



Homeless seek shelter from cold

■ THE ST. FRANCIS HOUSE TAKES IN MORE PEOPLE WHEN IT IS COLDER THAN 45 DEGREES.

By MEREDITH RUTLAND
 Alligator Contributing Writer

When she was manager of a Palatka Huddle House, she would give coffee to homeless men who stopped by the restaurant. Now Kim Justice, 50, has been homeless for about a year.

Cold on Saturday morning, she said she was hoping a friend would take her out for coffee. She sees it as full-circle fate. She helped others then, and others help her now.

The St. Francis House, a Gainesville soup kitchen and shelter, provides help for Justice and the city's homeless population — specifically shelter from the cold.

Forty-five degrees is the magic number. If the temperature dips below that, the shelter opens its doors to up to 65 people and gives them a cot to sleep on.

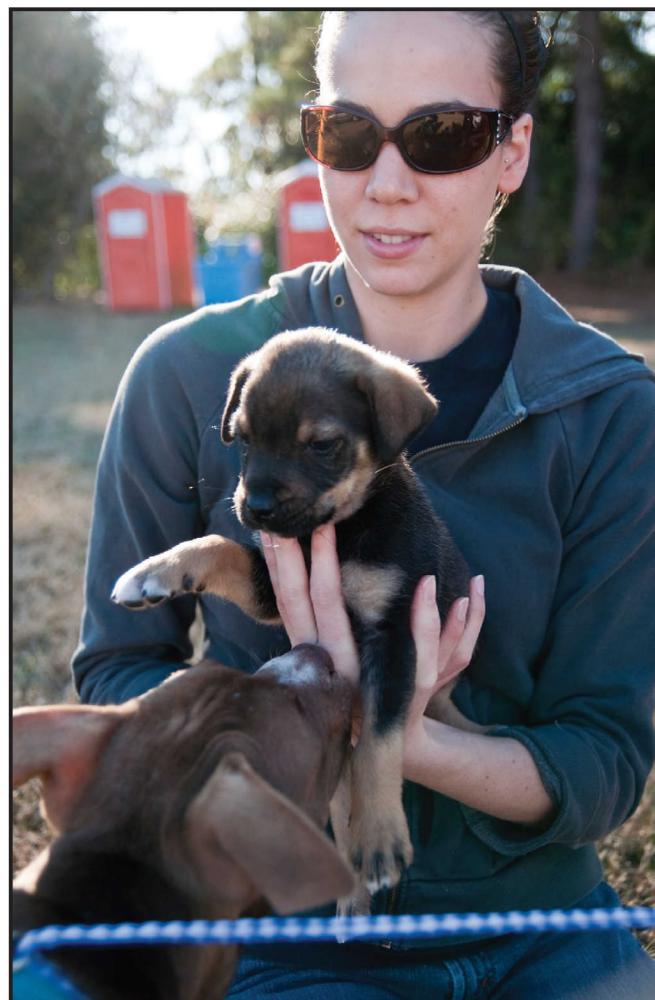
If the shelter is full, the Alachua County Housing Authority pays for the homeless to stay in motels, like Sunshine Inn and Rush Lake, until it warms up. As of Friday, nine people had chosen that option.

The temperature dropped to 28 degrees on Thursday and Friday night. It was the kind of cold that, if you're dressed like Justice, wearing a sweater, capri jeans and flip-flops, you shiver so hard it starts to hurt.

Tonight and Tuesday night are predicted to have the same freezing temperatures.

But it was only 47 degrees at 7 p.m. Justice still had an hour to wait until

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Puppy Love
 Sunday outside the Oaks Mall, UF Ph.D. candidate Leylah Drusbosky holds Turbo, a nine-week-old German shepard, while the dog plays with Lily, a six-month-old red nose pitbull whom she is currently fostering. As part of the ninth annual Home for the Holidays Adoption Festival, animal rescue shelters around Gainesville came together to find permanent homes for cats and dogs who were otherwise unwanted, neglected or homeless. Turbo and other pets were given a chance at finding a loving home and bringing joy to a family for the holidays.

Combat stress as finals approach

By JULIA JACOBO
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As you chugged through the fall semester, you've likely mastered the balancing act between classes, exams, work, internships, football season and what remains of your social life. Now finals are here, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed with the pressure, cramming and lack of sleep, especially with break right around the corner. These tips will help you study for hours while keeping that volatile mood at bay.

1. Pay attention to your environment

Turn off the computer, television, iPhone and anything in between, even if it's for just 15

minutes. "In this day and age of so much electronic contact, we're bombarding ourselves with stimulation," said Kim Kazimour, a Gainesville psychologist specializing in mental health counseling and behavior management.

Decrease the amount of electronic stimulation in your environment and stimulate the senses instead.

Make a playlist of soft, calming music. Take deep, slow breaths. Try lighting a candle.

Think a candle's scent is too strong for your taste? Try other aromatherapies like lotions and soaps, which can be just as effective.

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Student Life

Sen. admits ethics violations He also teaches at UF

By SHANEECE DIXON
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Florida Senate President and UF lecturer Mike Haridopolos admitted Friday that he made some ethical lapses over financial disclosures related to his employment at UF.

On Friday, the Florida Commission on Ethics unanimously approved a settlement for the senator over the violations.

Haridopolos did not attend the Friday commission meeting but said he recognized that he violated the Florida Consti-

tution by not fully disclosing his financial income for five years from 2004 to 2008.

The commission is legally restricted from penalizing legislators, and any punishment will be decided by the Senate Rules Committee, which is led by Sen. John Thrasher, chairman of the Florida Republican Party.

"This is an embarrassing

thing for me," Haridopolos said in an interview with Sunshine State News. "I'm not excited about it. I'm very disappointed in myself and my behavior, and that's why we corrected these immediately as soon as we found out about them."

The errors made include failure to fully disclose where he taught classes, his part-time earnings from the university from 2005 to 2006, real estate investments and information regarding the clientele for his business, MJH consulting.

Haridopolos has been teaching classes at UF on government and politics since 2008.



Haridopolos

■ Gators forward Chandler Parsons said Florida's performance in the first 20 minutes of its 67-48 win against American on Sunday was UF's best offensive half of the season. See Story, Page 14.



Minn. teens accused of stealing at least 17 calves to start their own dairy farm

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Two teenage boys from central Minnesota are accused of stealing at least 17 calves to start their own dairy farm.

Authorities this week arrested a 19-year-old from Rothsay and a 16-year-old from Barnesville.

Stearns County Sheriff John Sanner says deputies received a tip that led them to 17 calves and eventually the teens.

The calves are believed to have been sto-

len from three counties: Douglas, Stearns and Todd.

Investigators say the teens told them they wanted to start their own dairy farm. They say the teens planned to keep the heifers and sell the bulls, splitting the profits.

The calves have been returned to their owners. The case is being forwarded to prosecutors for possible theft and burglary charges.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Impact Autism UF Meeting

Today, 5 p.m.
HPNP, Room G101
T-shirts are in. Come hear a guest speaker share her story about having a child with autism. You won't want to miss this. We will recap all the awesome events of the semester. Everyone is welcome; it's never too late to join Impact.

Menorah Rededication Ceremony

Today, 7 p.m.
UF Hillel garden
Over the weekend, the large outdoor menorah set up at UF Hillel to celebrate Hanukkah was vandalized in what looks to be an attempt at destruction. It was pulled from its foundation 2 feet in the ground then thrown around the property. Hillel will host a menorah rededication ceremony to allow the community to once again stand against intolerance. We encourage everyone to attend and bring guests.

RUB Presents: "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World"

Today to Wednesday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 pm
Reitz Union Auditorium
Scott Pilgrim must defeat his new girlfriend's seven evil exes in order to win her heart. With eye-popping visuals and a "Certified Fresh" rating on RottenTomatoes.com, "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" is fast, funny and inventive.

"Dancin' Gators: Where Amazing Happens!"

Today, 8 p.m.
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
Come see a fantastic show featuring a variety of exciting dance styles including: jazz, tap, belly dancing, lyrical, Indian, pointe, swing, African, hip-hop, Irish, modern, Capoeira and more. Admission is free. Please bring a canned good or toiletry item to benefit St. Francis House.

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The Talking Gators Toastmasters Club Holiday Party

Tomorrow, 5:45 p.m.
Entomology Building, Room 1027
All are welcome to attend our holiday party tomorrow. It will include refreshments and time to meet members and consider joining. The group is an affiliate of Toastmasters International and provides a fun and positive atmosphere to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, go to www.toastmasters.org. For details about the local club, call Mary at 352-870-2267.

Annual Lessons & Carols Performance

Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
United Church of Gainesville
Spend some time reveling in the beauty of traditional and nontraditional Christmas music offered by our instrumentalists and our adult, youth and children's choirs interspersed with the story of Jesus' birth. Join us at the United Church of Gainesville's annual service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call 352-378-3500 for more information.

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LOCAL

City celebrates annual Christmas tree lighting

On Saturday night, Santa Claus spoke to a crowd of about 500 with a special message to kids about pride, courage and honor at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by the city.

Shouts of, "I want to sit on Santa's lap," filled the rooms at the Thomas Center as eager kids lined up to see Santa.

"The event is a family affair for everyone to get ready for the holiday season," said David Ballard, event coordinator for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs for the city.

Ballard, dressed as Ebenezer Scrooge, walked around greeting everyone with a raspy voice.

City Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa led a countdown before she pressed a button to light the tree.

Everyone clapped and celebrated. Shouts filled the room.

"This event grows every year, and it brings the community together," Mastrodicasa said.

After the lighting, kids followed Santa to his red chair for pictures and whispered in his ear to tell him what gifts they wanted for the holidays.

"It's the sparkle of joy in the kids' eyes, why I grew my own beard and dress up as Santa Claus," said Dennis Pollard, the man behind the beard.

- JERRY BRUNO

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For cage fighters, sport is physical and emotional

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Andrew Tamayo steps into the cage.

He can smell the cleaning solution used on the mats, but he clears his mind of that and all other distractions. He has to stay focused. He's studied karate since he was 4. He's competed in plenty of fights. But never like this.

He's standing in a fighting cage at the WCW World Cage Wars event in Ocala. It's his first amateur mixed martial arts competition. In the next three rounds, someone is going down.

Tamayo isn't going into this fight blind. As a member of the F2 Darkside Fight Team in Gainesville, he has spent hours preparing for this moment. The team is a group of about 20 men who compete in amateur and pro matches against fighters across the nation, and, sometimes, across the world. It's the oldest fight team in Florida, and as a member, Tamayo has been pushed by his teammates to fight harder, stronger, better.

But this time, he isn't sparring with his team. He faces a true opponent. It's time to put his skills to the test.

As he taps gloves with his opponent, he forgets about the scantily clad girls standing cage-side. He doesn't notice the Vaseline on his face, rubbed onto his skin to lessen possible bleeding. His whole world revolves around this cage and the other fighter standing inside it.

His opponent throws a punch, but Tamayo barely feels it through the haze of adrenaline. He answers with a high-kick that misses, followed by two kicks to the body and one to the head.

He grabs the fighter around the chest and shoves him toward a corner.

Covered in sweat, they fight. Tamayo ends up in a headlock but doesn't stop moving, getting his opponent on the ground. He holds tight to keep him in place. But there's still more than a minute left in this three-minute round — plenty of time to lose the upper hand.

With his friends and teammates yelling from the sidelines, Tamayo presses his advantage.

Two rounds later, he wins.

Tamayo, 19, has been practicing mixed martial arts for about a year. He started the sport as soon as he became eligible at 18. He joined the F2 Darkside Fight Team in September.

He is taking courses at Santa Fe

College and plans to attend nursing school. After he graduates, he wants to pursue careers in nursing and MMA.

"I've always looked up to cage fighters," he said. "I think they have a lot of guts to do what they do, and I just want to be one of the better ones."

For now, Tamayo is focusing on honing his skills as an amateur competitor with F2 Darkside.

The team was started in 1998 by Mike Lee and evolved over the years into F2 Darkside. Members practiced in several places around town before finally settling at F2 Arena and Darkside Athletics this May, said gym co-owner Becky Hodge.

She owns the gym with her husband, Ryan Hodge, who joined the team in 1999 while studying engineering at UF.

A seasoned competitor, Hodge competed in an MMA fight overseas in Cypress in October. During the first round of his fight, he knocked out his opponent, who fell awkwardly on his ankle and painfully twisted his foot.

For Hodge, a fight is over after a winner is declared, and he is friendly toward other pros. He waited for paramedics, holding the man down to keep him from doing more damage to his foot when he regained consciousness.

Hands protected by boxing

gloves, Tamayo spars with a teammate in the warehouse that is home to F2 Arena and Darkside Athletics.

They practice on an expanse of mats, and beyond them is a 20-foot cage they are constructing for practices. A nearby wall is punctuated with holes made during sparring sessions that got too intense, a reminder that MMA is a sport of heavy punches, high kicks and hard falls — and no one goes easy on a teammate when they spar.

Ryan Hodge stands nearby the practice, coaching Tamayo who is fresh off his first amateur win.

"I've always looked up to cage fighters. I think they have a lot of guts to do what they do, and I just want to be one of the better ones."

Andrew Tamayo
F2 Darkside Fight Team Member

"Don't let me down. Hit him," Hodge says.

Tamayo launches a punch and connects.

"There you go," Hodge says. "Do it again."

Backed close to the wall, Tamayo takes a few hits before throwing a punch to get his partner off him.

"Fight back."

As a coach, Hodge helps amateur and pro team members prepare for upcoming matches and gives them pointers on improving technique. But he doesn't try to make Tamayo or anyone else fight a certain way. Each man is free to play to his strengths.

Tamayo has established close relationships with his fellow fighters.

"These guys want to work with you and want to make you better. You might see them in a fight and they're cocky — and that's part of it — but outside (the fights) all of them are really humble," he said.

They practice at the Darkside gym Monday through Thursday, often traveling on Fridays to practice at other gyms with different fighters. Practices are "sink or swim," Becky Hodge said. New fighters roll with the pro guys and just go for it.

For Kevin "Kage" Pearson, amateur fighting isn't enough.

Pearson, 23, turned pro in October after more than 30 amateur competitions. As a pro fighter, he can't participate in amateur matches but is now eligible to be paid for fights and to receive sponsorships. He is already sponsored by Fresco Neighborhood Italian and Maui Teriyaki, which provide Pearson free meals in return for the publicity that the sponsorships bring.

He practices constantly, building muscle and refining techniques. A boxer since he was 9, Pearson is no stranger to a punch. His leopard-print hairstyle may turn heads, but it's his lethal strength and determination that he's building a reputation on.

When he's not training, he works several part-time jobs, including one as a firefighter in High Springs and one as a bouncer at the Vault Night Club in Gainesville. While these jobs help pay the bills, his real commitment is to MMA.

He wants to work as a firefighter while pursuing a side career as a pro fighter. He's proud to be a competitor in a sport that some people shy away from, and training keeps him in shape for his MMA career and for his job as a firefighter.

But turning pro wasn't a smooth transition. In the days before his first competition, he was emotional at practice and even yelled at a teammate. He faced the nerves, however, knowing that when he stepped into the cage to compete he had to be focused.

Before the first round of his pro career started in Panama City, Pearson prayed.

It was a quick prayer, asking that he and his opponent fight well and stay safe.

Then the fight started.

Rushing his opponent, he throws a few punches to his stomach and shoves him against the side of the cage. Clapping his arms under the fighter's legs, Pearson flips him to the ground with a thud.

The announcer's voice rings across the cage, but he stays focused, landing punches against the fighter's sweat-matted head even though his opponent has trapped his other arm.

The only thing he hears besides the smack of his punches is the advice of his coaches, who are standing nearby.

His opponent gets the best of him for a second, rolling him over so Pearson's back is to the floor. Pearson grapples, pulling him closer to deaden his punches.

Grabbing the fighter's arm, he twists it back like a cop trying to control a disorderly criminal. He twists it all the way up to his head, flipping himself back on top.

In less than 90 seconds, the match is over. Pearson wins, returning to his cheering teammates on F2 Darkside and ready to train again as soon as they get home.

With one pro fight under his belt, he has to start training for his next match in December.



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Kevin "Kage" Pearson, right, demonstrates the mixed martial arts superman punch while Aaron "Coninga" Conway throws a left jab Friday afternoon at the F2 Arena Darkside and Athletics training facility.

UF grads hope 'Dorito Pong' video will be Super Bowl ad

■ IF THE VIDEO WINS, THE ALUMNI WILL WIN \$1 MILLION.

By **LIBERTY BOSTWICK**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Two UF alumni could be making their big-screen debut during the Super Bowl in February.

Theater graduates Nick Greene and Ryan George have entered a commercial in a contest to win a spot in the Super Bowl lineup of advertisements for Doritos.

Their 30-second commercial is called "Dorito Pong" and mimics the drinking game beer pong. Instead of using beer and pingpong balls, the players use Doritos and an egg in the game, George said.

They were trying to think of what people did on football game days and quickly realized that beer pong is a popular game they could easily relate to Doritos, he said.

According to Crash the Super Bowl's website, the award for first place is \$1 million, second place is \$600,000 and third place is \$400,000. The finalist with the highest-scoring advertisement gets a contract to help create

Doritos commercials in the future.

Finalists for the Super Bowl competition will be announced Jan. 3.

George and Greene have been creating videos and posting them to YouTube since they graduated in May. They started making parodies because it was easy and fun for them to come up with ideas.

"There are so many things out there to make fun of, it would be almost wrong not to," George said.

The problem of a limited budget forced the duo to be creative with their idea for the Super

Bowl commercial. George said it had to be especially clever because it had to be simple.

"It really pushed us to be creative with our idea and not lean on flashy stuff to win our audience over," he said.

They rented a high-quality camera for the Super Bowl video because they felt it would improve their chances. Greene, 23, said they worked very hard on the editing, filming and sound for their submission.

"Thinking about whether or not we'll win will make you go crazy," he said. "Either way, I'm still proud of our work and knowing that we made our friends laugh."

Student Life

Low temperatures are expected to be below freezing all week

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she'd be let into a lobby where stacks of blankets and a Christmas tree awaited her. She said she's always been able to get into the St. Francis House during cold weather.

"It's well taken care of on cold nights," she said.

The van she usually sleeps in is a Hilton compared to her previous home of a tent in the woods. But Friday night, it was too cold for her to wait for her bed on wheels.

Her friend, who owns the van, couldn't leave work until 11 p.m., so she checked in to the shelter.

Justice secured her cot by waiting in line two hours before the shelter's sign-in time.

But before she slept in vans and on cots, she was the manager of a Huddle House, a Southern restaurant chain that boasts its country fried steak and never stops serving breakfast.

She remembers giving free coffee and dinners to two homeless men who would often stop in just for a warm place to sit.

She said drunk customers always ordered more than they could eat, and she gave those meals to the homeless men, too.

Helping them warmed her heart, like the coffee she served.

But she never thought she'd end up in the same place.

Justice said the shelter offers more than just a warm bed — it gives peace of mind. The shelter provides blankets, pillows, toiletries, a shower and breakfast.

"We get to relax," she said.

Justice said without shelters like the St. Francis House, the streets would be cold and frightening for her.

"People will steal from you left and right."

But at the shelter, she feels safe. She brought snacks for the wait: chocolate glazed doughnuts given to her by the Salvation Army and an oversized coffee mug full of water.

"I wish I had some coffee," she said as the temperature slowly descended with the sun.

Not everyone opted for sleeping at the shelter, even when newspapers warned it could be less than 30 degrees that night.

Leon Blunt said he was content with sleeping in his tent with his six blankets, two electric blankets and sleeping bag.

"When it comes down to a man like someone in my position, I'd rather see someone else take that spot [in the shelter]," he said. "I'll just wait here patiently because I know the Lord will take care of me."

However, it's not entirely because of his generosity that he wants to let someone take his place. Nor is it completely because of his criminal record, although the St. Francis House requires every person to get clearance from police before they can sleep there.

He said it's the smell. He said that some of the men don't bathe for months, and the sweaty odor only gets worse as the building heats up.

Justice said she's never noticed the smell and said the St. Francis House is clean.

But men and women sleep in different rooms. She sleeps in the lobby, and men sleep in the dining room.

Blunt waited outside the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Friday night, breathing in the cold air and waiting with about a dozen men for dinner provided by the church.

A born-again Christian, Blunt is looking for work in plumbing, tree management, roofing — anything he can find.



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

A homeless person sleeps under layers of blankets in an effort to keep warm during a winter night in downtown Gainesville.

But Blunt said not many places are hiring, and his criminal record often disqualifies him. He was released from prison on Sept. 24 after spending two years there for minor offenses, including buying and selling stolen property.

He said the many mistakes he made when he was younger have followed him from prison to the job market.

"That past follows you the rest of your life," he said.

But as far as the cold goes, he said he's all right. He has his tent, his spot, and he knows which organizations hand out food on any given day.

He said families never have to sleep on the streets on a cold night. Shelters and relief organizations make sure families and chil-

dren have a roof over their heads. "They make an extreme effort for that," he said.

But he chose to stay outdoors.

He said he spends a lot of his time reading at the downtown library. But when it gets dark, he goes to his tent and the layers of warmth. Then, he gets up at 5:30 a.m. and looks for work.

"Sometimes I get work, sometimes I don't," he said.

Day after day, he goes through the same routine. His concerns about the weather are thrown to the wind. He said he trusts God to take care of him and to keep him warm.

"The days that I don't see sunshine, it's not bad," he said, "because the storm doesn't last always."

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Student group makes 'wings of liberty' fly over UF

■ THE "STARCRRAFT II" TEAM IS UNDEFEATED.

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

While the Gators may not have performed very well on the football field, the Gators in space have been unstoppable.

UF's collegiate-league "StarCraft II" team, a real-time strategy game set in space and played online, has been destroying competition since late October, and after six matchups, UF is undefeated.

"It's actually been pretty easy," said Fangzhou Hou, a computer engineering junior and one of the team's star players. "I have a lot of confidence in our team, and hopefully we can win it all."

The team formed a few months before their first match, brought together and coordinated by sophomore Tyler Reed.

Reed said he learned about the league through game forums online and quickly set about recruiting players through friends, forums and even picking talented players in local area network centers.

"It's been better than I expected by far," said Reed, who's

proud of the team's success.

The Gators have already defeated their rivals at Florida State University, along with one of the league's best teams, University of Waterloo.

"Our first game was when we made noise for ourselves," said biochemistry senior Pavel Alekseyev, who recently took down a pro-level player from the University of Central Florida in a one-on-one match. "We're the only undefeated team in our division ... there's really no modest way around it."

The team plays 11 games before the top four teams from each division are sent to the playoffs.

Their next match against the University of Regina is coming up on Saturday, but the players aren't too worried about the competition.

"The whole team's been doing really well," Alekseyev said. "It'd be pretty hard to not get top four at this point."

The team is still open to players who want to get in on the action. Interested students can e-mail Reed at reedt@ufl.edu.

"Even if you're not a serious player, it's a good resource," Reed said. "We're always down to help out."



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Fangzhou Hou, a UF computer engineering software junior, practices for upcoming matches with the undefeated UF "StarCraft II" team. The team plays most of its matches from home.

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By: December 17

Editorial

Truth and treason

WikiLeaks bans wrong

If only BP could have pulled the same public relations response the federal government is rolling out now.

In response to growing international criticism of WikiLeaks, including some calling for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's resignation, which amounts to the worldly equivalent of a 250,000-page "Mean Girls" burn book that bashed the entire world, the Obama administration is ordering all federal employees to not view the secret notes passed around the globe.

If only BP could have tried to avoid its international criticism by just pretending nothing happened. Imagine how many pelicans could have been saved!

While we agree the documents released are classified information, the Editorial Board does not agree with the federal government's sloppy response to cleaning up the mess from all the gossiping this country has done. And, more importantly, we don't agree with the federal government mandating an enormous censor on its employees after the United States was rightfully caught in an international scandal that sounds more like a bad WB high school sitcom.

We're glad the federal government has yet to take the Orwellian step of banning the WikiLeaks website on federal computers. But we're waiting for it.

The federal government should be ashamed of everything WikiLeaks brought to the international spotlight.

As Ron Paul said on his Twitter, "In a free society, we are supposed to know the truth. In a society where truth becomes treason, we are in big trouble."

Dirty politics

In an early showing of dirty, rotten things to come during the next handful of years, Sen.-elect Marco Rubio and Gov.-elect Rick Scott were quick to criticize President Barack Obama for extending the ban on oil drilling in federal waters off Florida's coast.

Calling it a job-killer, many prominent Florida Republicans failed to recognize what the massive explosion of Deepwater Horizon did to jobs. By failing to recognize the oil rig's disastrous consequences to Florida tourism, ecology and jobs across the Gulf Coast, Scott, Rubio and Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos leave little room for debate. These lawmakers value little more than money-hungry, oil-coated special interests.

And when money talks this loud, why would they?

But the Editorial Board is, perhaps, more disappointed with their simultaneous refusal to acknowledge what an enormous opportunity this presents to expand renewable energy, which would provide a more sustainable Florida while also creating thousands of jobs in developing and operating the infrastructure.

Such short-sighted and dirty politics is not what Florida nor any state needs.

The Editorial Board was pleasantly surprised, however, to hear Republican Attorney General-elect Pam Bondi outright oppose any "near-shore drilling," saying we need to "protect our state."

Clearly setting an example that shows environmental protection is not a partisan issue. We hope our future Florida leaders will eventually follow Bondi's example.

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Column

Year in review: U.S. has made a mess

This year started off in memorable fashion with the president's State of the Union address, in which he notably criticized the Supreme Court and got a round of applause for disrespecting the judicial branch. The government fighting like children was a running theme of the year.

And 2010's government fighting wasn't limited to interparty quarrels either with the Tea Party emerging to force the Republicans further right than many of them care to be.

After months of fighting in the legislature followed by back-door deals, we were reminded by Democrats in Congress that we're a representative democracy when it passed health care legislation the majority of Americans didn't support.

Maybe Congress looked to the future and wanted to make sure it could get cheaper health care during its future unemployment?

Either way, it's been a banner year for the U.S. Congress.

And if Americans thought this was the worst it could get, they really weren't prepared for much.

The negligence of BP resulted in an explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig that would eventually turn out to become the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history.

But 2010 wasn't all bad news.

In August, President Barack Obama declared an end to the combat mission in Iraq with all combat troops removed from the nation.

More good news in 2010 — albeit short-lived — came at the judicial hands of Judge Virginia Phillips when she had the intelligence and the common sense to do what



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Washington didn't have the morality to do when she overturned the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

But alas, the elected government continued to show its inadequacy by challenging the ruling. Furthermore, it hasn't been able to overturn the policy in the Senate despite having a lame-duck session

and a Pentagon study that shows allowing openly gay men and women to serve in the military would have no negative effects.

After more months of government bickering, we finally had the elections.

The good news: We no longer have to hear any more political ads for two more years.

The bad news: It meant that the people of Florida had elected a governor who paid his way to Tallahassee, and they overwhelmingly elected a Tea Party senator.

And although Florida's silver-medal winner in the gubernatorial race wasn't a much better option, Florida most assuredly chose the worse of two evils.

So here we stand in early December with our military still as blatantly discriminatory as ever, no government budget worked out for the upcoming years, an economy that's still a mess, and a split government with both political sides appearing unable or unwilling to compromise.

What is the good news?

There's always 2011.

Chris Dodson is a first-year finance and journalism student. His column appears every Monday.

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Reader response

Today's question: Are you stressed about finals?

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UWire

The United States should not ignore North Korean threat

American humorist Will Rogers once said, "Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggy,' until you can find a rock." In the case of North Korea, the United States is dealing with a crazy pit bull and has few rocks left to throw.

The North's recent shelling of a South Korean city, an attack that killed four and injured 16, opens the door for the United Nations to represent the international community by standing with the U.S. and South Korea to oppose North Korean aggression. When the U.S. invaded Iraq seven years ago, it made the U.N. politically irrelevant on the international stage. But the status quo of today is not the status quo of 2003. Today, the U.S. cannot afford to become unilaterally embroiled in another foreign conflict if the Korean situation worsens. Only with the help of an active, supportive U.N. can North Korea be held accountable for further aggression,

which at this point could mean war.

To continue with Rogers' metaphor, let us consider a neighborhood that America must defend against vicious dogs. Ten years ago, the neighborhood was pretty nice. America had a lot of rocks and there were not a whole lot of dogs. The neighborhood had been safe ever since that Russian terrier up and died without a single rock being thrown. But then came 9/11, and a new breed of animal came into the neighborhood. It was some kind of stray. No one knew where it came from or who owned it, but some of the worst neighbors on the block were said to feed it scraps. America remembered seeing it years before, when it used the stray to attack that old Samoyed. After the stray wounded the beast, America had patted its head and left it alone. America thought the stray would just go away and die – or something like that.

Then came Sept. 11, and America realized

Arragon Perrone
UWire

how dangerous that stray actually was. The neighborhood came together, gathered up all of its stones and hurled them at the snarling stray. But the stray disappeared and nobody could find it. America decided to take the offensive and identify any other possible strays in the neighborhood. It wrote up a list and identified three: the mean Iraqi mongrel, the Iranian wolf and the vicious North Korean pit bull. Against the advice of its weaker neighbors, America picked up its stones and hurled them at the mongrel, knocking it dead. Feeling slighted and a little embarrassed that they couldn't throw as well, the other neighbors gathered all their stones and refused to let America have any more.

Now, the North Korean pit bull has attacked an innocent ally, South Korea, and the

United States is low on rocks. Logically, the neighborhood (the international community working through the United Nations) needs to collect their rocks (their combined military and diplomatic power), join America and get behind their wounded ally. If the North attacks again – possibly even harder this time – and the international community does nothing, the civilized world effectively tells North Korea and other brutal, violent regimes that they can go so far as to physically attack neighboring countries and no one will stop them.

The situation in the Koreas is tense and uncertain. The U.S. and South Korea are engaged in war games, which the North has hypocritically warned may cause "full-blown war."

Read the rest of this column at UWire.com. Arragon Perrone is a student at the University of Connecticut.

UWire

Columnist: Could chocolate milk be the ultimate energy drink?

Chocolate milk, a beverage commonly consumed by children, is now being used as a sports recovery drink for people of all ages. Karp, Johnston, Tecklenburg, Mickelborough, Fly and Stager established that it can help to rehydrate the body and rebuild muscles during and after workouts or athletic events. Maybe that is not surprising, because the contents of chocolate milk include carbohydrates, protein, vitamin A, vitamin D and calcium, all of which contribute to rebuilding muscle. Also present are sodium and sugar, which help stabilize and restore the body's electrolyte balance.

By contrast, energy drinks, which are popular among youth

Kathryn Doeneka
UWire

and some active people, contain large amounts of caffeine and sugar, along with ingredients such as guarana, ginseng, green tea and vitamins.

So, which is better for refueling the body after a workout: chocolate milk or energy drinks? Two recent studies have addressed this question.

Thomas, Morris and Stevenson showed the difference between chocolate milk and two other replacement drinks (fluid and carbohydrate energy drinks) when consumed by nine well-trained male bicyclists before and during low to moder-

ate exercise. In the study, "participants cycled 51 percent and 43 percent longer after ingesting chocolate milk than after ingesting carbohydrate replacement drink and fluid replacement drink, respectively."

Pritchett, Bishop, Pritchett, Green and Katica compared chocolate milk and a similar carbohydrate replacement beverage among 10 well-trained male bicyclists before and during high-intensity exercise.

Read the rest of this column at UWire.com. Kathryn Doeneka is a student at Oregon State University.

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David Parsons, left, and George Butz compete in a cornhole tournament on the pool deck of the Holiday Inn located on University Avenue on Sunday afternoon.

STUDENT ACTIVISM

Students use cornhole to raise money for charity

By **MATTHEW RIVA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Beanbags and sparks flew on the windy roof above Beef 'O' Brady's at the Holiday Inn on Sunday afternoon.

A double-elimination cornhole tournament, organized by the MicroFinance Foundation, drew about 15 people to raise money for microloans for Zimbabwe. The group collected about \$60 from the teams.

Six teams competed for more than an hour and a half. The members of the team Sam Bradford Doesn't Have S--- On Us, Stephen Sawicki and Mark Trouville, placed first in the bracket after a winning streak.

Event co-organizer David Parsons said it is the goal of the MicroFinance Society to provide small loans to Zimbabwe, which has the lowest standard of living of any country, according to

the UN Human Development Index.

"Even a few hundred dollars would help," Parsons said.

Parsons and his teammate, Andrew Amend, placed second with their team, Table Athletic Guy.

Chapter President Bastian Bockenhuser, 25, is hoping to get the group a nonprofit status soon so it can begin taking private donations in addition to having fundraisers like the tournament.

The group is not an official club with UF's Student Government because it cannot apply until May, Parsons said. Right now, they are part of the Warrington College of Business Administration.

The club is working on just getting money to Zimbabwe, and Parsons has learned something from the fundraiser: Sam Bradford clearly doesn't have anything on them.

Getting enough sleep and eating right are important for success

STRESS, from page 1

2. Catch some Z's

The ever-so-tricky all-nighter: Does it hinder more than it helps? Yes. Not only will your irritability increase when you're sleep deprived, but so will your inability to make good decisions and your chances of making careless errors.

You also don't retain information when you're overly tired, Kazimour said. If you get to the bottom of a page you just read and don't remember anything, you have to do it all over again, which is why lack of sleep also causes a decrease in efficiency and patience.

The brain needs the kind of rest it gets during the restorative cycle of deep sleep. Kazimour recommended at least five hours of sleep as part of the preparation for an exam.

3. Mind over matter: Have a positive outlook

Something that usually comes with stress is a negative mindset toward your own abilities. However, with this kind of mentality, you're much less likely to remain calm and focused in order to get things done. Kazimour said that mindset has a huge impact on actual stress levels on an individual. Her advice? "Think about what you would say to someone else. Be as nice to your-

self as you would for them."

Say things to yourself like, "Next week will be better." With this mentality, you're more likely to remain calm and focused in order to get things done, as opposed to giving yourself the negative and increasing how bad you feel about the situation.

Student Life

4. Get your blood flowing

Kazimour and UF nutritionist Linda Bobroff both agree that physical activity is the most effective mood lifter. Exercise burns cortisol, the hormone the brain produces during stress.

But for those of you who don't

happen to be exercise enthusiasts, don't fret. It doesn't need to be vigorous exercise like running or kickboxing that saves you from your mid-study slump.

"When you're studying and going at it, you probably don't have time to go out for a run," Bobroff said.

Instead, stretch a little or go for a leisurely walk. It can even be a walk around the library if you're too busy focusing to leave. As long as you're being physical, you're helping blood flow to the brain, which will help with productivity and alertness.

5. You are what you eat

Changing what and when you

eat can have a positive effect on your mood. By eating every four to five hours and limiting refined carbohydrates like soda, candy and fruit juice, you can lessen volatile blood sugar swings and level out your mood, Kazimour said.

She also said to incorporate protein with meals and snacks whenever possible. It slows down the absorption of carbohydrates in the blood, leaving you feeling upbeat for hours.

Omega-3 fatty acids, mainly found in fish, have been found to improve mood and mental performance and possibly alleviate depression, Kazimour said.

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15 Tip-top
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19 Red sky, to a sailor
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31 Political corruption
32 Police busts
33 Revolutionary statesman Franklin
36 Knocks on the door
37 Response to a fencing lunge
38 Nothing, in tennis
39 Picnic invader
40 Intimidated
41 Tendon
42 Court-ordered parental obligation
44 Show hosts
47 Actor Mineo
48 Philanthropic group chartered by auto execs
54 Notion
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56 Liberate from the hitching post
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59 Tiger Woods's ex
60 Allow to pass
61 Benevolent order
62 Cowgirl Evans
63 Cropped up

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5 Lively nightclub
6 Thompson of "Family"
7 Hula ___
8 Green Gables girl
9 Prepare
10 Taoism founder
11 Hypoallergenic skin care brand
12 Davis who played Thelma
13 Transmits
21 Bogey beater
22 Impertinence
25 Taj Mahal city
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27 Engrossed
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30 Feathered friends
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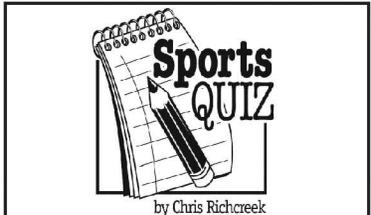
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- Name the player who holds the record for most NBA regular-season games played.
- How old was Jimmy Carson when he tallied 55 goals for the Los Angeles Kings in 1987-88?
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- Who holds the single-season record for the most wins in World Cup skiing?

Answers
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2. Tom Browning won 20 for Cincinnati in 1985.
3. Marques Tuiasosopo, for the University of Washington in 1999.
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5. He was 19.
6. It was 1986.
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UF SWIMMING

Gators finish 2nd at Big Al Open

By ALLISON BANKO
Alligator Writer

They train with championship finishes in mind. For some of the younger UF swimmers and divers, this weekend was their first taste of why they put in those long hours.

Florida carried a mere 30-man roster to Princeton's Big Al Open this weekend, offering some championship exposure for 13 of the squad's freshmen.

"It was good preparation for the end of the year to be prepared to swim fast all six sessions and leave no room for errors," freshman swimmer Alicia Mathieu said.

The men's and women's squad placed second in the Open.

The Gators entered the three-day, 36-event competition rested, reducing yardage in the pool prior to competition to see how a break could translate to the pool.

The team racked up a slew of personal bests, including Mathieu's 500-yard freestyle time of 4:47.66, an NCAA qualifying time. Other milestones include sophomore Sharla Milne's first win of

the season in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:47.53, just edging second-place Mathieu. Freshmen Trish Regan, Ellese Zalewski and Brad deBorde also clocked personal bests.

In the first event of the final day, Mathieu dominated the women's 1650-yard freestyle, setting a promising tone for the rest of the day's competition.

"This meet is definitely going to help us as we head toward our two biggest meets of the year."

Anthony Lewark
UF junior diver

"We came back [Sunday] with a new focus and it showed with some outstanding swims," associate head coach Martyn Wilby said.

Following Mathieu's win were top-place nabs by sophomore Jonathan Jordan in the men's 1,650-yard freestyle, Zalewski in the women's 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly, and junior Gabriel Huen in the men's 200-yard butterfly.

Diving Dominates First Day:

On the kickoff of the Open, the diving squad swept the competition, snagging the top two spots in the women's three-meter and the men's one-meter. The women's sole senior diver, Monica Dodson, placed just ahead of junior Kaylee Doback. And junior Anthony Lewark edged fellow junior Colin Bell.

Come championship time, every point counts, something Dodson said is crucial when the Gators perform on the diving board.

"Diving has become a much bigger influence on our team than in the past, especially with tougher teams," she said. "It's the extra points at the other end of the pool that can make a difference."

The diving squad also gained crucial exposure as all divers participated in each of the events the Open had to offer this weekend.

"Coming and diving in a long weekend meet like this is good practice for both SECs and NCAAs — they're both very long weeks and very tiring and stressful," Lewark said. "This meet is definitely going to help us as we head toward our two biggest meets of the year."



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UF's Monica Dodson and the diving team took the top two spots in the women's three-meter.

UF won last two sets to take down FSU

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Things looked bleak for the Gators as they trailed in the fifth set by scores of 12-7, 14-13 and 15-14. However, the Gators battled to the end, rallying to victory and closing the Seminoles' season.

"We've been in high drama, and second-round matches are some of the best in the tournament," Wise said. "With very little preparation time from one match to the next, you're playing a team that's just coming off a big win. Oh yeah: and it's Florida State and they played terrific."

Junior middle blocker Cassandra Anderson came up big on defense for the Gators, recording a match-high 12 blocks along with eight digs.

Florida had a higher hitting percentage and recorded more kills, assists, service aces, digs and blocks than the Seminoles.

However, the Gators also had six more service errors and four more attack errors.

The Gators will take on Purdue (23-10) on Friday in Austin, Texas. Purdue — Wise's alma mater—is the tournament's 16th seed.

"I was thinking '7-12,'" Wise said. "This team has been here before. We were down 7-12 against Nebraska in Omaha, and this team came back and won, so I shouldn't doubt them. I just knew that at that specific point there was no room for error. We had to play perfect. The effort level and some of those digs were just outstanding. Some nights when it's not going well, you're lucky and you move on."



Saj Guevara / Alligator Staff

The UF volleyball team pulled out a 17-15 victory in the fifth set to seal a comeback victory against FSU on Saturday. The Gators advanced and will face Purdue on Friday in the NCAA regional semifinals.

Bowl features coaching showdown between Meyer, Paterno

FOOTBALL, from page 14

"We are excited to hear that we are going to the Outback Bowl and play in another New Year's Day game," coach Urban Meyer said in a statement.

"We are proud of our history of playing in January Bowl games — not everyone gets to enjoy that experience. We've been fortunate around here to be in a bowl game for 20 consecutive years, and I've told our players and staff to not take that for granted."

In his first season as UF coach, Meyer led the Gators to a 31-24 victory against Iowa in the Outback Bowl. That was the last time Florida participated in the game.



Meyer

The Jan. 1 meeting will feature a showdown between two of the country's premier college football coaches in Meyer and Joe Paterno, who won his 400th game on Nov. 6 against Northwestern and is the all-time leader in FBS victories.

"We look forward to facing Penn State and one of the true legends in the game in coach Joe Paterno," Meyer said. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for coach Paterno and I will be honored to have the opportunity to coach in the same game as him."

The Gators and the Nittany Lions have faced off twice, with UF winning both of the matchups. The last time the two teams met up, Florida beat Penn State 21-6 in the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 1998.

Florida showcases improved offense in rout

■ SIX UF PLAYERS FINISHED WITH AT LEAST SEVEN SHOT ATTEMPTS.

By **GREG LUCA**
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — After a week in which two dismal scoring performances resulted in the season's second loss, the Gators came out Sunday with what senior Chandler Parsons called the best half of basketball they have played this season.

Florida scored only 30 points over the first 20 minutes, but it did so without any of the selfish and disjointed play that resulted in a defeat against UCF.

Instead, the No. 18 Gators (6-2) made smart decisions and moved the ball with precision as they defeated American (5-3) 67-48 in the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.

"Tonight I think the first half was the best offensive half we've had all year just from the standpoint of running offense, executing, and making the extra pass," Parsons said. "We're going to knock down shots so we're not going to worry about that. We're just working on getting the best

available one."

Florida's commitment to selflessness and ball distribution yielded 14 assists compared to just six turnovers for Sunday's starters.

Those numbers mark a major

improvement from the season's first seven contests, over which the unit had 69 assists and 75 turnovers.

"We just wanted to share the ball and get back to Florida basketball," sophomore Erving

Walker said. "Just trying to not force plays, making the extra pass, hustling on defense and things like that."

That willingness to pass led to an even shot distribution, as six players finished with seven, eight

or nine shot attempts.

As American switched between man and zone defenses, different areas of the floor started to open up for the Gators, who were willing to take whatever the Eagles gave them.

"I think that's our identity," Parsons said. "That's what type of team we should be. We've got nobody going out there trying to get 20 or 30 points per game."

In the days leading up to the contest, coach Billy Donovan stressed the team's need to focus on the things they could control.

Instead of worrying about whether a specific shot goes in, Donovan said players should be worried about shot selection and the passes that lead to an open look.

That mindset is the reason Donovan was pleased with the play of sophomore Kenny Boynton, who had seven assists and zero turnovers but also went 0 for 9 from the field in a scoreless effort.

"The minute the ball leaves your hand, gravity has more control than actually you do," Donovan said. "I'm more proud that he played the right way. As long as our team is getting good shots

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Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

UF forward Chandler Parsons rebounded from his 1-for-9 performance against UCF with 13 points and eight rebounds against American on Sunday.

UF to face Penn St. in Outback Bowl

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**
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After a disappointing season, the Gators received some surprising news.

On Sunday, Florida (7-5) accepted an invitation to play in the Outback Bowl in Tampa on Jan. 1 at 1 p.m. against Penn State (7-5).

The Gators were selected ahead of South Carolina

and Mississippi State — two teams that beat UF in the Swamp this season — to play in the game.

Earlier in the week, many thought Florida would take part in the Gator Bowl, another New Year's Day bowl in Jacksonville.



Football

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UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators survive five-set thriller

By **MATT RUBIN**
Alligator Writer

Florida played its last home match of this season Saturday night and it was arguably the most exciting match ever to be played in Gainesville.

The No. 1 Gators (29-1, 20-0 Southeastern Conference) defeated Florida State in a breathtaking five-set match 3-2 (20-25, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21, 17-15) to advance to the NCAA regional semifinals.

"This match lived up to its billing, and I can't say enough good things about how well Florida State played," coach Mary Wise said. "I don't think we've played a team all year that has passed as consistently as they did."

The match between the rivals was one of ups and downs for both sides. There were eight ties in the first set, none in a close second set, four in the third set, 10 in the fourth set and eight in the fifth set.

"To make a run in this tournament you got to

be healthy, you got to have some pretty good talent and once in a while along the way you got to catch a break," Wise said. "I think we caught a break tonight."

Junior setter Kelly Murphy led the Gators with a triple double. Murphy hit .385 on her way to recording a match-high 19 kills, 21 assists and 12 digs. She also recorded two blocks.



Wise

Murphy also became the 17th player in UF history to record 1,000 kills.

"It would have been pretty bittersweet to have our season end with a loss to Florida State," Murphy said.

"I just think that any second round match with any team playing in their possible last match of the season is bound to be exciting."

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TEERING OFF WITH TYLER JETT

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Shooting woes prove costly in upset loss to Brown

■ UF SHOT 30.6 PERCENT FROM THE FIELD SUNDAY.

By **MATT WATTS**
Alligator Writer

Florida finally showed its youth. Before Saturday's dismantling of Providence College, 10 points or fewer had decided each game and the inexperienced Gators had to fight for every victory. The Gators won four of those despite shooting under 40 percent from the field.

But that wasn't the case Sunday. Needing a win to clinch its second tournament title of the season, Florida (7-2) fell flat and was shocked 56-50 by Brown (3-6) in the final game of the Brown Bear Classic in Providence, R.I.

"Name an aspect of the game, and that's where it was decided," coach Amanda Butler said when asked to pinpoint her team's struggles. "They shot better than us. They defended better than us. We were out-coached. We were out-hustled. We didn't come to play."

The loss came at the hands of a

Brown team that was held to just 10 first-half points against Providence in the tournament opener.

The Gators defeated Providence handily on Saturday to the tune of 73-56, but nothing went Florida's way on Sunday.

Shooting again was a culprit as Florida (30.6 percent) missed early and often. Brown recognized Florida's desire to feed the low post and clogged the passing lanes inside, forcing 17 turnovers

and 11 steals.

Trailing by one point at half, Florida came out and traded buckets with Brown to open the second. But after making three out of its first four attempts to open the half, Florida missed seven consecutive shots, "Our biggest issue today was we lacked complete maturity and leadership," Butler said. "Clearly, we've got to get a lot better."

The Bears had a knack for nailing shots each time the Gators would cut into Brown's lead and it began to manifest itself into UF mistakes. Florida fouled Brown twice as the

shot clock was expiring. And within striking distance with mere minutes remaining, the Gators' guards seemed content to milk to clock on offense and not press the action.

A small bright spot for the Gators was the first-career double-double for freshman forward Deaundra Young (10 points, 10 rebounds) and the second in a row for Ndidi Madu (14 points, 11 rebounds).

"We're just not very mature. It's really disappointing in every aspect," Butler said. "We'll just go back, get ready to play and figure out who wants to compete."

Four of Florida's starters scored in double digits against American

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I have no problem with it."

The Gators other four starters all scored in double figures, led by Walker's 16. The sophomore connected on 4 of 6 three-point attempts, including a critical basket with 10:26 remaining after AU had trimmed UF's lead to eight, the smallest it would be in the second half.

Seniors Parsons and Alex Tyus both bounced back from poor performances against UCF, shooting a combined 10 for 15 after going 1 for 14 collectively against the Knights.

Macklin, on the other hand, picked up right where he left off in Wednesday's loss.

The senior followed that 20-point performance with five points in the first 4:36



Macklin

Sunday on his way to 12 for the game.

Macklin also recorded four rebounds and two blocks in his first game back at the Verizon Center since playing there as a Georgetown Hoya during his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Macklin was pleased he could put on a good show for his mom, Sonya, and brother, Eugene, who made the trip from his nearby hometown of Portsmouth, Va.

"I'm happy for him," Donovan said. "Coming back in to the area where he was in school for a couple years. But obviously being from Virginia, this game and us playing it had a lot to do with getting a chance to bring him back here as a senior."

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Auburn, Oregon to battle it out for national title

■ THE TWO TEAMS HAVE NEVER PLAYED IN A BCS TITLE GAME.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUGENE, Ore. — A season spent talking about BCS busters will end with another clash of the big boys — just not the ones we've gotten used to seeing in the title game.

Alabama and Texas? Florida and Oklahoma? Ohio State? Southern California?

Not this year.

BCS title game first-timers Auburn and Oregon will bring perfect records and potent offenses to Glendale, Ariz., for their Jan. 10 matchup.

The Bowl Championship Series were made official Sunday night, a formality after the top-ranked Tigers and No. 2 Ducks completed unbeaten seasons Saturday.

Oregon players gathered with friends and family in a lounge at the athletic complex on campus to watch as the BCS lineup was revealed on television. There wasn't a peep in the room when Oregon popped up on the screen at No. 2 in the final BCS standings behind first-place Auburn.

"There was no surprise to anybody that we were going to be one or two," defensive tackle Brandon Bair said. "I think you'd have had a great response if you'd seen us down there four or five."

Across the country, Auburn linebacker Craig Stevens had trouble putting his emotions into words. "It's just an amazing feeling," he said. "We've put in all that hard work (to) see our dreams unfold."

Those outsiders from TCU and Boise State were closer than ever before to play-

ing for college football's biggest prize. But the third-ranked Horned Frogs, the nation's only other undefeated team, couldn't overcome playing in the lightly regarded Mountain West Conference and will have to settle for a trip to the Rose Bowl. As for Boise State, one loss was one too many, and the Broncos ended up out of the BCS altogether this season.

The other BCS matchups announced Sunday were: TCU against Big Ten co-champ Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl; Arkansas and Ohio State, which also won a share of the Big Ten title, in the Sugar Bowl; Big 12 champion Oklahoma taking on Big East co-champ Connecticut in the Fiesta Bowl; and No. 5 Stanford playing ACC title-winner Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

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Craig Stevens
Auburn linebacker

While teams from the power conferences will play for the biggest prize of all, the Tigers and Ducks still represent a changing of the guard in their own way.

Since the BCS was born in 1998, its title game has almost always been stocked with college football's blue bloods and programs with championship pedigrees.

Auburn has one national title to its credit — and it came in 1957. That's one more than Oregon has. In fact, the Ducks are just the second team in the 13-year history of the BCS to reach the championship game looking for the program's first national title. Virginia Tech was the first in 1999.

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