certain GPA or SAT score. Our falling scholastic standards are not because our expectations are too low, but because we only give a few people the tools to reach those expectations.

If you may be speculating, I did receive the full amount of Bright Futures with meeting and surpassing the criteria, so I don't resent the program, but the people who make it into an idealized even playground.

But if you truly feel that Bright Futures is going to people who don't work hard enough for it, or just don't deserve to compete with you on that level because they are lazy, then get rid of it and give the money to people that could use it and need it.

Make it a need-based scholarship, then it won't be an entitlement program for the middle class and beyond. It will give opportunity to a wider range of people to go to college. People who are amazingly intelligent and resourceful, but perhaps didn't get that arbitrary 1290 but still deserve the opportunity.

Laura Diaz de Arce
3 CLAS



Reform is constitutional

This letter is in response to Chelsea Fleck's

letter in Friday's Alligator. First, it's necessary to correct her statement that the 10th Amendment to the Constitution is the Commerce Clause. While the 10th Amendment does reserve rights not specified in the Constitution to the states, it is not the Commerce Clause.

The actual Commerce Clause is in Article 1 of the Constitution and gives Congress the power to regulate commerce between multiple states. However, Article 1 also gives Congress the power to tax, which is what makes her assertion that the law is unconstitutional invalid. She argues that it's unconstitutional for the federal government to require us to purchase something, but that's not what's happening.

No one is required to purchase health insurance. The law raises taxes slightly to help fund reform. If someone purchases insurance, he or she receives an exemption from that tax. This is no different than when President Carter gave tax credits to people who purchased solar panels in the '70s, and the government's right to grant tax exemptions has been upheld by the Supreme Court. In the end, if someone chooses not to purchase insurance and gets sick or hurt, we already pay their bills through rate hikes while the sick person pays nothing.

This law assures that those people will at least pay something, which is why conservatives introduced it in the '90s as an answer to Clinton's proposal. I guess it's not conservative enough anymore.

Mithcell Norton
Alligator Reader

Guest column

Student Government president blows golden political moment

In the game of politics, Double J just rolled a double zero.

Our esteemed commander in chief, who oversees the disease-infested herd of Napoleonic complexes and pseudo-politicians that is UF Student Government, received a political present over a week ago in the form of an old-fashioned police confrontation.

Instead of taking advantage of this gift from the government gods, he pulled an R. Kelly and pissed all over it.

True politicians don't become great by passing stacks of mind-numbing legislation or twisting syllables in stump speeches. Instead, they write their legacies on the parcel of Ponzi schemes and prostitution stings.

A disorderly conduct charge?

I would expect that out of a girl scout Canadian councilman, not an all-American politician with a million-dollar face and a 20-cent soul.

All it takes to get a disorderly conduct charge is a bottle of Jack Daniels, a creative imagination and an intense hatred



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for stop signs and bushes that aren't soaked with urine.

If Jordan Johnson really wanted to catapult his political career beyond Tuesday evenings, he would've made the morning of March 20 so bloody that it would make the Old Testament look like "Hop on Pop."

First off, you can't just be "well-groomed," "irrational" and "intoxicated."

That's the bare minimum for entering politics. If you're going to do this right, lose everything, from your sense of reality to control of your own bowels.

Instead of allowing those snippy SNAP drivers to talk that way to you, a few backhands to the face and you've got yourself Grand Theft Auto, the real game.

Besides, drunken driving is a 3-D video game after all.

After racking up points in hitting nuns and small children, take a really hard left into Lake Alice.

So maybe you may not get another date with Ms. Rakow, but if a Jacques Cousteau deep-sea plunge worked for Ted Kennedy, it most certainly can work for you.

When you are taken down by a SWAT team right before you put a third snowstorm of blow up your nose, take a page from Mel Gibson's book and blame everything on a Zionist conspiracy orchestrated by Rafael Yaniz to bring down a career that was built on monotone motions and pointless resolutions.

Worry ye not, our dear leader; after shedding a few tears on Oprah, claiming all your troubles stemmed from that one summer where that "eager" camp-counselor wanted to play tummy-sticks, and kissing a few babies, you'll be back to soliciting funds to Chinese gambling rings and the Johnson-Charles-Taboada Joint Stock Child Slave Trade Company in no time.

At least after all this fun, people will definitely know who you are.

CJ Pruner is a journalism junior.

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By MEGAN MERRILL
Alligator Contributing Writer

Judy Kenne has been teaching women how to put makeup on and face the day for the past five years.

As a cosmetologist, Kenne volunteers with Look Good, Feel Better, an American Cancer Society program addressing appearance-related side effects of radiation and chemo-

therapy.

"I teach the class simply because of the fact that I know what these ladies are going through," Keene said. "They develop attitude because they know they have to get up each morning no matter how sick they feel. They know their skin and everything about them is going to change."

Kenne, 67, became licensed for the program in 1997 when a friend was diagnosed with bone cancer. She was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2000, underwent treatments and began teaching in 2006.

The program provides the women with a

"Many women care a lot about their hair, and when it falls out they become vulnerable."

Judy Kenne
cosmetologist

free makeup kit, which contains disposable tools for the women to use when applying makeup, and shows the women how to maintain wigs and tie scarves and turbans if they have experienced hair loss.

"Many women care a lot about their hair, and when it falls out they become vulnerable,"

Kenne said.

Margaret Shaw, the society's patient services representative for the area, said the women need to use disposable tools to prevent skin infection associated with cancer treatments.

The Look Good, Feel Better program meets once a month at three different sites in Gainesville: the Davis Cancer Center at Shands Medical Plaza, the North Florida Regional Medical Center and the American Cancer Society Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge.

The next session will be at the Davis Cancer Center at Shands Medical Plaza in Room 4160 today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Department of Education will offer loans directly

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crats president, said under the current system, the government carried all the risk, while all the profits went to the banks.

Under the new legislation, the government will no longer act as a middleman. Instead, the Department of Education will offer loans directly to students.

Cavataro said the new legislation will ensure student loans work for students and not for banks.

UF College Republicans Chairman Johnathan Lott said he supports ending subsidies, but is worried the federal government can't operate as well as private banks.

No Republicans voted for the legislation, and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., a staunch defender of the old govern-

ment-subsidized loans, wrote in a Washington Post op-ed, "The Obama administration is pushing for another Washington takeover — this time of the student loan system."

But Democrats have said the new reforms will save the government money.

"This reform of the federal student loan programs will save taxpayers \$68 billion over the next decade," President Obama said.

"And with this legislation, we're putting that money to use achieving a goal I set for America. By the end of this decade, we will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world."

The new legislation also caps annual student loan repayments at 10 percent of a borrower's income.



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Florida avoids sweep with 13-1 rout of Ole Miss



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UF third baseman Austin Maddox went 6 for 14 at the plate with six RBIs in the Gators' weekend series against Ole Miss. The freshman hit a home run in UF's 13-1 win over the Rebels on Sunday.

■ AUSTIN MADDOX HAD THREE RBIs IN UF'S WIN.

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**
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The Gators enjoyed a little bit of a role reversal on Sunday.

After being crushed by 12 runs on Saturday, No. 2 Florida (18-5, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) bounced back just one day later, routing No. 17 Ole Miss 13-1 and avoiding a series sweep.

"I know everybody was disappointed about the game we had on Saturday, but we had to put it behind us," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "You don't play well on a certain day, but the good thing about a good team is that they put it behind them, and that's what we did."

The Gators stranded 22 runners on base in the first two games of the series against the Rebels (19-6, 4-2 SEC), but that wasn't a problem Sunday. UF only left five on the basepaths in the final game of the series and exploded for 15 hits after only managing a combined 14 in the two contests before that.

The one constant for Florida throughout the weekend was third baseman Austin Maddox, who went 6 for 14 in the series and knocked in six runs.

He continued his success Sunday with a solo homer in the second inning to give the Gators an early

lead and drove in another two with a single in a three-run third inning to bump it up to a 4-0 advantage for UF.

That was all Florida pitcher Brian Johnson would need. The freshman gave up just one run in 5.1 innings of work and only allowed one hit after the second inning. He has limited opponents to one earned run in his last 11.2 innings pitched.

"I know everybody was disappointed about the game we had on Saturday, but we had to put it behind us."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF baseball coach

"We just got to control the count, and if you control the count, you generally control the inning," O'Sullivan said. "He (Johnson) gave us a really good start and gave us a chance to get the bats going."

UF continued the onslaught due to some unlikely sources.

Left fielder Daniel Pigott smashed a two-run single to left field in the fifth to finish with three RBIs on the day, while right fielder Kamm Washington drove in a run in the seventh inning.

It didn't stop there. With the game already out of hand in the ninth, sophomore Jerico

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UF GYMNASTICS

Gators claim seventh SEC title

By **TOM GREEN**
Alligator Writer

JACKSONVILLE — The Southeastern Conference Championships didn't start out exactly how the Gators had hoped, but the meet certainly ended the way they wanted it to.

No. 4 Florida took home its seventh SEC title in school history with a team total of 197.05, edging out defending conference champion No. 1 Alabama (196.875) in Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville.

After receiving a bye in the first rotation, Florida got off to a rough start on the vault, registering a 49.125, the team's second-lowest score of the season on the event.

But coach Rhonda Faehn said the Gators didn't let the vault performance affect them.

After another bye and performing on the

uneven bars, the Gators put together their second-best beam total of the year to rally in the second half of Saturday's meet.

But it wasn't without drama.

On beam, senior Courtney Gladys led off for UF with a 9.9 to set the tone.



Gladys

After solid routines by Amy Ferguson, Randy Stageberg and Rebekah Zaiser, freshman Liz Green, who won four beam titles this season, fell twice during her routine.

Florida needed SEC Freshman of the Year Ashanee Dickerson to come through big like she has all season. And that's just what she did.

"I looked into her eyes, and I could see she

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Brantley's health crucial for UF

Spring practice is a minefield of useless information.

Maybe you like it; I usually don't. No matter your preference, history shows there are a lot of things you think you "learn" in spring that prove to be completely false come two-a-days in the fall.

Notice I didn't say spring practice is completely useless. For Florida fans, spring practice is a chance to get a look behind the curtain. The Gators typically only have a handful of open practices in the fall, but you can see every spring practice.

For coaches and players, spring-time is key for player development. Spring is most important for depth purposes — guys are fighting for



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second- and third-string spots rather than starting jobs, even though UF has quite a few first-team openings.

The reasons for this are many; injuries and the absence of some freshmen are just a few. So far this spring, senior Duke Lemmens has gotten a lot of first-team reps at defensive end opposite Justin Trattou. No offense to Lemmens, but his quest for a starting job faces tall odds

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TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ It seems appropriate that the No. 5 seed would win the "Region of Death," but the outcry over Duke's easy path still seems valid. ... I don't care if you like hockey — you owe it to yourself to Google the video of Jim Playfair, an American Hockey League coach. He protests a penalty by breaking two sticks and throwing them on the ice. Let's hope Urban Meyer doesn't get any ideas.

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■ UF's track and field, men's and women's tennis, lacrosse and women's golf teams were all in action this weekend. For complete coverage, check out our Web site.

POLL RESULTS

Previous question:

Was Urban Meyer wrong for publicly reprimanding the Orlando Sentinel's beat writer?

Percent (Votes)
No (defend) 48% (31)
Yes (private) 28% (18)
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Championship first for Florida since 2007

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was going to hit. She knew what she had to do," Faehn said.

Performing in her hometown, Dickerson scored a 9.925 on the beam to propel the Gators into first place with one event remaining.

Following the beam, Florida went into its third bye of the day while Alabama closed out its meet on the floor.

The Crimson Tide finished their routines and headed into the final rotation as the leader on the scoreboard.

"It's going to give our athletes even more confidence heading into regionals and nationals."

Rhonda Faehn
UF gymnastics coach

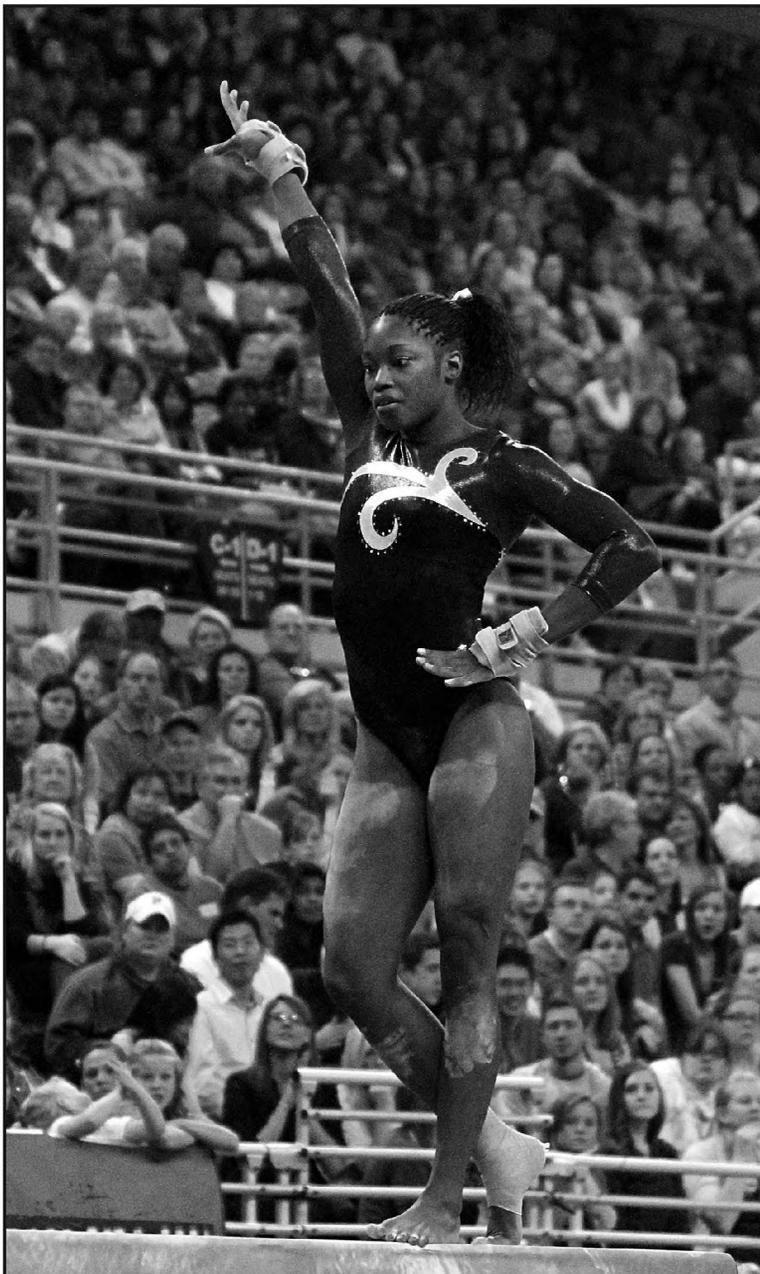
But Alabama had to play the waiting game while Florida finished on the floor.

Green led off for UF on floor exercise and rebounded after her falls on the beam with a 9.875.

The Gators carried that momentum to their first SEC title since 2007, as the team counted four 9.875s on floor and a 9.9 from senior Maranda Smith.

Faehn called the team's floor performance one of its best all season.

"It's going to give our athletes even more confidence heading into regionals and nationals," Faehn said of the team's rally. "Under the heavy-pressure situation, up on a podium, our team dug in, and that's where we won a championship."



Ana Goni-Lessan / Alligator Staff

UF freshman Ashanée Dickerson continued her dominant first season at the SEC Championships on Saturday in Jacksonville. Her 9.925 score on the balance beam put the Gators in the lead for good, as they won the meet with a total score of 197.05.

UF loses first series

BASEBALL, from page 14

Weitzel came in to pinch hit and yanked a ball to right field for a two-run shot — his first home run as a Gator.

"We got contributions from a lot of people in the lineup," O'Sullivan said. "It was a great day by a lot of different guys."



Baseball

Marred in a 4-for-20 slump entering Sunday's game, center fielder Matt den Dekker broke out of it with a 2-for-4 day to go along with two RBIs. He also sent a pitch over the right-center field wall in the eighth for his fourth homer of the season.

Florida lost its first series of the season at the hands of the Rebels, despite the victory on Sunday.

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

PHIL, from page 14

— perhaps as tall as 6-foot-4 Ronald Powell, Rivals.com's top recruit who will arrive in Gainesville in August.

There is no guarantee Powell or fellow end recruit Lynden Trail will win the starting gig, but because many called this year's defensive recruiting class one of the best ever, I give them a fighting chance.

The bottom line is we just don't know. Spring football cannot settle these issues.

I'll tell you one thing spring football has cemented in my brain.

John Brantley is 100 times more valuable to the 2010 team than Tim Tebow was to the 2009 Gators.

This statement is no slight of Tebow, nor is it a crowning of Brantley as the best player in college football.

I make that evaluation because of the disparity between Brantley and his current backup, Trey Burton. I've got nothing against Burton, but the Rivals.com three-star recruit has looked bad in spring practice so far.

During the Tebow years, the joke was always that Brantley, UF's backup, could start for many other top-25 or Southeastern Conference teams. I doubt that kind of rhetoric will be used for Burton.

I think his future has been laid out by a four-star quarterback recruit from the 2009 class: Jordan Reed. It became apparent even last fall that Reed was destined to switch to tight end or receiver. Voila, now he's at tight end and is probably one of the two best on the Gators' roster.

And while Tyler Murphy won't arrive until fall, everything I heard is the Rivals.com two-star recruit will probably have a similar shift to tight end or receiver in his future.

I'm telling you, Gators fans, if you were worried about Tebow going down, you should be much more worried about Brantley getting hurt. (Remember: for all the running Tebow did, the biggest hit he took came in the pocket.)

Burton or Murphy taking meaningful snaps this fall is a recipe for disaster, just like believing everything you see or hear this spring.

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UF MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Gators fifth at NCAAs

By **MATT RUBIN**
Alligator Writer

For the second-straight year, the Florida men's swimming and diving team placed fifth in the nation. But one Gator left on top.

The Gators finished the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Columbus, Ohio, with 364 points, UF's most ever in a national championship meet, and junior Conor Dwyer was crowned Division I National Swimmer of the Year.

Texas won the team championship with 500 points, followed by California (469.5), Arizona (387) and Stanford (369).

"We're really proud of the way the guys finished the meet this weekend," coach Gregg Troy said. "We raced tough the whole way through to the very last relay.

"We didn't have as many bodies this year, but to come out and accumulate the most points ever for a Florida team in an NCAA meet is really an accomplishment."

Dwyer picked up national honors after becoming the first men's swimmer since 2001 to win both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races in the same meet.

"Conor was very deserving of National Men's Swimmer of the Year, but [Shaune Fraser] also had a fantastic meet, finishing second in two races and first in the other, while all were ma-

ior contributors in each of our relays," Troy said.

"Our seniors have contributed four great years here at Florida, and even though we were a little short tonight, our entire coaching staff is very happy with the way they performed the whole way through."

Swimming for the last time as a Gator, Fraser ended his collegiate career as a 27-time All-American, passing Carlos Jayme (26) and Ryan Lochte (24) for most in school history.

Fraser's attempt to defend his title in the 200-yard butterfly seemed to fall short, as Georgia's Mark Dylla edged Fraser's time of 1:41.45.

But a two-handed touch disqualified Dylla and resulted in Fraser reclaiming the



Dwyer

title.

"You have to feel bad for Dylla," Fraser said. "He won the race and he's a great competitor, we swim (against) each other in the SEC each season. On the other hand, with the disqualification situation, the points went towards Florida and that boosted us."

Eleven Gators swam a total of 38 All-America performances, breaking two Florida records in the process.

Dwyer, Shaune Fraser and junior Brett Fraser each had seven All-America honors.

Brooks breaks out of slump with two homers

■ THE GATORS TOOK TWO OF THREE FROM NO. 5 ALABAMA.

By **GREG LUCA**
Alligator Writer

For Florida and Alabama, March Madness applies to more than just basketball.

"This is how every one of our games has gone with them," UF coach Tim Walton said. "We've never once had a comfortable lead in three years of playing these guys."

After a pair of wild, come-from-behind wins led to a doubleheader split Saturday, it should come as no surprise that Sunday's finale was a back-and-forth affair.

When all was said and done, senior Corrie Brooks played the role of unlikely hero as the No. 6 Gators (23-4, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) earned an 11-9 victory to take series with the No. 5 Crimson Tide (24-9, 7-4 SEC) in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Despite entering Sunday's game 0 for her last 19 at-bats and with only one home run and seven RBIs this year, Brooks carried the load offensively for UF.

She got the Gators their first lead of the game with a third-inning grand slam,

then hit a solo shot to lead off the seventh that broke a 9-9 tie and scored the eventual game-winning run.

"It's something I really needed since I pretty much had zero confidence in myself," Brooks said. "I tried to do the best that I could and got that confidence back with two big hits."

With the Gators leading 9-5 in the bottom of the sixth, UF ace Stephanie Brombacher gave up back-to-back doubles that cut the lead to 9-6.

One out and a walk later, Brombacher was pulled in favor of freshman Ensley Gammel, who gave up a home run to the first batter she faced, tying the game at nine.

"I was a little mad at myself but [freshman catcher Brittany Schutte] came out there and told me not to worry about it," Gammel said. "I just thought that if I got these next two outs I'd be good to go."

Sure enough, Gammel got the next two outs in order, and after Brooks and freshman Samantha Holle earned UF the lead with back-to-back home runs to start the seventh, Gammel returned to the circle and closed out the game.



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