



Counselors explain crisis response protocol

■ **BEFORE THE SHOOTING**
A MENTAL HEALTH EXPERT
TALKED TO ADU-BREMPPONG.

By **MINCH MINCHIN**
and **JOEY FLECHAS**
Alligator Writers

Kofi Adu-Brempong was afraid he was going to be kidnapped, taken to Africa and slain in a ritual killing. In the days leading up to his shooting and arrest on March 2, the 35-year-old Ghanaian graduate student sent e-mails to the faculty and staff in the UF geography department, accusing them of scheming to kill him, said Keith Yearwood, Adu-Brempong's friend and fellow

graduate student. The recent episode involving Adu-Brempong, who exhibited psychotic and delusional behavior, has brought increased attention to the issues of mental health and campus safety. The UF Dean of Students Office has several programs in place to help students suffering from mental health problems, said Wayne Griffin, the associate director of the UF Counseling Center.

One such program, the Critical Response Team, or CRT, is composed of safety and mental health professionals including professors, police officers, counselors and housing coordinators, he said.

The day before Adu-Brempong was arrested and shot, a CRT counselor, along with a University Police

Department officer and Adu-Brempong's adviser, visited him at his apartment in Corry Village for two and a half hours, according to a police report.

The counselor, Laura Templeton, did not get a good chance to talk with Adu-Brempong and was unable to determine his overall mental state, Griffin said. No counselors came the night of the shooting because the situation had become too volatile and dangerous.

When Templeton met with Adu-Brempong the day before the incident, she determined Adu-Brempong did not meet the criteria for the Baker Act, according to the report.

Had he been submitted under the

Baker Act, Adu-Brempong would have been taken to one of two crisis units in Alachua County where he would have remained under observation for up to three days, said Bruce Stevens, a professor in the UF College of Medicine.

Stevens is also a member of the UF Faculty Senate and the co-president of the Gainesville chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

As a member of NAMI, he is an instructor for the Alachua County Crisis Intervention Team, or CIT, an organization that trains police officers and 911-dispatch operators to handle emergencies involving citizens suffering from mental-health problems. The CIT training, which was first offered in Alachua County about six years ago, is a 40-hour

series of lectures, videos, field trips and role-playing scenarios designed to help officers understand mental-health issues, Stevens said.

About 400 UPD officers, the Gainesville Police Department and the county sheriff's office have gone to the training facility and graduated from the program, he said.

Between two and four of the five UPD officers who were in Adu-Brempong's apartment when he was shot had been through CIT training, he said. Keith Smith, who shot Adu-Brempong, had not undergone training, he said.

Stevens is calling for an additional investigation to determine if the officers involved in the incident

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AROUND GAINESVILLE Senate hopeful meets students

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Staff Writer

In his journey to become Florida's newest senator, Congressman Kendrick Meek made a pit stop in Gainesville Wednesday night to listen to and talk with students.

Speaking to a crowd of about 30 at Santa Fe College, Meek related stories of his own personal education experiences, pointing out his mother worked for a community college.

"I look at community colleges as places of excellence, not places where you go when you have nowhere else to go," he said. "Just the fact that you're at Santa Fe means you're going to prove a lot of people wrong."

In terms of broader issues, Meek vowed to fight on behalf of students by making sure they get the funds necessary to finance their education.

"I'm not running on behalf of the government," he said. "I'm running on behalf of the people who are trying to make it."

The first portion of the night was spent with a panel of students bringing forth issues to the congressman, such as student debt, financial aid and employment prospects after school. He then devoted the rest of the time to laying out his platform while addressing questions from the audience.

Although he's competing for a high government office, Meek admits that he can still use some more schooling.

"Let me tell you something," he said. "I'm a nerd, too."



Meek



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Nothing But Mammals

Kelly Frye, a UF biology major, designs an orgasm T-shirt during an event put on during Pride Awareness Month on the North Lawn Wednesday afternoon. "My boyfriend and myself are animals," she said. See Story, Page 4.

Colorado judge fired over teen arrest for overdue DVD

LITTLETON, Colo. — A longtime Colorado judge has been fired after issuing an arrest warrant for a teenager over an overdue library DVD.

Municipal Judge James Kimmel issued the warrant after 19-year-old Aaron Henson failed to show up in court Jan. 14 over the overdue DVD, "House of Flying Daggers." On Jan. 25, police stopped the teen for speeding and held him for nearly eight hours after discovering the warrant.

Henson had moved and didn't receive the summons to court. The teen said he had packed the DVD in a box, and returned it about a week before Henson issued the warrant. The library notified the judge the DVD was back.

The Littleton City Council fired Kimmel, a judge for nearly 30 years, at its meeting Tuesday night. Kimmel declined to comment to The Denver Post.

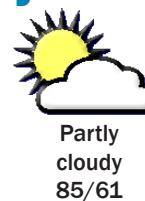
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■ **UF quarterback**
Trey Burton played a role in keeping the nation's top recruiting class together despite the uncertainty in the coaching staff, including Urban Meyer's future. See Story, Page 17.



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Martial arts comes to :08

Florida Fight Nights is bringing mixed martial arts to Gainesville on Saturday at 8 Seconds (:08).

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Muay Thai is an aggressive fighting style in which fighters can lock limbs and elbow and knee each other. The fighters will weigh in at 1 p.m., but doors will open to the public at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, or \$45 for VIP

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passes, which offer free drinks and a balcony view of. Customers will receive 20 percent off admission if they pre-purchase the tickets on the Web site, <http://www.floridafightnights.com>. Tickets will also be sold at the door of 8 Seconds (:08).

— CRISTINA RABAZA

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iPad Wi-Fi network problem on campus has easy fix

About 40 people lined up at Best Buy

By **VICTORIA ISRAELS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

For some of the 40 people who waited in line at Best Buy Saturday morning, the iPad may not have been worth the wait. If they attend UF, they may have a difficult time using Apple's latest gadget. Some UF students are having

problems signing into the campus' wireless network, according to UF's Network Services. While some students can sign on easily, others can't make it past the initial log-in screen.

The problems experienced by some iPad users appear to be related to the AutoFill feature in Safari. Disabling the AutoFill feature cor-

rected the issues with.

Best Buy, located at 3750 SW Archer Road, has a few iPads left and does not take pre-orders or have a waiting list, said Aimee Pauquette, a Best Buy sales associate.

Best Buy sold out of their initial shipment of 60 by 3 p.m. Satur-

day.

"Saturday was absolutely ridiculous," Pauquette said. "The customers that arrived by the time we opened didn't even need to look at it. They just wanted to buy it."

Nick Carson, a UF computer engineering senior, pre-ordered the 3G version of the iPad coming out in late April. The current version, which Best Buy sells, offers WiFi connection.

Carson paid \$729 for the 32GB

3G iPad. The current WiFi versions range from \$499 to \$699, depending on the size of the hard drive.

The 3G version does not require an Internet contract for users to sign, and users will pay up to \$30 for Internet access each month.

Aside from Web browsing, Carson plans to use his iPad to download textbooks.

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Students line up for a free vegan lunch that was eaten faster than it could be prepared by the Animal Activists of Alachua on the Plaza of the Americas Wednesday afternoon.

500 try vegan pizza, ice cream at VegFest

■ ABOUT 900 ATTENDED THE EVENT LAST YEAR.

By **ASHLEY HEMMY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Cheese-free pizza and soy ice cream awaited about 500 students on the Plaza of the Americas Wednesday during VegFest.

The event, which was sponsored by the UF chapter of Animal Activists of Alachua County, offered free vegan food to students and informed them about local restaurants that offer vegan options.

"Many are happy to eat free food," said Alyssa Cohen, the president of the UF chapter of Animal Activists of Alachua County. "Many seem interested in the vegan lifestyle and considered it, but never researched it."

Last year's event had a turnout of about 900 people and included more sponsors, but this year the chapter had trouble getting restaurant spon-

sors because budgets were tight.

Restaurant donors this year included Leonardo's Pizza, Gyro Plus and Karma Cream, Cohen said.

Besides organizing VegFest, the UF chapter of Animal Activists of Alachua County also sends volunteers to animal shelters and holds rallies in support of animal rights.

"We want to show people that vegan food tastes good and that it's easy to get in Gainesville," said treasurer and junior Anandani Maharaj

Maharaj said all kinds of students stop by for free food, and some have never tried vegan food before.

Material science and engineering graduate student Krishna Nittala said he was a vegan but switched back to meat recently because it was hard for him to get the right nutrition.

"The main concern for most vegans is that they can't eat out," he said. "VegFest gives a list of local restaurants that offer vegan options."

PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Students get tested for HIV, paint orgasms at pride event

By **JAMEL F. LANGLEY**
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students added color to their sex lives Wednesday during Pride Awareness Month's Paint Your Orgasm event on the Reitz Union North Lawn.

Participants painted T-shirts with pictures representing their interpretation of what their orgasms would look like.

More than 300 people stopped by the tables, and the organizers of the event gave out 220 T-shirts, according to the event's co-directors, Jose Genao and Richard Roberts.

Alicia Gardiner, a UF freshman, attended the event.

"I'm a screamer," Gardner said, referring to her own reactions. "Therefore, my shirt design is eclectic and colorful."

According to Genao and Rob-

"I'm a screamer. Therefore, my shirt design is eclectic and colorful."

Alicia Gardiner
UF freshman

ert, the event, which has been taking place for 10 years, is one of the more popular events during the annual Pride Awareness Month.

"We want people to go to their happy place and truly express themselves," Roberts said.

The co-directors agreed the main focus was to inform people about safe sex.

"As long as we are human, we orgasm," Genao said.

As people painted, the Alachua County Health Department provided free HIV testing in the Reitz Union for the first 100 people interested.

Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood also had a booth set up with nontraditional games including condom races and jeopardy to inform students about safe sex.

Paint Your Orgasm was co-sponsored by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) affairs, the Alachua County Health Department and Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood.

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Professor calls for investigation to determine if officers violated CIT training

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violated what they learned in the CIT course.

"The implementation of what the officers learned in CIT training broke down," he said. "I don't know what happened."

Before the standoff and arrest, other breakdowns prevented Adu-Brempong from getting the mental care he needed, he said.

"There were several times on [the day before and the day of the shooting] that the Baker Act should have been employed," he said.

The Baker Act involves withdrawing someone's constitutional rights. Universities and cities merge crime prevention and mental health care differently, he said.

In 1988, the first-ever crisis intervention team was created by the Memphis Police Department after officers shot and killed a man suffering from hallucinations, Stevens said.

Since then, universities and cities across America have adopted their own systems for merging mental health care with police affairs. After the shooting at Virginia Tech when Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people before taking his own life, the university tried to strengthen its ability to respond to students in distress.

One measure was the creation of the Threat Assessment Team, a collaboration between several university departments and UPD.

According to the university's Web site, the team determines if individuals pose threats to themselves or others and intervenes when

necessary to maintain campus safety.

The creation of the multidisciplinary team led to more dialogue between the counseling department and UPD. Christopher Flynn, psychologist and counselor for the Cook Counseling Center, said he meets with the Threat Assessment Team regularly.

"We talk ... two to three times a week, about any students that may be of concern," he said.

Special Report

But Eugene Zdziarski, the vice president of student affairs at Roanoke College in Virginia, said students also play an important role in helping students with mental problems.

Zdziarski, former dean of students at UF, has written several books and papers on cam-

pus safety. He said many people feel reporting on troubled students will get them in trouble.

"Everybody on campus needs to take on responsibility to intervene," he said. "They're not getting them into trouble. They're getting them out of trouble."

Yearwood, who is now teaching Adu-Brempong's class, did not think the e-mails he received from Adu-Brempong, who suffered from polio, were a big deal.

UF has historically done a good job of helping students suffering from mental health problems, but the UF administration should do everything it can to make sure the issues can be discussed openly, he said.

"You're never going to stop every situation from happening," he said.

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Editorial

No Question

There is such a thing as a stupid question

Going against the tradition of bringing in intellectual “heavy hitters” such as Meghan McCain, Andy Samberg and the ever-esteemed, generic “Real World” cast member, our beloved high council of white sepulchres at Accent were able to lure religion experts Dinesh D’Souza and Christopher Hitchens to campus Tuesday night.

When it came time for the Q-and-A session, we never prayed harder for emergency phone calls as the two speakers were subjected to a machine-gun barrage of moronic statements and questions that went way beyond the infantile.

Such million-dollar winners include asking an atheist to look inside himself, advising the participants to brush up on their medieval Italian history before their next stop at Notre Dame (I’m sure the two immediately went to Library West and poured over dusty textbooks of the Medici family out of fear of being exposed as charlatans) and the wailing of an ever-expected ad hominem ass-clown, whose Oscar-winning performance as a real-life “Simple Jack” might have slowed the process of human evolution by a few millennia.

However, the best was saved for last. We respect the young woman for trying to approach Hitchens, who can be very daunting with his scathing sarcasm, by asking him to take her seriously as a Christian. However, when you immediately follow up this request by completely butchering his last name — “Hitchenson” — you become the personification of an epic fail.

We understand that with every public forum, you’re going to have a few turds that float to the top of the pun bowl, but when it gets so bad that the moderator of the debate, who is said to be nothing but a well-mannered, class act of a professor, tells the audience they can do better, public beatings need to ensue.

Hell, even the two opposing debaters, who under normal circumstances would have trouble agreeing on the color of the sky, were able to put their intellectual differences aside for a minute as they united in calling one of the questions “incomprehensible.”

Are these failures of contraception, er, students, a true reflection of the intellectual capacity of the UF Student Body?

We can say without hesitation that they are most certainly not. That’s why it’s such a crime against humanity to have these people speak on our behalf. God forbid an outsider sees a video of Tuesday’s performance and comes away with the impression that UF molds students with reading lists composed of “Green Eggs and Ham” and “The Puppy Who Lost His Way.”

It doesn’t matter if you’re a heathen who likes to sacrifice baby sheep to the Fox News Channel or if you’re the second coming of Ned Flanders. Either way, we encourage students to stand side-by-side in delivering a heavenly ordained, ecumenical trashing to this brigade of bumbling bozos.

If we don’t, expect our intellectual arteries to clog by a robust lecture diet of Rob Schneider, the Kardashians and any woman who gets a TV show on TLC because her iron uterus can punch out a platoon of fetuses.

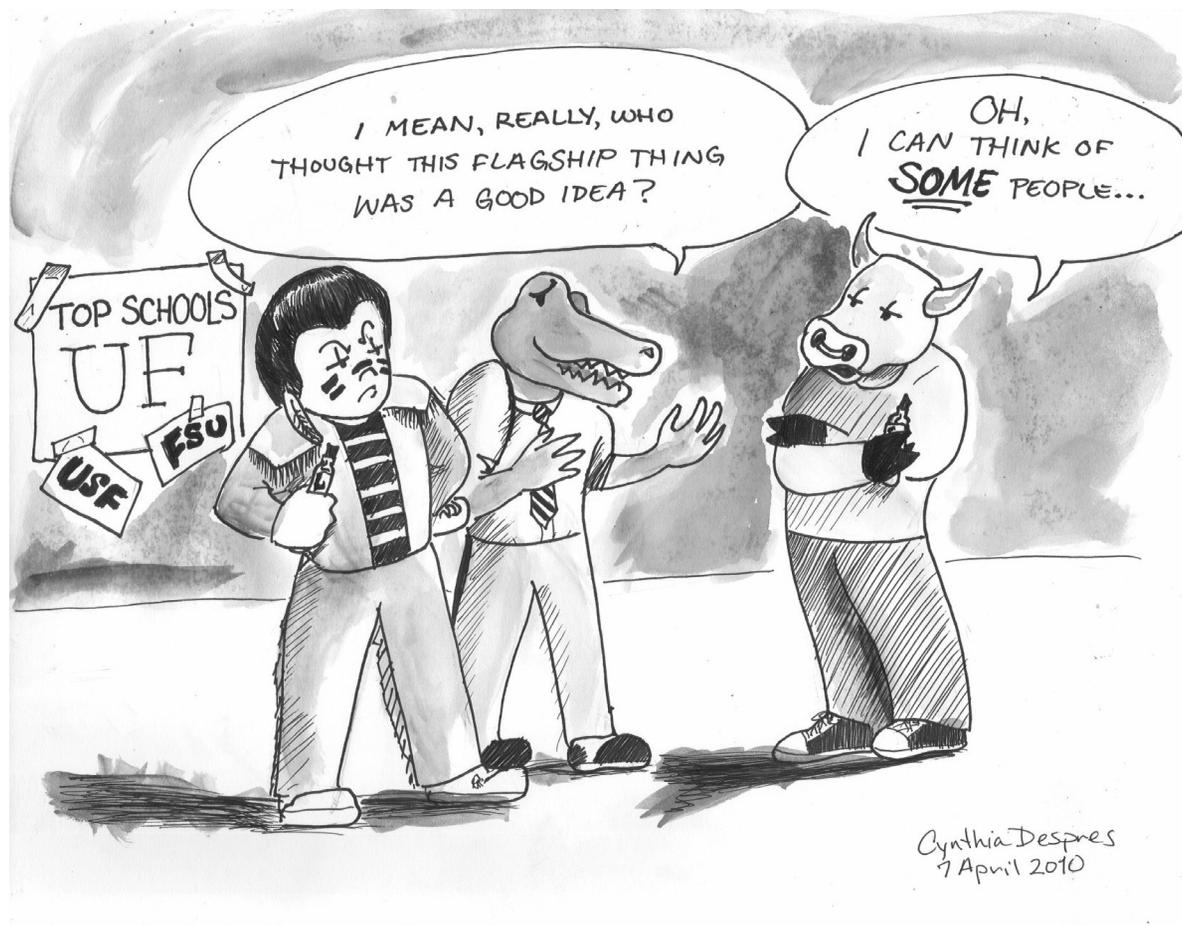
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Column

Amendment Zero: solution for ‘Kongress’

One of the great mysteries of our time is the paradox of state government. Every few years, each state in our great union selects the brightest and most talented descendants of privilege and sends them away to plot out the boundaries of our daily lives. Just like clockwork, these seemingly divine figures time and again fail to deliver on their promises and the effulgent nature of their haircuts.

For this and many other reasons, my unfunded political action committee is now backing the fledgling campaign of Amendment Zero.

Here in Florida, we are not immune to the plague of inadequacy that regularly undercuts the potential of our state politicians. The biggest pothole on the road to good governance in Florida is the setup where powerful guys at the top of important committees essentially go on tour and accept open bribes from the people they are supposed to regulate.

This leads to a few regular patterns of behavior in Tallahassee. Aside from open hostility toward the educational system, Florida lawmakers traditionally hold a great deal of animus for people with disabilities and the middle class. (To be completely fair, the education lobbyists always buy the cheap caviar; how hard is it to remember to get beluga?)

Florida annually spends a great deal of money to feed and house hundreds of insatiably hungry lawmakers, and what our state gets in return is often simply a handout to the people and groups who already have all the money and power that they will ever reasonably need. If reason and need are no longer part of the equation in Florida politics, it is the position of Amendment Zero that our fine state would be much better served by dissolving the Florida Legislature and replacing it



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with a handful of reality television stars.

For instance, any combination of Kardashians would be a better political body for Florida than the one we are burdened with right now. Kim, Kourtney and Khloe already know how to accept gifts and whore themselves out for money and exposure, so they are at least as qualified to govern as 95 percent of the current Legislature. Add in the mom and maybe one of the younger sisters, and we would have a “Kongress” that cherishes real family values. And lip gloss.

For the House of Representatives, Amendment Zero suggests any four residents of VH1’s “Sober House” (to be chosen by Lt. Governor Tom Sizemore) and the current winners from the latest seasons of “Celebrity Fit Club” and “Dancing with the Stars” — a diverse and representative group with expertise in all types of mental illness. It goes without saying that all of this will first have to pass muster with Gov. Justin Bieber, whose education platform and awesome hair often make Charlie Crist cry in a dark corner of the governor’s mansion master bedroom.

Amendment Zero seeks wholesale changes to the structure and functions of government, but Florida is completely broke and the current alternative is quite scary by comparison. I guess Florida law requires some signatures or something, but the carnage in Tallahassee right now shows any rational person why Amendment Zero deserves at least a shot on the ballot.

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Reader response

Today’s question:

Would you want Justin Bieber to be the Florida governor?

Wednesday’s question:

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22% YES

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Letters to the Editor

UF suffers zombie-hater infection

There is a vast hoard arising at UF. It is recognizable by the hoard's pasty, livid complexions. You can spot them a mile off by their awkward, stumbling, limp gaits. However, the best way to spot one of these bastion's life-sucking buggers is to get up close and personal, so you can see the dead, hopeless gaze in their eyes.

I am of course referring to the growing number of zombie haters who have begun to spread their infectious nature around our fair campus.

These horrible, ghoulish creatures are especially dangerous because, unlike their undead counterparts, they do not shriek or yell before an impending attack.

There is no rush of clapping footsteps to aim your Nerf gun at. No, the only moans you hear from this group are on Facebook

status updates and mean-spirited editorials.

Luckily, many have a pre-existing immunity to this horrible affliction. Yes, there is hope for all those who have a sense of humor and the ability to do something just for the sake of having fun.

For those of you who have decided that your college memories will consist of nothing else but resume builders, social point activities and alcohol-induced blackouts, I am sorry to say that there may be no cure. You are doomed.

I can only hope that those of you who have succumbed to this horrible plight of being incapable of doing or even understanding the act of something fun just for the sake of fun, learn to keep your opinions to yourselves.

I would ask that you at least learn to

abide by a simple rule that the resistance and the undead alike have sworn to uphold and respect: "Don't be a dick!"

Sean Mallon
UF student
Resistance survivor



UPD's CIRT officers are unqualified

It goes without saying that students should not have to fear the police who are employed to protect them. Kofi Adu-Brempong's incident is surely a moment the University Police Department should learn from. But the student organizations calling for the end of the Critical Incident Response Team are clearly missing the point.

It serves a clear and defined purpose for

moments of crisis. Without an incident to justify its need, it may seem dangerous, but the Student Body would be better served to call for reform rather than totally abandoning a necessary component of campus security. The university and the Student Body must come together to call attention to the lack of training that CIRT members undergo.

As Minch Minchin's article in Wednesday's Alligator noted, the CIRT officers receive no more than rifle training. They are, for lack of a better word, super-charged officers without further training. It's this lack of training that leads to the incompetence that some of your readers note. But incompetence is no excuse to create further flaws in campus security.

Jacob Power
Alligator reader

Guest column

Judd Apatow-style underdog movies aren't one-size-fits-all

There's been a recent trend in mainstream cinema that thrusts schlub guys into the spotlight. They're normal, everyday dudes who drink, smoke pot, look like your neighbor and have lame jobs, if they have jobs at all.

The fad can be traced mostly to one Judd Apatow, a writer turned director turned producer turned famous name who gives away his credibility for free to his friends. His movies have ranged from well-written comedies to directionless, gross-out films (and that's depending on who you talk to). Apatow has led this trend that has continued all the way up to the recent film "She's Out of My League."

Now, Apatow's loser-hero would be fine to watch if he didn't remind us every time that, although men can now be overweight and not-so-handsome, they still have to date beautiful, sexy, skinny women.

How many times have we seen this film in the past five years: A loser is the star, and he gets a girl who would be way too hot for him in real life? "Knocked Up," "Superbad" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" are just some of Apatow's credits with this phenomenon. And, believe us, it didn't end with Apatow. It's actually becoming the mainstream come-

Julia Tilford
Speaking Out

dy of our generation, or so we've been told. Dozens of movies have come out with the same premise.

And the weird thing is, it seems that it took this year's "She's Out of My League" for anyone to say, "Hey, maybe we need to discuss exactly how unlikely it would be that a guy who's a two would end up with a woman who's a nine." The only problem here is that's only one movie that would even admit the unlikelihood.

We know Hollywood has always been sexist, and we understand that, back in the day, even Michelle Pfeiffer was paired with Jack Nicholson. But this recent phenomenon is boggling to us because no one really seems to notice it. Young people have been known to call "Superbad" the "high-school movie of our generation."

Well, when we went to high school, the cheerleaders didn't get snuggly with the guys in the A.V. club.

If the standard for attractive men in cinema is changing, then why is the one for women standing still? Don't get us wrong; if people want to make a movie about the average guy or the sub-average guy, fine. Brad Pitt doesn't need to

grace every screen, and the lack of him wouldn't tank every film. But don't cast the anti-Brad with Jessica Alba. The film we're watching is just the lame fantasy of the average guy, not a movie about him. In our opinion, the fantasy has been filmed so many times now, we'd rather be allowed to see the truth. The Apatow formula attracts a small number of people, and we're sick of being told these films are for everyone.

We're not saying only people who look alike should be together. We just want to see changing standards for men reflected in changing standards for women. Enough films with an Amazon being paired with our hero, the manager of a Dairy Queen. Enough movies where romance blossoms between a guy described as a "loveable loser" and a girl called a "bombshell." Please make us a movie that fights the idea that a guy can be anything, but a woman has to be perfect.

Apatow said in a recent interview, "[The movies] may be my way of saying to every girl who broke up with me, 'Why'd you do it?'" Truthfully, we don't really care.

Julia Tilford is an English junior.

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Worried about your ladies' night specials going out the window? The Web site nightgator.com categorizes every drink special by the day. So you can get your drink on at student-friendly prices and keep things far from sexist.

Gainesville Fashion Week kicks off, offers big shows

By **ALLISON BANKO**
and **ASHLEY MOSES**
avenue writers

Change clothes and go. The sexy catwalk is all set for the fabulousness of the runway models who are about to stomp their heels into it. It's Gainesville Fashion Week.

"We have an extended list of designers showcasing their pieces—the event has grown tremendously since last year," said Melanie Ling, media relations coordinator of GFW.

The first two seasons of GFW held their runway shows at the downtown lounge. The event's overwhelming popularity caused the show to move to the shows will be moving to The Vault at 238 W University Ave. The new, upscale lounge can hold about 800 people, said Tiffany Williams, producer of GFW.

GFW will focus on designers and boutiques such as Bobby K, Wolf-

gang, Kenneth McCraney, Mesh and Dahlia among others. All fashionistas will have their fashion taste buds satisfied with the wide range of designer styles spanning from a Colombian-based swimwear line to athletic Game-Day apparel.

Wolfgang will kick off the week with the first show tonight.

"It's cool that my show is the first one people will see," said Matthew Turner, owner of the boutique. "I hope to start everything off with a bang."

Turner will be showing more than 60 looks in a collection of late spring and early summer looks. He will also show a preview of fall. Turner is excited to introduce a few new brands that his boutique has recently acquired. The show will include sexy dresses from brands such as Motel and Pleasure Doing Business.

In GFW tradition, the closing show will headline local designer

Bobby K. His show will be ferocious and scandalous, he said.

"My whole theme for this show is glam," he said.

"We are giving a level of experience that would usually be found at the larger metropolitan cities."

MELANIE LING
media relations
coordinator of GFW

Although he usually sticks with a more casual look, K said his show was inspired by Hollywood starlets from the '50s. He will be showing everything from floor-length maxi dresses to men's swimwear. The dedicated team of GFW has been waiting to see its masterpiece come to life as the event has been in the works since September of last year.

In February, everything started to take shape with the open cast-

ing call for potential models. More than 200 hopefuls came out from all over Florida wishing to be one of the chosen 53. But more than just the models and designers will be shining in the spotlight during GFW.

"This is an event focusing on design on all levels," said Ling. "Whether it's hairstylists or boutique owners, we are giving them a chance to get themselves out there."

The plethora of featured hair stylists includes those out of Salon 119, Tecnicolors Salon and Avant Garde Salon. Each runway event will also have a featured DJ who will be providing a musical spin to the night's fashion.

GFW is aiming to bring what wouldn't usually be found in a city where Tim Tebow is the closest treasure to the glitz and glamor of fame.

"Gainesville is an area that's younger and upbeat with a lot of

edge. This is the type of experience we want to provide to those who won't go to Miami, L.A. or New York," Ling said. "We are giving a level of experience that would usually be found at the larger metropolitan cities."

Each night will begin with an opening performance, Williams said. Opening acts will vary from musical performances to choreographed dance pieces.

Tickets for Gainesville Fashion Week are about \$20, depending on your desired viewing spot of the runway show. The events will be taking place for the remainder of the week and the finale runway show will take place Saturday evening. Tickets may be purchased on the event's Web site at gainesvillefashionweek.com, where there is also a list of the designers featured for each day.

Check out alligator.org/the_avenue for footage from the event throughout the week.

Who should open the door, pay the bill?

By **MICHAEL PERRONNE**
and **AMELIA HARNISH**
avenue writers

He says...

Chivalry isn't dead. It just has a right time and place. In a dating culture where nice guys finish last and the asshole gets the girl, it's easy to see why the gentleman is no longer en vogue.

But the blame for this shift does not rest solely on the male gender. As women have evolved away from Susie Homemaker and toward Miss Independent, the rules of the game have changed.

The dating field is full of strong-willed, sexually empowered women, which means that it takes an equally assertive man to woo them. This new edition of female is similar to its predecessors, only its attraction circuitry has changed.

In our parents' time, courtship was as simple as a statement of interest with a little wining-and-dining, but acts like buying drinks or dinner dates don't carry with them the same implications that they once did.

Nowadays, offering to buy a random girl a drink is a demonstration of being sleazy. You may think you are being a gentleman, but all you are really saying to her is, "I don't have anything interesting to say, so I bought you this with the hope that you'd talk to me." Instead, grow some balls and just talk to her.

Girls, attractive ones especially, know that they can exploit these so-called "nice guys" to score drinks, dinners and gifts without ever having to return the favor. It is not uncommon for a girl to accept a dinner date for the sole reason of getting a free meal.

Don't sweat over outdated protocols. I'm not saying to abandon all manners and act like a jerk. Instead, when you are holding that door open, temper your expectations. She may think you're sweet, but you're probably no closer to getting in her pants.

After a bond has been created and mutual respect earned, the time for chivalry begins. When you are on your way to establishing a meaningful relationship, it is perfectly all right to go out of your way to make her feel special. Giving up your coat on a cold day, opening her car door, walking her home are chivalrous gestures that make her feel

like a princess and make you seem like Prince Charming.

Until then, save your money and spare the formalities.

She says...

Let's be honest: Chivalry has been dead for a long time.

The dictionary defines this ridiculous set of customs as: "the qualities idealized by knighthood, such as bravery, courtesy, honor and gallantry toward women." Yeah, I think that fairy tale ended with the fall of King Arthur and definitely by women's lib.

Yet some of these tired rules still creep into our expectations of modern dating, namely the practice of buying drinks and dinners.

First, I have to admit I have accepted a drink from a guy and just walked away. I have also entertained conversation with men just to secure free beverages for me and my friends, and I have definitely gone out to dinner to eat for free.

But this just shows how ridiculous chivalry is in today's context. Women are on their way to taking over. We are perfectly capable of opening our own doors, buying our own drinks and dinners and making the first move, but some of us still expect the damsel-in-distress treatment and some of us, regrettably, abuse it.

Ladies, we just can't have it both ways. We cannot expect that men, who feel forced to take care of us in every way or simply feel the need to buy us presents in exchange for our attention, will pay us the mutual respect we deserve. At the root of the chivalry concept is the idea that we are somehow incompetent and need to be taken care of. I think in more recent years, the demand for chivalry has been based on some sort of female entitlement - "I'm such a great catch, he better be a gentleman and pay for my dinner" - which is just counterproductive to equality.

But gentlemen, do not confuse chivalry with good manners. Just because it's unnecessary to throw your coat over a puddle for me doesn't mean it isn't a nice gesture to offer your blazer if I'm cold.

And for the traditionalists, if you really want to buy me a drink, fine. But let me get the next one.



drinks

Absinthe 'Light' comes to U.S.

By **GABRIELLE FALCONEIRI**
avenue writer

She's the mistress to Vincent Van Gogh and friend to bohemians and scenesters everywhere. Elusive, magical and maybe even a little dangerous, the Green Fairy—better known as Absinthe—is the stuff legends are made of.

Absinthe, a strong alcohol infused with the herb wormwood, is rumored to have hallucinogenic properties. Those are mostly myths, though Van Gogh did cut off his own ear during a supposedly Absinthe-induced stupor, according to absinthealchemist.com.

Wormwood releases a chemical called thujone, which is the "culprit" behind the hallucinations and can be toxic in high doses. However, the amount found in Absinthe isn't nearly as dangerous as the up to 190-proof alcohol itself. Anybody binging on Absinthe would get sick from alcohol poisoning way before the thujone could hurt them.

The fascination surrounding Absinthe as a mind-altering substance continues to hold strong.

It might be the cloudy green hue, the complicated preparation process or simply the strength of this beverage, but from "Moulin Rouge" to Johnny Depp and even the teen classic "EuroTrip," Absinthe culture upholds its mystical reputation.

Absinthe has been banned in the United States and certain European countries since the early 1900s. If you're wondering what bottle you recently saw in the liquor store container, think of it as Absinthe Light.

Absinthe isn't banned as a drug in the United States, but the chemical thujone is a substance controlled by the Food and Drug Administration, according to its Web site. American Absinthe makers realized they could filter out the thujone and capitalize on Absinthe's popularity.

Thujone-laced Absinthe, while harder to get, still exists for people who desire a "real" Absinthe experience. Countries in the European Union allow Absinthe production, though they strictly regulate thujone levels in any commercially produced liquor.

For those of us in the U.S., companies that produce Absinthe brewing kits, such as Green Devil Absinthe, boast a thujone level higher than the European Absinthes.

Their kits include everything you need to make and drink your own Absinthe except the alcohol, and because they sell them as novelty products, the kits exist in the semi-legal gray area between prohibition and acceptance.

To take a trip with the green fairy, go to Publix Liquors in Butler Plaza, where two types of Absinthe are sold.

Eating healthy not impossible

◆ WE'VE GOT TIPS FOR EATING HEALTHY ON THE GO.

By **LANCE FULLER**
avenue writer

It's five minutes until your next class. You have just come out of a three-hour-block and now have to run across campus to present a project. By the way, your stomach is growling. As a busy college student, you've probably faced the problem of too much to do and not enough time to do it. When you finally get a chance to eat, you may end up overeating on foods that are quick and cheap but not healthy. Here are some quick tips on how to eat healthy in college from UF's GatorWell and Janis Mena, registered dietitian and nutritionist from UF's Student Health Care Center.

1. Don't skip the most important meal of the day

According to GatorWell's Web site, even if you get out of bed at the last second before class, eat a piece of fruit or something quick like yogurt on the way to class. Studies consistently show that people who eat breakfast have a significantly higher metabolism than

those who do not.

2. Stock up and plan ahead

When you go grocery shopping, stock up and buy things that you can freeze and take out as a snack. Mena suggests planning your meals in advance. Along with string cheese and crackers made without hydrogenated fats, sandwiches will be a great mid-day snack that you won't have to worry about when you have multiple classes in a row, she said.

3. Eat when you're hungry and stop when you're satisfied, not full

According to caloriecount.about.com, it takes the brain anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes to realize that the stomach is satisfied when eating. The slower you eat, the fewer calories and food you will take in, thus you will feel fuller without eating three meals worth of food. For healthy eating, portion control is a top priority and when you feel satisfied, stop eating and push the plate away from yourself, Mena said.

4. Take advantage of the dining centers and convenience stores on campus

The many on-campus grocery

stores like Provisions on Demand in the Reitz Union, Beaty Market, Graham Oasis and Little Hall Express have grab-and-go items that are healthy and delicious such as sushi, hummus and soy milk. Also, the different student dining centers have full salad bars and fresh fruit and are always all-you-can-eat. Although you have to set up an account with Gator Dining, you will save more money in the long run having a meal plan and using the dining halls instead of eating at the different on-campus restaurants every day, said GatorWell intern Beth Kravitz.

5. Try healthier versions of your favorite comfort foods and beverages

Considering a cheeseburger and fries to eat while you study? Try leaner and healthier forms of protein like grilled chicken and have some veggies on the side or beans and rice instead of fries, Kravitz said. Also, avoid sugary beverages like regular sodas and fruit-flavored drinks and instead drink more water, skim or soy milk and unsweetened or lightly sweetened tea. For more information, check out Gator Dining's Website at gator dining.com.

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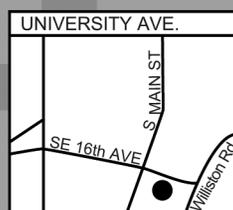
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Drum shows hit Gainesville

By LAUREN GOLD
avenue contributing writer

Drum roll, please. Trinidad & Tobago Sweet Tassa is coming to Gainesville.

The group will perform, host classes and speak about tassa, a drum of North Indian origin.

Tassa is a large part of weddings, religious practices and other cultural celebrations in Indo-Caribbean culture in Trinidad and Tobago.

The UF Center for World Arts and the School of Music will also be hosting Lenny Kumar, one of the most recognized tassa drummers in Trinidad and Tobago and founder of the Trinidad & Tobago Sweet Tassa Academy.

The weekend of music and culture from the Indian-Caribbean diaspora will be full of events free to the public:

On Friday there will be a guest lecture in Room 144 of the Music Building at UF at 10:40 a.m.. The main performance will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Sante Fe Springs Arts Festival in downtown Gainesville.

Studio Percussion, a non-profit organization that offers percussion lessons, will also be holding a class at 4:30 Saturday.

At 8 p.m., there will be a lecture and recital by UF ethnomusicology student Chris Ballenge, featuring T&T Sweet Tassa in the Steinbrenner Band Hall courtyard. For more information, e-mail Chris Ballengee at chrisball@ufl.edu. Space is limited for each event.

on television

'Glee' returns with Lady GaGa and guest stars

By MICHELLE PROFIS
avenue writer

Gleeks, the wait is over. The show that left America singing its high school heart out is back from hibernation, and not a moment too soon.

For those of you who have been living under a rock, I'll forgive and forget if you tune in when the show returns Tuesday on Fox after a four-month hiatus.

But just because we haven't been able sit in awe as New Directions belts out another powerhouse ballad doesn't mean the stars haven't been hard at work. The cast made an appearance at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll invited by the first lady herself on Monday. Yesterday, the cast invaded the set of "Oprah" for a "Glee"-centered episode. This summer, the cast will embark on a national tour, performing its Broadway-infused songs to adoring fans. And get yourself to the nearest store to snatch a copy of this week's Rolling Stone as cast members are featured on a 1950s-themed cover.

So what will become of our favorite McKinley High kids when the show kicks off? Although the season ended with the thank-goodness-this-finally-happened kiss between Will and Emma, the songsters winning sectionals, and Sue Sylvester getting kicked off her high horse for sabotaging Glee club, we have many questions left to be answered. Can Finn ever come to his senses and snatch up Rachel before it's too late? Will the snappy, sneaky Sue finally seek her revenge upon Glee club? And can Puck halt his wandering eye and take care of Quinn and his baby?

Aside from the obvious plot twists and turns that we have to look forward to (oh, who am I kidding? We only care about the music), creator Ryan Schwartz has also lined up quite the itinerary of guest stars as Neil Patrick Harris, Idina Menzel, Mollie Shannon and the reoccurring Kristen Chenoweth splash onto the "Glee" scene in the coming weeks. Also new to the show is Jonathan Groff, most known for starring in the Broadway smash "Spring Awakening" with Lea Michele. Groff will play Jesse St. James, a member of Glee club's rival group, Vocal Adrenaline, as well as an amorous contender for Rachel's heart.

We can laugh at Kurt's diva prowess and swoon over Puck's mohawk all we want, but when push comes to shove, there's really only one thing on everyone's mind: What are they going to sing? The show kicks off next week with something a little different: an entire episode with original music. Dubbed "Original Song," the episode will feature the kids writing and performing their own pieces of music. Skeptics, hold your horses and don't turn away quite yet because after this innovative episode airs, we will be on to the...wait for it...entirely Madonna-themed episode. The set list features hits like "Vogue" and "Like a Virgin." Bonus? The album, titled "The Music, the Power of Madonna" is already available for pre-order on iTunes. Other songs on tap for this season? Promos feature Lea Michele belting out "Like a Prayer" (also from the Madonna episode) and the cast version of "Hello Goodbye." But what got most fans in a bedazzled tizzy was the announcement that "Glee" would take on Lady GaGa's "Bad Romance" and "Poker Face." Cue the gleegasms.

So there you have it, gleeks. New songs, new drama, new romance and new Sue Sylvester zingers are headed our way. It's pretty clear that "Glee" is well on its way to taking over the world. We wouldn't want it any other way. For more on "Glee," visit Fox.com/glee.

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Amber Riley with President Barack Obama at the White House "Glee" performance. Associated Press

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3. Live together BAOTHIC
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Burton deserves credit for '10 class

■ THE QUARTERBACK HELPED KEEP THE GATORS' RECRUITS TOGETHER.

By **BOBBY CALLOVI**
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Many wondered how Florida was able to sign the nation's best recruiting class this year amid uncertainty surrounding coach Urban Meyer's career, but it wasn't just the staff that was working to keep the class together.

Freshman quarterback Trey Burton, who was the second UF commit for the 2010 class, was quick to make sure no one was jumping ship.

"I had to make sure I knew what was going on first, then I didn't want to lose the class, obviously, so I called (Ronald) Powell, I called (Josh) Shaw, I called as many people as I could and told them to spread the word that coach is fine,"

Burton said.

Powell, the nation's top prospect, and Shaw signed with UF, and the commitments of the top recruits really started pouring in after Meyer chose to take a leave of absence rather than resign.

The process the unit went through while waiting for final decisions about Meyer and the rest of the coaching staff, which needed to fill four vacancies, only brought the group closer together.

"Coach talks about family, and that's pretty much what we're like," Burton said. "Every time one of them comes done that is not here already, we always hang out with them."

Burton committed to UF before his junior season and came to almost every Gators game since, but despite the long wait, his transition to college-level football has not been easy.

The three-star recruit struggled early during spring practice and

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Harrison Diamond / Alligator Staff

UF freshman quarterback Trey Burton passes during the Gators' spring practice Wednesday afternoon. His has struggled with his throwing motion since enrolling in January.

UF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tyus considers going pro

By **ADAM BERRY**
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A year after testing the transfer waters, Alex Tyus is evaluating his NBA Draft options.

Tyus, the 6-foot-8 power forward who announced and reversed his decision to transfer last offseason, told the Gainesville Sun on Wednesday that he will submit his name into the NBA Draft but will not hire an agent.

UF spokesman Fred Demarest said Tyus has not filed the draft paperwork yet, but he likely will in the near future.

"Mainly, I just want to see where I stand," Tyus told the Sun on Wednesday. "I want to go through the process, getting a chance to meet some teams, working out against other players, trying to get better."

As a junior, Tyus averaged 11.8 points and tied for a team-high 6.9 rebounds per game, shooting 50.3 percent from the field and 68.3 percent from the free-throw line.

ESPN's Chad Ford currently doesn't have Tyus rated as a 2010 NBA Draft

prospect. The only two UF players Ford has listed are freshman guard Kenny Boynton (No. 101) and redshirt junior center Vernon Macklin (No. 208).

He is the third Florida player to enter his name into the NBA Draft without hiring an agent. The other two, Marreese Speights and Nick Calathes, left the Gators for pro careers after their sophomore seasons, though Calathes opted for Greece instead of the NBA.



Tyus

Tyus can start working out for NBA teams on April 25, but he can't miss class during workouts and must decide whether he'll return to school by May 8. He told the Sun he won't leave early unless he's projected as a first-round pick.

The Sun's report that Tyus will test the draft waters runs contrary to what UF coach Billy Donovan said Wednesday afternoon. He indicated that Ray Shipman would be the only player to leave the program this offseason and said he expected

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I'm rooting for Tiger despite faults

I'm going to let you in on a little secret.

It's not something I'm sure I'm proud of, but I can't deny the truth.

I'm rooting for Tiger Woods to win the Masters this weekend.

I obviously don't condone any of his off-the-course behavior. I don't appreciate the "new Tiger," which seems almost worse to me. At least before, I didn't really know much about Tiger, because he rarely let any outsiders in. While I may have stupidly believed that old sculpted image, that was pretty much on my shoulders.

Now Tiger is pretending to let everyone in but faking it. Doesn't that make him less real in a way?

Regardless, I know I probably shouldn't want Tiger to succeed this weekend. My mom, and many other women, would probably not approve. It's a lot like rooting for the villain or betting the Don't Pass line on the craps table.

The only way I rationalize it to my-



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self is that I want to see greatness. And to me, Tiger winning the Masters after this kind of layoff would be one of the most remarkable sports feats I've seen in my lifetime. A victo-

ry at Augusta after a five-month break would rank right up there with his U.S. Open win on a bad ACL.

I know Tiger usually doesn't play as many tournaments as other players and often times even sits out the events preceding majors.

But this layoff is five months away without a competitive tournament. Five months filled with tabloids and treatment.

Winning this weekend would effectively be Tiger flipping a middle finger

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TEeing OFF WITH MIKE McCALL

■ A new Nike ad shows a somber Tiger Woods with a voice-over from his deceased father, Earl. Pretty creepy, and if you ask me, this is part of Elin's plan to make sure her husband is marketed in the least-attractive way possible from now on. And there's a new alleged TigerGirl: his 21-year-old neighbor. I'd love to make a bet on Tiger's eagles at the Masters vs. mistresses revealed this week.

UF SWIMMING

■ UF coach Gregg Troy will serve as head coach for the men's United States Pan Pacific Swim Team. The event begins Aug. 18 in Irvine, Calif.

UF SOFTBALL

■ Francesca Enea was named one of 25 finalists for the 2010 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award on Wednesday for the second time in her career. It is the sport's highest individual honor.

Marsh's hip surgery recovery ahead of schedule

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was criticized for his awkward throwing motion.

But he showed a vast improvement in Saturday's scrimmage, looking like more than just a threat to run.

Despite playing better and seeing improvements in his throwing motion, he still has a long way to go in quarterbacks coach Scot Loeffler's eyes.

"It's improved. Is it there yet? No," Loeffler said. "It's not where we want it, but we are making some strides."

MARSH SHOULD BE READY FOR FALL: Defensive tackle



Marsh

Lawrence Marsh has been out this spring after having surgery on both hips to repair issues with his muscles and tendons.

Defensive line coach Dan McCarney said trainers told him Marsh's recovery is ahead of schedule and he should be ready by Aug. 1.

The redshirt senior played nine games last season, but he was the starter at nose tackle in 13 games in 2008.

Tyus news contradicts Donovan's statement

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Tyus to join Macklin and forward Chandler Parsons as a part of the Gators' all-senior frontcourt.

"I don't anticipate anyone being in a situation where they're looking to make a change," Donovan said.

Even if Tyus leaves, UF's frontcourt should still be the team's strength in the 2010-11 season. Macklin, Parsons and Erik Murphy return from last year's eight-

man rotation, Kenny Kadji and Adam Allen should be returning from injuries, and Donovan spoke highly of incoming 6-foot-8 forward Patric Young.



Men's Basketball

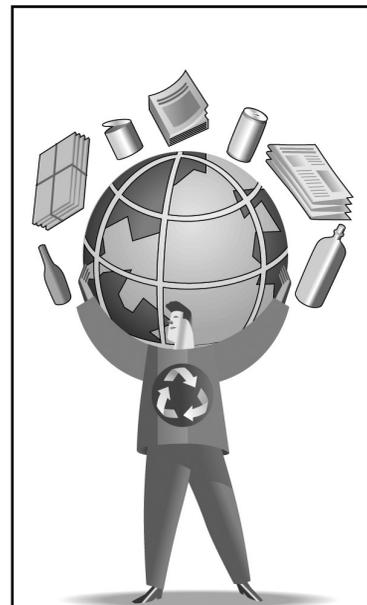
"He is a very physical, high-energy, high-contact guy,"

Donovan said of Young. "The last couple years, when we lost (Joakim) Noah, (Al) Horford and even Chris Richard, we haven't

really had that kind of physicality in our frontcourt."

DONOVAN TO RECEIVE WOODEN AWARD: Donovan will be honored with the John R. Wooden Award's "Legends of Coaching Award" on Friday night at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

"I think it's a great honor. I'm sure there's a lot of guys that are deserving of the award," he said. "Anything that's affiliated with coach Wooden's name is a big honor and a big deal."



Save and save again.

Recycling is an idea that's worth repeating

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to the world of golf. What more impressive statement could he possibly make? He'd be showing everyone that the sport still revolves around him and that the rules of mortal men simply don't apply.

Also, it's important to point out that Tiger didn't really wrong me. We're not related. I've never met him. The fact that he's a jerk and cheated on his wife doesn't exactly make him much different than a lot of other great, once-in-a-lifetime athletes. The hatred you might have of Woods — do you despise other greats like Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson? Rumor has it those two weren't exactly the most committed men. These things simply weren't as big a deal because the TMZs of the world didn't exist.

I know part of the problem with Tiger was that we all felt like he was different. We thought he was going to be that great sports star that was also a great role model. So everybody felt burned when his transgressions were revealed. The fact that he was put on a pedestal isn't Tiger's fault.

But this isn't any sort of apology for Woods. He made his choices because he lives in a different world than you and I. He felt like rules don't apply to him, and the truth is they still do not. Maybe he'll change and become some great person of character.

The truth is I don't really care. All I want from Tiger is for him to be putting on another green jacket come Sunday.

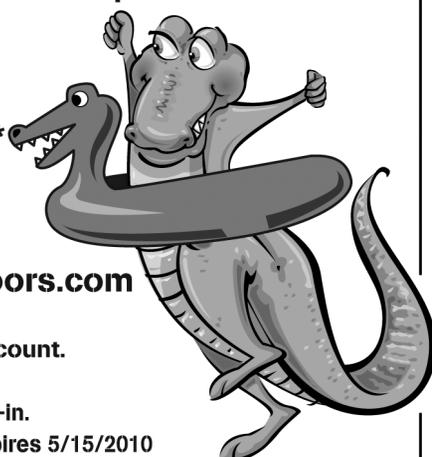
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Making Their Mark

By **ANDREW OLSON**
Alligator Writer

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Every Sunday, the team drives two hours down I-75 to practice at Central Florida Paintball, and this weekend it'll make the same trek to compete in the National Collegiate Paintball Association National Championships.

"It's the best field around for tournament paintball," UF Paintball Club President Thomas Irby said. "The area (Gainesville) fields don't have bunker layouts."

That statement alone makes it clear that there's a difference between this kind of paintball and what most people enjoy recreationally.

There's intricate strategy and major time and financial commitments from those involved, and all that will come to a head this weekend.

"People hear 'paintball tournament,' and they'll say, 'Oh, you're going to



UF Paintball Club members Mario Louis, Davek Sharma, Ryan Kung and Whittaker Bullard. The Gators will head to the NCPA National Championships this weekend in Lakeland.

go hide out in the woods?" said sophomore Whittaker Bullard, the club's vice president.

There's more of a strategy to tournament paintball than ducking behind trees.

Each of the five players has a designated role. There are two distinct sides of bunker layouts, called dorito (left) and snake

(right), with a front and back player on each.

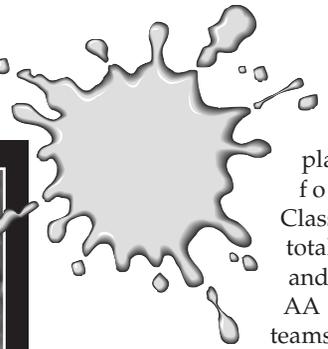
The fifth member is the "home row" player who fires shots at the other side of the field to dictate where the other team will run.

Irby said a front player will typically fire 300-to-400 rounds per game while the back players fire between 1,000 and 1,200

rounds. Bunker layouts are rearranged frequently, and teams develop different breakout formations and scouting reports on other teams.

"We know that Ole Miss, for example, shoots strong on the snake side," Irby said.

At this weekend's national championships, the Gators will



play two formats: Class A (18 total teams) and Class AA (50 teams).

The UF team typically competes in AA, which consists of eight to 10 games of five-on-five for one point each, but by virtue of a second-place finish at a fall tournament, it will also take on Class-A competition.

Class A is more popular in the Midwest and Northeast, where teams play as many five-on-five games as possible in 32 minutes.

Irby said a Class-A league in the Southeast may be in the works. That would likely make a dent in the players' wallets.

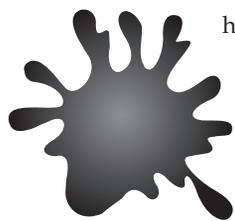
The Gators have budgeted for eight-to-10 cases of paintballs (containing 2,000 each) for the Class-AA tournament and plan to need roughly 15 cases per session of Class-A play.

Even in the less-expensive Class AA, funding has not come easy for the UF team.

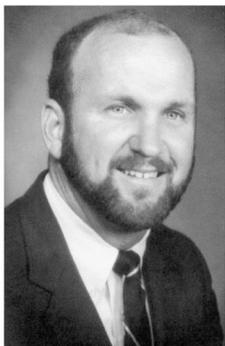
This year is the first time since the club's formation in 2003 that it has received Student Government special allocations funding for entry and supplies in a tournament.

Even with the SG contribution, the club expects to be out about

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Gators open national championship play Friday against Kennesaw St.

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\$800 after paint is purchased for this weekend.

And those weekly trips to Lakeland add up, too. Ten to 12 players pitch in roughly \$50 every Sunday to cover field entry fees and paint. For some students, the cost of paying upward of \$600 over the course of a semester is giving up their Saturday-night social lives.

Irby, who has been a member of the club for four years, said this is especially difficult for paintball club members who also take part in Greek life, as the only way to make the team is to show up to practice.

And in addition to that commitment, representing the sport in a positive way is a must.

"A lot of people make the vandalism association," Bullard said. "They think you have a paintball gun just to shoot at cars."

"People like to throw around 'gun' like it's a bad word," he added. "There's a zero-tolerance policy on the team for violating UF regulations. You can't keep it

on campus, or you need to register it with UPD. Any violation of UF safety regulations means you're off the team."

It helps having someone to look up to. Former Gator Mike Carthy, who played for UF in 2003 before starting a professional career, is a member of the National Professional Paintball League's Tampa Bay Damage and was MVP of the 2006 NXLA All-Star Event.

"I run into them at Lakeland sometimes," Carthy said. "I like seeing the guys and talking to them, especially the new guys who have joined since I was (last) there."

UF begins games in the 18-team Class A competition Friday at 8 a.m. against Kennesaw State and will face Connecticut at 10 a.m. followed by a 1 p.m. game against Liberty that will be broadcast live on foxcollegesports.com.

Class-AA play, which has 50 teams, begins Saturday, and the tournament lasts through Sunday with live streaming of games available on b2tv.com.

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Breaking Out

This diagram shows a play the UF Paintball Club plans to use at this weekend's National Collegiate Paintball Association National Championships in Lakeland. On the map, colored shapes are obstacles, solid black lines represent player movements from the initial breakout point (bottom center of map), and the thicker lines show planned firing lanes. The goal of this play is to advance the player on the "snake" (right) side up near midfield to gain a better firing angle on the opposition. Two players run to the corners to provide cover fire down the sides, while another moves around the left side to help advance the snake player forward. The "home row" player remains in the middle.

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