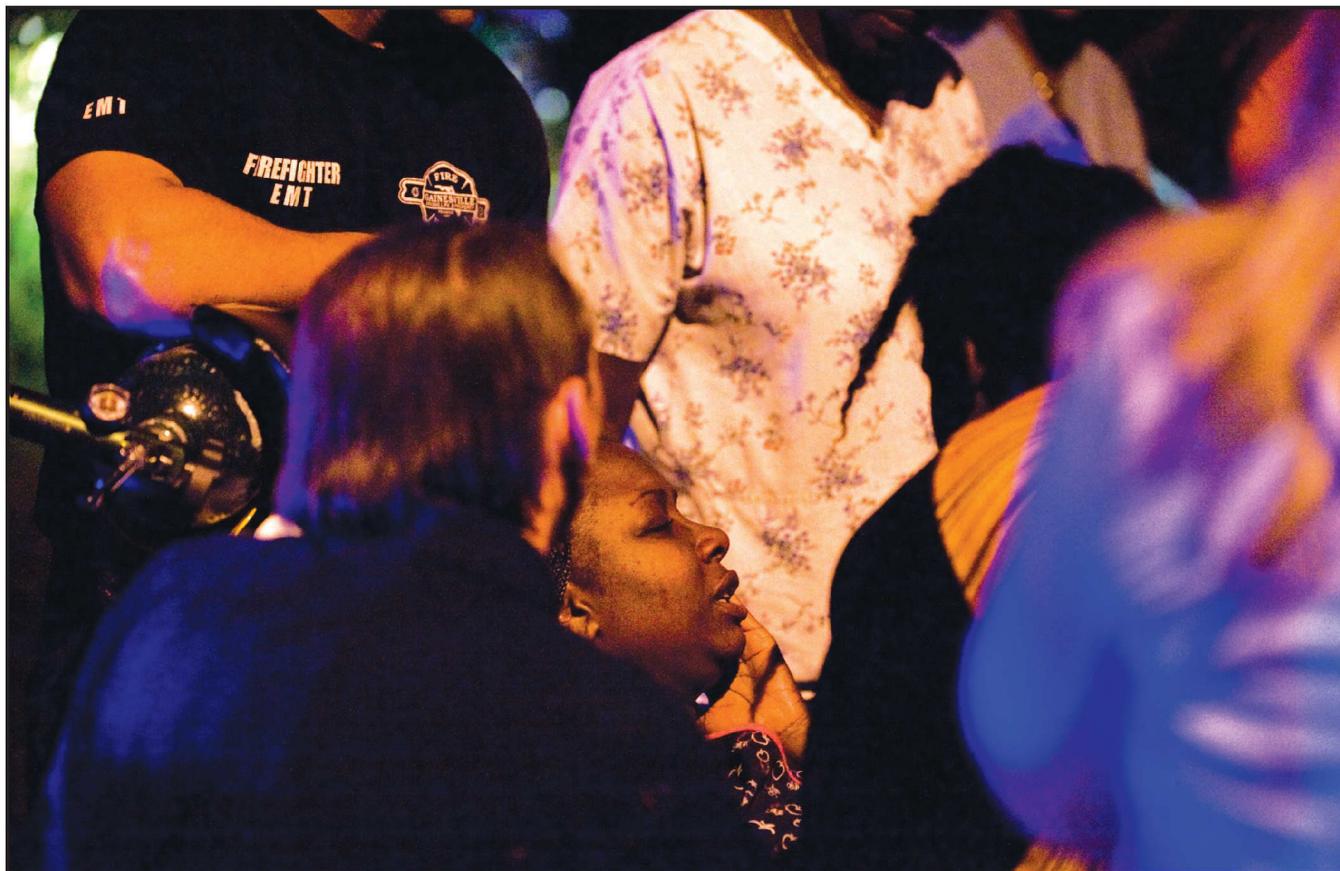




# Shooter attacks six before killing himself



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Tonya Small, the sister of the alleged shooter, Clifford Miller Jr., recovers after fainting when the body of her father, Clifford Miller Sr., was moved from his home Monday evening by medical examiners, according to neighbors and relatives.

By JON SILMAN  
 Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man shot six people and then killed himself in an east Gainesville shooting spree on Monday.

One victim was killed, and the other five were in surgery as of Monday night, police said in a press conference.

The suspect is Clifford Miller Jr., 24, who was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head in a red Chevrolet truck at 2306 SE 46th Terrace.

Police were flooded with 911 calls between 4:03 p.m. and 4:16 p.m. as Miller rampaged through east Gainesville. The shootings took place at six separate locations within a three-mile radius.

Police said they do not yet know the relationship between the victims and the suspect. Neighbors and witnesses said they believed Miller was specifically targeting at least some of the victims.

One of the houses where a body was found, 914 SE 10th Ave., is the residence of the suspect's father, Clifford L. Miller Sr., 52. Family and neighbors said the suspect killed his father, but police would not yet confirm the victim's name.

All of the victims were adult males, and their injuries ranged from "minor to very serious," according to Lt. Steve Maynard of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

Police said they do not yet have a motive for the shooting.

**Breaking News**

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT BUDGET SG budget explained

By CAROLYN TILLO  
 Alligator Staff Writer

They drain students' pockets, but many students don't know what they are. Activity and service fees fund services offered through Student Government, the Reitz Union and RecSports, and they generate millions of dollars. The 2010 to 2011 Activity and Service Fee Budget for UF is almost \$16 million, according to Student Government documents obtained by the Alligator.

UF students are paying \$12.38 per credit hour in activity and service fees, compared to last year's fees of \$10.65 per credit hour, a result of the Florida Legislature's decision to lift a cap that prevented tuition and fees from rising

more than 5 percent each year.

For 2010 to 2011 only, the Higher Education Conforming Bill allows public universities in Florida to increase their fees up to 15 percent or by the amount needed to reach the state average.

This year's increased activity and service fees added \$1.56 million to the UF Activity and Service Fees budget.

*See SG budget breakdown on pg. 3*

Of these funds, \$747,842 will be distributed to the Reitz Union to support additional staff to oversee student groups, and \$812,155 will be distributed to RecSports to help pay for the Southwest Recreation Center expansion and for additional staff.

## UF grant take tops chart

By JOEY FLECHAS  
 Alligator Staff Writer

The state legislature has awarded UF \$600,000 in research grants to fund alternative energy and health care technology research.

In the spring, the legislature allocated \$2 million to fund the commercialization of products and technologies that result from university research.

Twenty-one projects from 10 state universities were approved to receive part of the funding.

Four projects will be based at UF, which is receiving the largest award out of the 10 universities.

"At UF, we certainly have the largest

research enterprise in the state," said UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

One of the UF projects aims to market a new technology that allows medical providers to track prescribed pills or capsules and make sure patients are adhering to a medication regimen.

Another will try to produce a market-ready, portable energy-generating unit using an alternative fuel cell technology.

Orlando said the grant further bolsters the university's continued focus on research.

**Top 4 Recipients**

1. UF - \$600,000
2. USF - \$400,000
3. UCF - \$370,000
4. FSU - \$300,000

■ UF struggled in the red zone against Alabama, scoring six points on four possessions. Freshman Trey Burton's interception was one of two red-zone turnovers Saturday. See Story, Page 14.



### Look, Ma, no hands: Man plans 300-mile hands-free Harley ride

ADRIAN, Mich. — A man plans to ride his Harley-Davidson about 300 miles from the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan to the Ohio border without using his hands to steer to raise money for Parkinson's disease research.

Phil Comar of Adrian told The Daily Telegram that the Sunday ride is in memory of his father, Robert, who died in 2008. He wants to raise \$3,000 with the ride for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's

Research.

The 61-year-old has been riding motor bikes and motorcycles almost 50 years, and said he'll steer with his legs and by leaning. An extra gas tank has been added to the back of his motorcycle so he can go nonstop.

Comar plans to ride to the bridge that connects Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula on Saturday — no-handed at times.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Freshman Phone-A-Thon

Today to Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
The Campus Diplomats, official ambassadors for the Dean of Students Office, will be calling each and every one of you to see how your year has been so far. We will provide information about registration and answer your questions. We want to make sure you're feeling at home here in The Gator Nation, so be sure to pick up your phones.

### UF Phi Beta Lambda Meeting

Today, 6:15 pm  
Matherly Room 102  
This is your chance to develop leadership, communication and team skills, as well as meet and network with others at the local, state or national levels. Join Phi Beta Lambda, the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America, the premier professional business organization in the nation. Come to our meeting this week and learn more about what we do. Visit [www.groupspaces.com/pbl](http://www.groupspaces.com/pbl) for more information.

### Relay for Life Kickoff

Today, 6:30 p.m.  
Leigh Hall, Room 207  
The American Cancer Society is kicking off its premier fundraiser and wants you to come join! Anyone interested in being a team captain for Relay for Life is invited to attend. For more information, e-mail [ufcollegesagaainstcancer@yahoo.com](mailto:ufcollegesagaainstcancer@yahoo.com).

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### Art for the Jewish Heart

Today, 7 p.m.  
UF Hillel  
Express your connection to Judaism through art! Join us for the chance to create an artistic masterpiece out of clay based on the idea of B'selem Elohim, or "in God's image." No charge, just come have fun and be ready to get your hands dirty.

### ON CAMPUS

#### BSUHCjjj

UF's Black Student Union is hosting its Homecoming 2010 celebration, Rhapsody, this week.  
Voting for homecoming contestants will take place today and Wednesday on Turlington Plaza from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All students are encouraged to vote and must have their Gator 1 Card present.  
On Friday, the union will be announcing the winners of the Homecoming contestants at the Homecoming Ball in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom at 8 p.m. Cocktail attire is requested and refreshments and finger food will be provided.  
The dance and all other BSU Homecoming Rhapsody

events are free and open to the public.  
"We want to stress that everyone is welcomed, not just members of the black community," said Asia Jones, BSU Homecoming director. She said they are expecting around 500 attendees at the dance and a diverse audience.

— KARINA LISENBEE

### CORRECTIONS

In a story in Monday's paper about homelessness in Gainesville, a quote was attributed to Craig Lowe. It was actually said by Theresa Lowe, director of the Office of Homelessness.  
In a caption for an image in Monday's paper, it says the picture shows Pi Delta Psi Fraternity Inc. performing a skit. The picture is actually of the Meihua Student Association of Martial Arts performing a skit.

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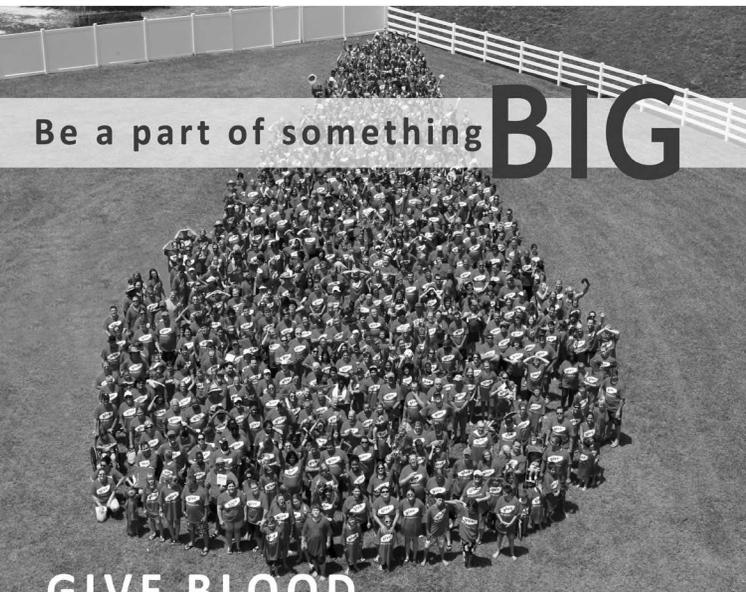
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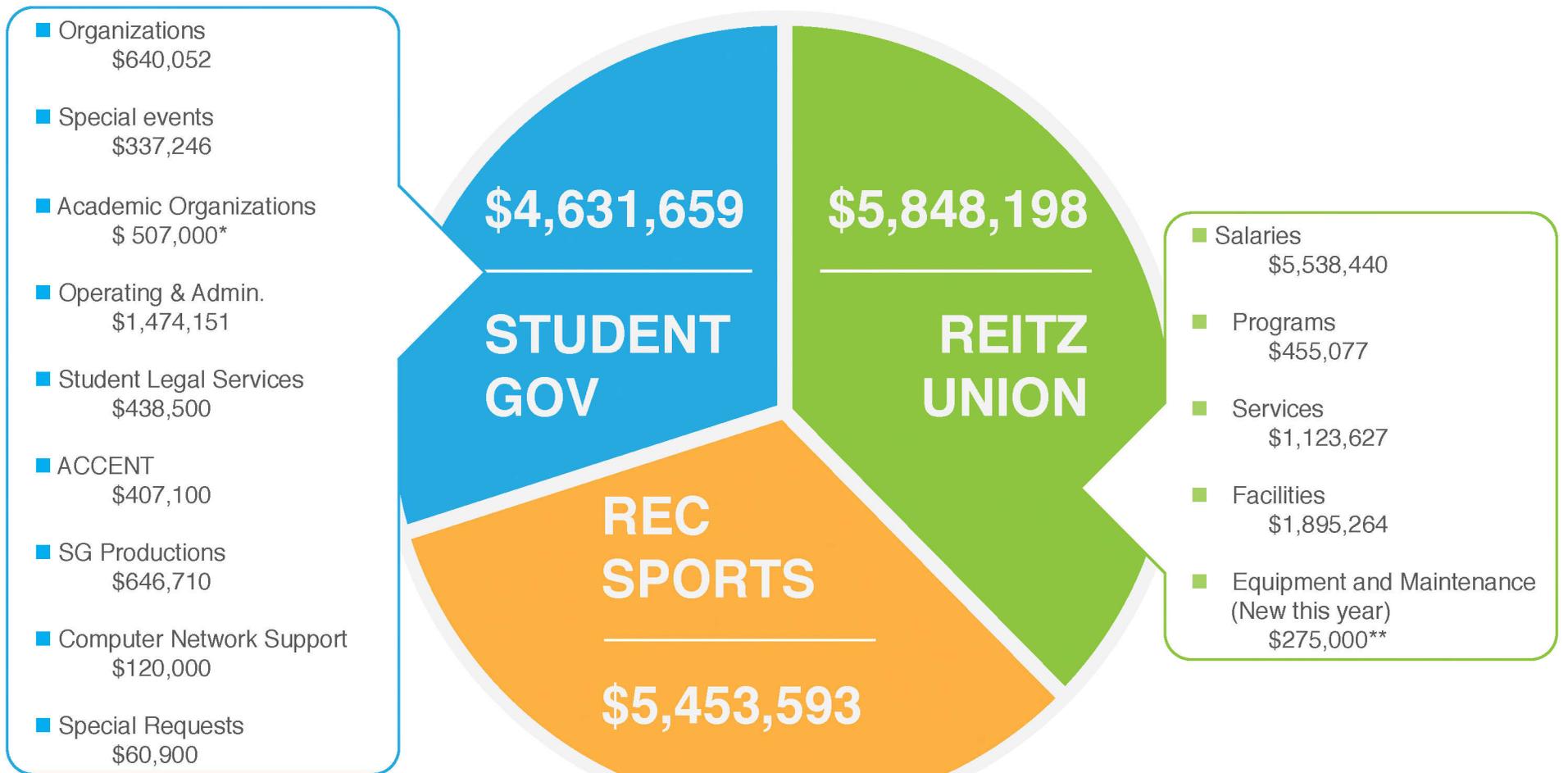
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# 2010-2011 ACTIVITY & SERVICE FEE BUDGET BREAKDOWN TOTAL - \$15,933,450



\*\$60,000 was taken from this year's academic organizations budget to fund late-night study hours at the Reitz Union. Stan Beckerdite, SG Business Manager, said the organizations had not been using all of their budgeted money in previous years.

\*\*The Reitz Union budget numbers add up to \$9,287,408 because this includes an additional \$3,439,210 from revenue generated by union services, such as the hotel and the restaurants.

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## STUDENT LIFE

# Campus offers flu vaccinations

By **KIMBERLY DEWITT**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Student Health Care Center kicked off its 2010 Influenza Campaign with free flu vaccinations Monday for UF students at the Reitz Union.

Kelly Mitchell, registered nurse and coordinator of the campaign, said the center ordered 10,000 doses of the vaccine this year, twice as many as last year. In 2009, all 5,000 doses were used and Mitchell hopes students, faculty and staff will once again take advantage of the services.

"In the past we have had shortage issues and delayed shipping problems," she said. "Rarely does everything go exactly as planned. But so far so good for now, although it's only the first day."

John Hinchee, a fifth-year environmental science student, was one of the many students who received the shot Monday.

**"In the past we have had shortage issues and delayed shipping problems."**

**Kelly Mitchell**  
Registered nurse

No stranger to the illness, Hinchee contracted the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, last year while studying abroad in Australia.

"The fourteen-hour plane ride home from Australia was rough," he said. "I'd much rather have the flu shot this year than have to deal with that nonsense again."

The vaccines are free to students but are available to employees for \$25. Outreach clinics accept cash or check only.



AP Photo

## Sitting within the Siege

Students sit as they attend a military ceremony while soldiers stand guard in front of the government palace in Quito, Ecuador, Monday. Ecuador is under a state of siege, with the military in charge of public order, after soldiers rescued Ecuador's President Rafael Correa Thursday from a hospital where he'd been surrounded by police who roughed him up and tear-gassed him earlier.

# Secretary of ed. holds conference

By **CJ PRUNER**  
Alligator Staff Writer

While some may view the combination of slashed budgets and skyrocketing costs as the death knell for the affordable college education in America, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan sees it as nothing more than another round of challenges for what he still considers the greatest educational system in the world.

In a phone conference Monday, Duncan reassured student reporters that the government is doing all it can to keep students in school at a reasonable price.

"[A college education] has never been more important," Duncan said. "But it's never been more expensive."

While Duncan acknowledged problems within the educational system like keeping costs down and preparing students to finish college, he pointed to increases in federal funding and the simplifying of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as positive signs.

The conference call was sponsored by MTV and the College Board as a part of their "Get Schooled College Affordability Challenge," which allows students from across the nation to propose new ideas to revamp the financial aid system.

Gaston Caperton, former governor of West Virginia and current president of The College Board, said a lot of the problems facing the American educational system are due to a combination of overspending and failing to save.

A solution may hinge on the federal government's ability to raise taxes, he said. He acknowledged that some Americans may not appreciate such a measure, but he said a better-educated America would outweigh the cost.

"It wasn't the popular thing to do, but it was the right thing to do," he said.



Duncan

# RTS to add 25 buses, build new facility

■ IT RECEIVED A \$10.6-MILLION GRANT.

By **ALEXANDER KLAUSNER**  
Alligator Writer

A little more than a month after setting a new record for riders in a single day, Regional Transit System has broken its record for riders in a month and riders in a single year.

The news was followed by the announcement that the company is receiving a \$10.6 million grant from the Department of Transportation to build a new maintenance facility and expand the fleet by 25 buses.

"It really got everybody energized over here in the office," said Chip Skinner, spokesman for RTS.

During the month of the September, about 1.15 million people rode RTS buses, breaking the previous record set in 2009 by 31,042 riders.

September is RTS' busiest month because of the large influx of new students on campus, according to Skinner.

"It's a great benefit to have our partnership with the University of Florida," he said. "We couldn't have broken that record without the faculty, students and staff of UF choosing public transit and choosing the green option for their transportation needs."

About 9.37 million people rode the bus from Oct. 1, 2009 to the same date this year, breaking the previ-

**"Hopefully we will be able to expand on the number of routes and the service that we provide to the public."**

**Chip Skinner**  
Spokesman for RTS

ous year's record by about 300,000 riders.

Construction on the new facility could begin as soon as 2011, and Skinner estimated the facility would be completed by 2013.

"With the expansion of fleets and the facility, hopefully we will be able to expand on the number of routes and the service that we provide to the public," he said.

# SG votes to let election violations slide

■ VIOLATORS WERE WARNED.

By **KAT BEIN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

The Student Government Election Commission voted unanimously to let election code violators off with a warning Monday night.

The commission considered two election complaints filed during last week's SG election.

The first complaint accused Student Alliance party spokesman

Yevgen Sautin and independent Sen. Neil Gundavda of distributing unregistered and unapproved fliers around campus. The fliers misrepresented the platform of the Unite Party.

## Student Government

filed the complaint, said the defendants had committed "obvious violations."

The four-member council gave

Sen. Alan Yarnuck, who ran independently this semester and

each of the accused persons a warning, citing a lack of hard evidence for a harsher punishment.

The second complaint was filed because 10 independent candidates turned in their campaign finance reports late or not at all. They also received warnings.

All complaints previously filed by members of the Unite Party were dropped before the meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, the committee voted to validate the results of the election.



Tom Plevik/ Alligator Staff

### Divine Dip

In the cool water of the Ichetucknee River, April Powell, 32, of Lake City, with the help of her church's pastor, plunges below the surface and emerges baptized. Powell, her husband, their two sons and daughter were each baptized during a public ceremony alongside members from five other churches Sunday. The ceremony included gospels songs, blessings by the Broken Lance Native American Church and a dessert social.

## Defender retires to teach lawyers in Afghanistan

By **MARISSA PRIETO**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Rick Parker has spent more than a quarter of a century working for people who can't afford to hire a lawyer. Now, he's moving to Afghanistan to train young Afghan lawyers.

Rick Parker, 63, has served as the Eighth Judicial Circuit public defender in Alachua County since 1984.

Now, he'll train lawyers through Pacific Architects and Engineers Inc., a private company under contract with the U.S. State Department.

It all started in May when he received an e-mail through the Florida Public Defenders Association from PAE Inc. with one-year job opportunities for those interested in serving as criminal defense advisers in Afghanistan.

Parker had recently decided with his wife Kathy that he was not going to run for re-election in 2012.

"Part of the problem of looking for a new job is that sometimes you find one before you're really ready to take it," he said. "I don't think the position will be available if I wait, so I've decided to take advantage of the unique opportunity."

The exact duties and responsibilities of the job will be unknown to Parker until he is approved for flight and arrives in Kabul, Afghanistan. The company has offices in seven other provinces, and Parker could end up at any of them.

The goal, Parker said, is to create a

stable nation that can resist the Taliban and deny a home to al-Qaida.

"If we can accomplish those things, it will make Europe and America both safer places to live," he said.

Parker had a previous interest in Afghanistan and was familiar with the U.S. mission there. Parker works with a man who served two one-year contracts in Afghanistan and a woman whose husband is in Afghanistan now. Parker talked with the woman's husband about his experiences.

"Looking at his pictures and getting to talk to him about it, I thought it was a very noble thing to do," Parker said.

"We're going to be doing the best we can to stay away from the dangerous situations," Parker said. One risk, he said, is roadside bombs. The lawyers

will travel in armored vehicles.

"I feel blessed to have this chance to do something that I consider to be helpful, while at the same time challenging myself to do something totally different than what I'm used to," he said.

He isn't sure when he'll fly to Afghanistan, but he expects it will be before the end of the year. As for the open position of public defender, Parker said Stacy Scott, an assistant public defender in Alachua County, will be his recommendation to Gov. Charlie Crist.



Parker

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## Editorial

# Sexy Studies

## Teens using condoms more often

Americans are having a lot of sex. And things are getting freakier and friskier. The National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior, which appeared in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine* Monday, paints one of the largest and naughtiest images of America's collective sex life, and some of the results are, well, just keep reading.

America is stretching the limits of its definition of normal and lubing it up with a side of cherry-flavored kinky.

According to the study, respondents participated in a repertoire of more than 40 hide-your-eyes sex acts and positions during their most recent sexual encounter.

Forty? We must be a bunch of prudes, but we got stuck naming positions at about 17. Good work, America! Happy humping!

Fifteen percent of respondents also reported having a sexual history involving at least some same-sex action. Interestingly, only 7 percent of those respondents reported their sexuality as something "other than heterosexual."

And in a nod to the lovable Bill Clinton and his tagline more famous than "not inhaling," America seems to also be having a hard (so many puns) time defining what dirty deeds can be called sex.

And the study makes us proud of kiddies across the nation. According to the study, 83 percent of teens reported using a condom during their most recent sexual encounter. But only 22 percent of adult males reported wrapping up.

So keep passing out those free condoms, GatorWell.

And remember, Gators, if you don't use one, like the 83 percent of teens who do, you will get pregnant, and you will die.

## Fare trials

Sixth Amendment, Schmidth Amendment! In a New York University law school report released Monday, of the 15 states with the highest prison populations, one of those being our very own penal-fail peninsula, 13 imposed some hefty charges for those seeking public defendants.

In an obvious contrast to the Sixth Amendment, which states the accused shall "have the Assistance of Counsel for his [or her] defense," the finding obviously flips T. Jefferson and ole' Mr. Madison over in their graves.

Although the sixth installment in the Bill of Rights doesn't explicitly say counsel should be provided free of charge, the study finds poorer criminals will, in effect, have worse representation and a higher chance of wrongful conviction as they

are unable to afford some of the public defenders' rates that can reach nearly \$1,300.

The American Civil Liberties Union has spoken out after the study's release, saying the study labels America, where liberty and justice for all are supposedly super important, as a two-tiered system of justice where rich Americans have a greater chance of accessing fair legal representation.

But then again, the National Districts Attorney Association said it's "only fair" dirt poor criminals should have to fork up the dough they don't have.

This study tells us all one thing about America's values: Greed is good.

Apparently so good it trumps constitutionality.

Everyone deserves equal representation no matter how many Benjamins he or she can fork over.

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## Column

# 'Teen Mom' signals demise of America

Everybody with cable TV and a proclivity toward captivating car-wreck television has an opinion on the sorta-famous young mothers on MTV's "Teen Mom," but this week marks the first time police started a case against someone based solely on what the baby momma did on MTV.

MTV giveth, and MTV taketh away.

"Teen Mom" is a runaway hit television show that may or may not glamorize teen pregnancy.

The only things I'm sure "Teen Mom" glamorizes are wearing sweatpants and completely ignoring your children.

However, an Indiana girl named Amber Portwood is currently under investigation by police and Child Protective Services in her hometown for mercilessly beating her baby daddy, Gary Shirley, in the last episode of this season's "Teen Mom."

If the police decide to rewind the DVR and watch the rest of this season, they may just take away Portwood's baby and place it in a more safe and secure location where it can have a better chance at a normal life — somewhere like an industrial mine in Mongolia or inside a den of angry bears.

The bears would easily recognize the child's father as one of their own, as he is roughly the size of a teenage grizzly and hibernates for half the year. Bears, though, would be immediately disappointed in Shirley's work ethic and inability to do anything remotely productive in life other than pick up ugly girls in the diaper aisle at Walmart.

Portwood and Shirley are just one of the four sets of parents on "Teen Mom" who have agreed to have every detail of their depressing lives scrutinized by millions



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of people.

In exchange for a sniff of what passes for fame in the Facebook Age, these improbable American idols reveal every torturous moment to a global television audience and provide endless digital fodder in the form of video clips and message-board material.

We watched as Portwood was brought to tears by a particularly vexing computerized GED test and cringed as she screamed at her baby for being too needy and weepy.

A nation held its collective breath as Shirley excruciated over the most important decision he makes on any given day — pizza or hot wings.

I guess all the world's a stage, and the men and women are merely players.

But it is still important to note the above passage did not originate in a song by Drake or Kanye.

It is a hallmark of modern American society when we have the ability to boil down complex issues that bleed across numerous socio-economic and cultural boundaries into a twaddling tweet or a "Like" button.

Yet the struggles of teen moms make for such compelling material precisely because they are such a personal and sensitive matter, and societies exist largely to shelter and hopefully cultivate stronger bonds than the ones we see strained by the cartoonish violence of a dumb, chunky girl on MTV.

Et tu, Amber?

Tommy Maple is an international communications graduate student. His column appears every Tuesday.

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

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Do you watch "Teen Mom"?

**Monday's question:** Did you stop watching the UF-Alabama game before it ended?

**50% YES**

**50% NO**

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## Letters to the Editor

### Columnist misses point about Fox News

Chris Dodson's criticism of President Barack Obama's campaign against Fox misses the point.

MSNBC is certainly partisan, but that does not mean it has anything in common with Fox.

There is a difference between being partisan and lying.

On health care, Fox lied.

MSNBC got it right.

On the New York City mosque, Fox unabashedly employed racism and hate-mongering.

MSNBC employed compassion and common sense. From a fact-checking point of view, Fox and MSNBC have nothing in common.

MSNBC could probably do its message a favor and tone down the sensationalism.

However, if methods of research and journalism with a sense of integrity lead an organization to support one party over another, as displayed with NPR, we should be careful not to mistake this happening for partisan hackery.

I encourage anyone who disagrees to fact check Fox News and MSNBC.

Dave Gallo  
4CLAS



### Free market leads to tragic effects

William Tew's Monday letter to the editor and his suggestion that socialist governments have more frequently brain-washed their citizens than capitalist governments should be called into question.

Tew should be reminded he lives in a country which, through the CIA, has actively sabotaged the economies of dozens of leftist countries around the world, surreptitiously started wars that have killed millions of people, overthrown dozens of democratically elected leaders, staged public opinion polls and planted newspaper articles mostly at the direction of the capitalist-spawned U.S. corporations that wanted to sell their products in those countries.

Indeed, the free market gives fruitful results in many industries, but tragic effects occur when unfettered profit pursuit drives all business activity.

Idan Solon  
UF alumnus

## Guest column

# Negligence caused gay suicides

I am furious and cannot keep silent any longer. For those who are not aware, there has been a series of suicides over the last few weeks with a common theme: people who were being harassed for their sexuality. We all (or at least should) remember Matthew Shepard, the gay student at the University of Wyoming who was brutally beaten and left on a split-rail fence in the middle of nowhere to die.

His horrific death prompted a wave of hate-crime awareness and led to attempts to codify anti-hate crime legislation in the form of the Matthew Shepard Act. This was in 1998. This act wasn't passed until 2009. Why?

Because our nation does not view gay and lesbian people as human beings deserving of equality and acceptance.

It's been 12 years since Shepard's gruesome death, and one might think progress has been made in the area of protection against hate crimes. Well, it hasn't.

The nation was shocked in February 2008 when Lawrence King, a 15-year-old middle school student, was shot in the head by a 14-year-old student while at school. He was shot because he had attempted to befriend someone who had been taught that gay people were evil, that gay people were not human. This prompted another wave of media coverage and lent enough credence to get the Matthew Shepard Act passed in 2009.

Once again, the nation could sweep this issue under the rug because gay and lesbian people had gotten their protection, and we could go back to worrying about the latest season of "American Idol."

Lawrence King has faded from the collective mind of the public, and new issues occupy our attention. Yet again, the issue of anti-gay harassment raises its brutish head, in an even more shocking event.

This time, an 11-year-old student hanged himself. There are people on this campus with children around that age. How would you feel, parents, if you came home and your child had killed himself or herself? How would you feel, especially, if you knew of the issue that caused this and had repeatedly notified your child's school, but the school did nothing to stop this harassment?

This is what happened in Massachusetts in April 2009.

### Sterling Davenport Speaking Out

Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, unable to bear the load of daily torment by his classmates, took his own life. His mother notified the school weekly leading up to this, pleading with it to step in and stop this harassment.

All this does is say to survivors, "Your child was not worthy of protection, and your child is not worthy of remembrance."

I'm going to list some names of children who are now dead because of harassment based on their sexual orientation. July 9, Justin Aaberg, 15, Minnesota, hanged himself after continual harassment at school. Sept. 9, Billy Lucas, 15, Indiana, hanged himself after being constantly tormented at school, with the full knowledge of the administration. Sept. 19, Seth Walsh, 13, California, hanged himself after being forced to transfer schools due to harassment over his sexuality. Sept. 22, Tyler Clementi, 18, freshman at Rutgers University, New Jersey, jumped from a bridge after his roommate broadcast him being intimate with another man over his Facebook and Twitter feed. Sept. 23, Asher Brown, 13, Texas, shot himself in the head after continual harassment at school. Sept. 29, Raymond Chase, 19, openly gay sophomore at Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island, hanged himself in unknown circumstances in his dorm room.

Did we take any impact from Matthew Shepard? From Larry King? From Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover? Did we change the casual nature of homophobic slang in our culture? Did we recognize we needed to do something about this issue? No.

Now we have six more deaths on our hands. Six children dead for senseless, thoughtless reasons. Let this be a lesson to us all. Words and actions have real-world consequences. Let us not have these children lose their lives in vain.

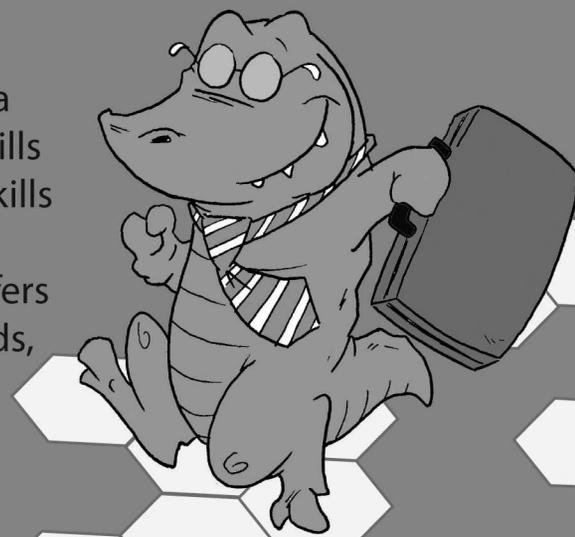
I hope you will join me in an effort to stop harassment, stop violence and let the families of these children and other children who are struggling with the same issues know we are committed to finding a solution to this increasingly dangerous problem.

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Sterling Davenport, 4LS

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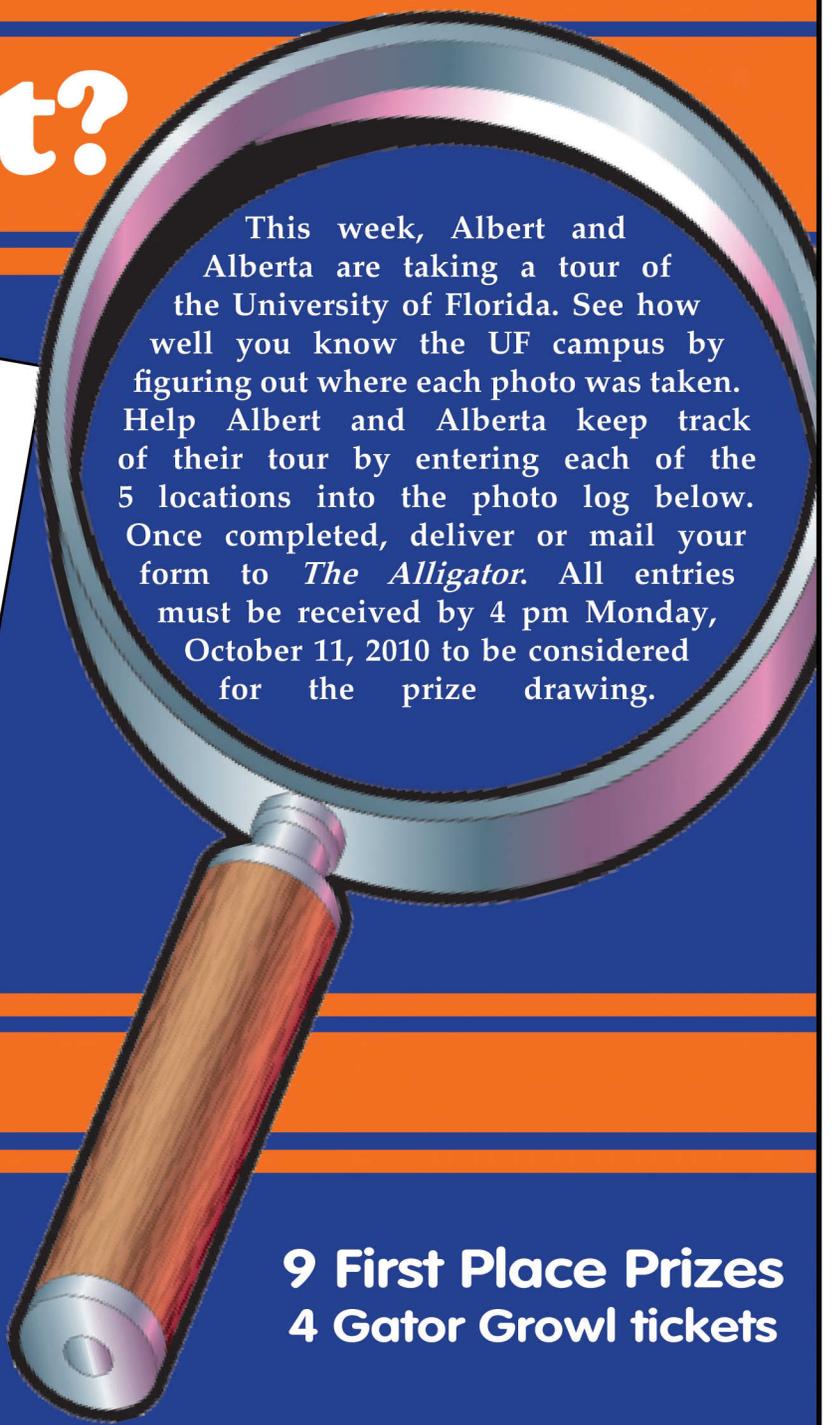
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  - 9 Reading aids
  - 14 \_\_\_ Major: Great Bear
  - 15 Actress Hayworth
  - 16 Native Alaskan
  - 17 Site for flashy couples dancing
  - 19 Confiscate
  - 20 Popular swim briefs
  - 21 Issue an embarrassing retraction
  - 23 Foul caller
  - 24 Group of street toughs
  - 25 Competed in a race
  - 28 Annual college football game in Arizona
  - 34 Physics bit
  - 36 Ending for absorb
  - 37 Supreme Court justice Sotomayor
  - 38 Spicy deep-fried stuffed appetizers
  - 42 Crop up
  - 43 Indian bread
  - 44 Takes to court
  - 45 Nap period, in Latin America
  - 48 Paid athlete
  - 49 Sign over a door
  - 50 Sign before Virgo
  - 53 "Ain't happening!"
  - 57 Emulates Jell-O
  - 61 Bar, in law
  - 62 2004 Adam Sandler movie, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in 17-, 28-, 38- and 45-Across
  - 64 Bridal registry category
  - 65 Impulse
  - 66 Poet Lazarus
  - 67 Musical Carpenter
  - 68 Word with pressure or review
  - 69 Gush
- DOWN**
- 1 Figure (out), in slang
  - 2 Conclude, with "up"
  - 3 Castaway's place
  - 4 Shocking weapon
  - 5 Appliance brand that helps you wake up?
  - 6 Suffers
  - 7 "The Simpsons"
  - 8 \_\_\_ corpus
  - 9 Like a desperate effort
  - 10 Actor Guinness
  - 11 Israel's Golda
  - 12 "The Godfather" author Mario
  - 13 Goulash, e.g.
  - 18 Summer drink
  - 22 Tiny army member
  - 24 "Start that job now!"
  - 25 Indian nobles
  - 26 Centipede video game creator
  - 27 "Cross my heart!"
  - 29 Lodge
  - 30 Hits on the noggin
  - 31 Outdo
  - 32 Electrician, at times
  - 33 Steer catcher
  - 35 The "m" in E = mc<sup>2</sup>
  - 39 Broadway flier
  - 40 Nonstick spray
  - 41 "I just flew in, and boy are my arms tired!" e.g.
  - 46 Tree feller
  - 47 Snarl, as traffic
  - 51 Scrambled fare
  - 52 Makes eyes at
  - 53 Giraffe's trademark
  - 54 Fed. workplace watchdog
  - 55 Cookbook verb
  - 56 Actress Skye
  - 57 "Living" payment
  - 58 Hobble
  - 59 Salinger heroine
  - 60 "Pygmalion" playwright
  - 63 Season opener?

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# Lemmens becomes integral part of Gators' run defense

■ THE UF DEFENSE WILL FACE THE SEC'S LEADING RUSHER SATURDAY.

By **MIKE McCALL**  
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After being what he called "a serviceable backup" for three years, Duke Lemmens has found a home in Florida's defense.

When the Gators use their run-stopping scheme, Lemmens moves from defensive end to strongside linebacker, a role that gives him more ground to cover and more responsibility as the hybrid player in UF's heavy package.

"It's definitely been a long time since I didn't have my hand in the dirt," Lemmens said. "It makes me feel like an athlete again."

He has to be. The 6-foot-3, 250-pounder is responsible for getting past the opposing tight end to stop run plays and providing support against the passing game.

That requires more versatility than his main position on the end of the line, but Lemmens has made the transition smoothly.

He racked up a career-high eight tackles — seven in the first half — during Saturday's loss at Alabama, topping the previous high he set in the first game

he played in the heavy package against Tennessee.

"The two games he played, Tennessee and this one, he kind of had [career games] because he was using his athleticism to run all over the place and be a highly-energized guy," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "He played extreme-

ly well — played his best game."

Meyer will need the senior to replicate that performance this weekend against LSU. For the third time in four games, the Gators will face the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher.

The Tigers' Stevan Ridley holds that distinction with 557

yards and four touchdowns in five games (5.7 yards per carry), and he's coming off a 123-yard performance against Tennessee.

"Their back is a tough one," Meyer said. "He's tough and physical. That's where they're going to go with it, or we're guessing that's the direction they're go-

ing to head."

Meyer and defensive coordinator Teryl Austin had the same feeling about what the Crimson Tide would try to do on offense: pound the ball with running backs Mark Ingram and Trent Richardson.

The Gators countered with the heavy package, and the results were mixed.

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**Duke Lemmens**  
UF defensive end



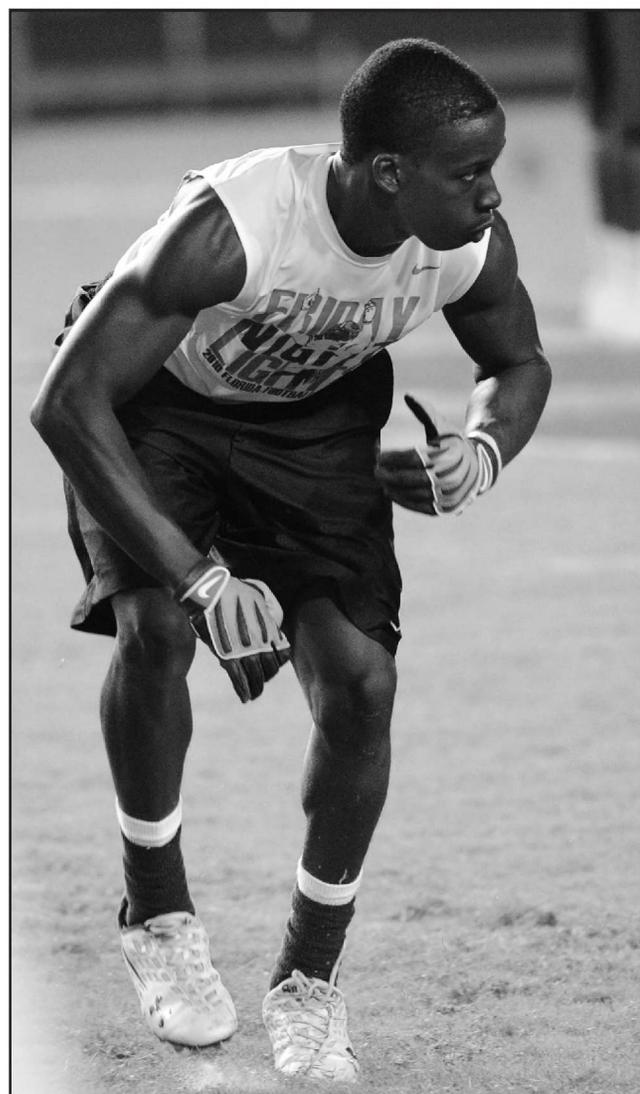
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UF defensive end Duke Lemmens totaled a career-high eight tackles against Alabama. His role as a hybrid end/strongside linebacker has been key to the Gators' heavy package.

The Tide's backfield duo combined for 110 yards after putting up 242 the previous week against Arkansas, but 89 of those yards and two touchdowns in the first half helped build a 24-3 lead.

Meyer was happy with his defense's handling of Ingram and Richardson, especially because the Gators improved upon the 22 missed tackles from last year's SEC title game.

"[Alabama's running backs] were way below what they expect," Meyer said. "Six missed tackles is what I go through. That was our whole thing last week, and we tackled well."



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UF verbal commitment Nick Waisome is the No. 11 cornerback prospect in the nation.

## Commit helping out in recruiting process Waisome is a four-star CB

By **TOM GREEN**  
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Nick Waisome committed to UF in August, but he's not done with the recruiting process quite yet.

No, the four-star cornerback out of Groveland South Lake High isn't considering other offers. He's trying to recruit an old friend to join him at Florida next season.

Waisome, the No. 11 cornerback in the nation according to Rivals.com, and Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix, the top safety in this year's class, both attended Lockhart Middle School in Orlando, where the two were best friends.

Clinton-Dix, from Orlando Dr. Phillips High, committed in April to play at Alabama. But that hasn't stopped Waisome from trying to lure him to Florida before National Signing Day on Feb. 2.

"I've been talking to him, trying to get him on board," Waisome said after his team's 44-7 home loss to Apopka Olympia High on Friday.

In that game he had three tackles and one pass breakup in the end zone — the only time Olympia threw the ball in his direction.

Early in September, Clinton-Dix said he was 95 percent committed to

the Crimson Tide, but his one-time close friend has been in his ear since committing to the Gators in August.

Since then, Clinton-Dix has softened his solid verbal, even if just slightly. He told the Orlando Sentinel last month he was only 85 percent committed to Alabama.

"I'm still 'Bama, but the Gators are on a run with me," Clinton-Dix told the Sentinel at the time.

Waisome, who said he is 100 percent Florida, isn't giving up on his



### Recruiting

former schoolmate just yet. When the two were in middle school together, they used to play sandlot football after classes and were close until Waisome moved and they lost contact with each other.

The two highly-touted recruits reconnected at tryouts for the Central Florida All-Stars 7-on-7 team earlier this year and were teammates on the Southeast team that won the ESPN RISE Gridiron Kings tournament this summer.

Now, with their senior seasons in full swing and college approaching, Waisome is hoping the friends can once again be schoolmates and reunite on the field.

"I'm just trying to get him over to

the Gators and be part of the family," Waisome said.

That family includes three-star defensive back De'Ante "Pop" Saunders, as well as four-star linebacker Ryan Shazier and four-star quarterback Jeff Driskel, the nation's top pro-style passer.

All of them are UF commits with whom Waisome has built strong relationships. He said they all talk on a regular basis and exchange text messages to get to know each other better before they enroll at UF.

While Clinton-Dix is the only one Waisome is trying to recruit right now, he said there's a chance he will "get on a couple of other cats later," and try to get them to commit to UF — a role similar to the one freshman Trey Burton played in last year's class.

"There ain't nowhere else to go," Waisome said. "The Gators is where it's at."

### NICK WAISOME'S 2010 STATS (through five games)

#### Defense:

Tackles: 10  
Tackles for loss: 1  
Pass breakups: 5

#### Offense:

Four receiving touchdowns

## Red-zone struggles a concern for Florida's offense



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On the first drive of the game UF freshman Trey Burton attempted a jump pass near the goal line on fourth down. But the pass was intercepted, one of the Gators' two turnovers in the red zone.

■ GATORS COMMITTED TWO TURNOVERS IN THE RED ZONE AGAINST ALABAMA.

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**  
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The Gators won the yardage and time of possession battles Saturday against the Crimson Tide, but Florida still lost the game.

UF's struggles inside the red zone were the biggest reason for that.

Of four opportunities inside the Alabama 20-yard line, two resulted in field goals and two resulted in turnovers.

An interception in Alabama's end zone and a botched handoff on Alabama's one-yard line ruined two chances to put points on the scoreboard.

"The red-zone scoring, that's a whole different ball game," coach Urban Meyer said. "If we don't throw those picks and have red-zone efficiency, we are in that [game]."

No. 14 Florida used freshman wildcat quarterback Trey Burton near the goal line again Saturday. But instead of scoring six touchdowns like he did against Kentucky the week prior, Burton threw an interception in the end zone on a 4th-and-goal jump pass.

"I knew it was on the road, I knew points were going to be at a premium against that offense," Meyer said of the play call. "We had significant momentum going there so we wanted to score touchdowns."

The next red-zone turnover came in the third quarter when quarterback John Brantley tripped over offensive lineman Carl Johnson and fumbled the exchange with

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### UF TENNIS

## Slilam wins in straight sets

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**  
Alligator Writer

In the first round of qualifying, junior Nassim Slilam did something that no UF player had done in more than a year — post a straight-sets 6-0, 6-0 win.

Slilam's win against No. 69 Daniel Stahl of Notre Dame was the first of its kind since Alexandre Lacroix defeated South Florida's Wael Kilani on Sept. 25, 2009, in the Gator Invitational.

Slilam's dominating victory at the ITA All-American in Tulsa, Okla., impressed coach Andy Jackson.

"Nassim beat the No. 69 guy in the country and beat him very badly," Jackson said.

It was also a successful day for sophomore Sekou Bangoura Jr., who battled for three rounds against Texas Tech's Rafael Garcia before earning a victory (6-2, 3-6, 6-4).

Jackson said Bangoura played extremely

tough in what was a long, difficult match.

Both Bangoura and Slilam will play in round two on Tuesday, while Bangoura will also play in doubles qualifying with Billy Federhofer.

Bangoura was originally scheduled to play with Bob van Overbeek, who had to be replaced after getting the flu.



Jackson

The doubles pairs need three wins in qualifying to advance to the 32-team main draw.

Even though this is the first time Federhofer and Bangoura will play together, Jackson said it will only help develop chemistry for the spring.

Through three days of action, the Gators' coach is pleased with his team's performance, particularly that of freshman Andrew Butz.

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## Don't compare loss to others

Like several other aspects of this season, Florida's loss last Saturday immediately drew comparisons to another moment in the Urban Meyer era.

The John Brantley-Trey Burton dynamic became Chris Leak-Tim Tebow '10. Firesteveaddazio.com launched two years after the "Fire Dan Mullen" Facebook page was created. And now Florida's loss to Alabama is the hip, new version of the Ole Miss Promise-gate of 2008.

These comparisons are often born out of laziness and naivety — those who ignore the past are not, in fact, doomed to repeat it. But while the first two comparisons at least hold some merit, the third is a wishful oversimplification.

Yes, the Gators turned the ball over too much in both losses. Yes, play calling was questioned. And,



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yes, the defense surrendered back-breaking touchdowns.

But, beyond those elements, comparing the two games is a stretch.

Against Ole Miss, Florida fumbled the

ball three times, gave up a long, go-ahead touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter, let a Rebel block the should-have-been game-tying extra point and was stuffed on a predictable, 4th-and-1 Tebow dive.

Remove one of those elements, any one of them, and the Gators win.

Against Alabama on Saturday,

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### TEERING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ FIBA is considering lowering the rim for the women's game. No word on whether they're considering doing away with double dribbling and switching to nerf balls. ... Les Miles said LSU was trying to run two plays instead of the one they would've gotten by spiking the ball at the end of the game against UT. I like to think he just got confused, thought they were playing futbol and was counting on stoppage time.

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### UF BASKETBALL

■ UF guard Kenny Boynton was named to the John R. Wooden Preseason Watch List on Monday. The sophomore averaged 14 points and made the SEC All-Freshman Team last season.

## GOLF

# McDowell sinks birdie putt to help clinch cup for Europe

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWPORT, Wales — Graeme McDowell capped off an unforgettable year for himself — and for Europe.

In a Ryder Cup that came down to the very last match Monday, McDowell rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole, then closed out Hunter Mahan to give Europe the 14.5 points it needed to reclaim the precious gold trophy.

It was the first time since 1991 that the Ryder Cup was decided by the final singles match, a thriller made possible by the Americans getting big wins from their best players and a stunning comeback by 21-year-old rookie Rickie Fowler.

Leave it to McDowell, the U.S. Open champion, to deliver another career-defining moment.

Under far greater pressure than he faced at Pebble Beach, he turned back the Ameri-

can rally with a birdie putt that seemed to take forever to reach the hole until it tumbled into the cup and set off a ground-shaking roar at Celtic Manor.

"Graeme McDowell was put there for a good reason — he's full of confidence, and that showed," European captain Colin Montgomerie said. "That birdie on 16 was just quite unbelievable. Quite unbelievable."

So was the finish.

Europe, ahead by three points going into the final round, took the early lead in eight of the nine matches and appeared on its way to another rout on home soil. But it all turned so quickly.

Tiger Woods holed out from the fairway for eagle during a seven-hole stretch that he played in 7-under par. Steve Stricker won the opening match, and Phil Mickelson built a big lead to win late. Then came Fowler, the first PGA Tour rookie to play in the Ryder Cup, winning the last three holes with bird-

ies — including putts of 15 feet on the 17th and 18th — to earn an improbable halve against Edoardo Molinari.

That gave the Americans 13.5 points, and they only needed a halve in the last match to retain the cup. Just as Fowler was being mobbed by his teammates, Mahan made a nervy birdie putt on the 15th to cut McDowell's lead to one up.

"The U.S. Open felt like a back nine with my dad back at Portrush compared to that," McDowell said. "I was really nervous there. Wow! It's a different feeling. It's just so much pressure."

It sure didn't look that way as he blasted a tee shot down the middle and hit his approach to 15 feet, leaving him a quick putt.

"The best putt I've hit in my life," McDowell said.



McDowell

After a week of rain that forced the first Monday finish in Ryder Cup history, more showers soon followed — only these came from bottles of champagne sprayed in every direction.

"It's been the best week of my life," said Rory McIlroy, who holed a five-foot par putt on the 18th hole to earn a half-point against Stewart Cink that turned out to be crucial.

Montgomerie is renowned for a career missing only a major. This felt like one, maybe even better.

"This is one of the finest moments of my golfing — wait a minute — this is the greatest moment of my golfing career," he said.

Europe thrives on winning the Ryder Cup, yet this year went beyond the matches. McDowell won the U.S. Open, and Martin Kaymer of Germany won the PGA Championship, the first time two Europeans have won majors in the same year since 1999.

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# Meyer looking for leaders to step up; Gillislee listed as probable

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running back Emmanuel Moody.

Part of the problem was a lack of balance with the play-calling. The Gators ran the ball eight times and threw it just three times when they were inside the Tide's 20-yard line.

**Leaders need to emerge:** Meyer is playing the waiting game.

After the loss against Alabama, some players were vocal in the locker room. But

Meyer won't know who the team's leaders are until Saturday's game against No. 12 LSU.

"Some leadership really stepped up in there," he said. "But it's easy to stand up and say something. Now you have to be a grown man and back everything up. So I'm anxious to watch them."

Senior center Mike Pouncey was one of the players who made his voice heard after the loss, but he reiterated there isn't a clear leader on the team just yet.

"A lot of people said a lot of things," Pouncey said. "The main message was just believe in each other and we'll get through this tough loss."



## Football

Following UF's loss to Auburn in 2006, Meyer said he remembers a lot of players screaming and yelling. After its loss to Ole Miss in 2008, he remembers a dejected group.

But this time, he is still waiting for leaders to step up.

"[The leaders are] to be determined," he said. "There were some good things said, but we all can walk up and say good things."

**Injuries:** After Saturday's crushing loss, the Gators finally received some good news.

Running back Mike Gillislee, who stood on the sideline with crutches the entire second half, was diagnosed with a bone bruise after many thought he suffered a high ankle sprain. Meyer said he is probable for Saturday's game against LSU.

## Two Gators off to second round of qualifying



Steven H. Keys

Junior Nassim Slilam became the first UF player to record a double-bagel victory in more than a year Monday.

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Butz advanced to the final round of prequalifying before losing to Georgia Tech's Dean O'Brien on Sunday.

Jackson said a player's performance in the tournament can be judged on two factors — who he beat and whether who he lost to continues to perform.

"Andrew had a good tournament," Jackson said. "He beat the No. 2 guy for TCU, a top-four guy for Georgia Tech and lost to a guy who is still playing," Jackson said.

With two players advancing to qualifying and good performances by the two freshmen, Jackson is excited about the rest of the week.

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**Andy Jackson**  
UF tennis coach

"I'm very pleased with our team and the way we're working and looking forward to continuing it," he said.

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Florida lost the turnover battle 4-0, allowed the Tide good field position early (two touchdown drives starting in the Gators' territory), only converted 23 percent of third downs, managed just three points in four red-zone possessions and failed to stop Alabama's offense inside the Florida 20-yard line (24 points in four possessions).

Remove one of those elements, any one of them, and the Gators still lose. If Meyer and Co. hopped in a DeLorean and returned to Saturday night, they would need to fix most, if not all, of those problems.

Fans want this loss to rival the Ole Miss contest because, in retrospect, few losses have inspired a team or its followers the way that game did. Few teams have been ignited like the Gators were, averaging more than 45 points in the 10 games after their meltdown against the Rebels.

But that team had already flashed potential. Its quarterback had won the Heisman,

one of its receivers was integral in the '06 championship run and its defense returned eight of its top-10 tacklers from the season before.

An underachieving Florida team lost to Ole Miss 31-30 before realizing its potential. This year's Florida team lost 31-6.

Center Mike Pouncey said Florida beat itself last weekend and, depending on your outlook, that's true. But can't fans look at a lot of losses that way? Aren't most games decided by a few pivotal plays when one team succeeds and the other doesn't?

And that's giving Florida too much credit. The Gators did not lose because of a few costly mistakes. They lost because of 25 points' worth of mistakes.

Good teams, even championship teams, have occasionally "cost themselves" a game. The 2008 team did. But don't view that season, or any other in the past five years, as a blueprint. If the Gators did actually beat themselves by 25 points, have a lot to work on.

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