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State to consider allowing guns on campus

■ THE BILL WOULD ALLOW ANYONE WITH A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT TO CARRY A HANDGUN IN PLAIN SIGHT.

By SARAH POSER
 Alligator Contributing Writer

As some lawmakers propose tighter gun legislation in the wake of the Arizona shooting, one Florida state senator is pushing for a bill to loosen gun control in the state as well as the classroom.

Last month Sen. Greg Evers proposed an open carry gun law under Senate Bill 234. The bill would allow anybody with a concealed weapon permit to carry a handgun in plain sight. Individuals with a concealed weapon permit would also be able to practice open carry at college campuses, career centers and private schools. The bill will take effect July

1 if it is approved.

UF Police Chief Linda Stump said the bill would cause a "major shift" in the way UFPD conducts business.

For Stump, the bill presents a larger issue.



Evers

"This is an educational setting where we hope people have rational, open discourse," Stump said. "We oppose legislation that would put guns in that situation."

Brian Malte, director of federal mobilization for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, is working with students across the country to defeat legislature such as Senate Bill 234.

Malte said he believes open carry could contribute to a culture of fear and intimidation.

"More guns in the mix just create more of a problem for public safety," he said. "This is no time to bring the Wild

West to Florida."

Sean Caranna, executive director of Florida Carry, a movement supporting the right to bear arms, said people are playing up the "Wild West" idea. In the 43 states that allow some form of the bill, those scenarios just do not happen.

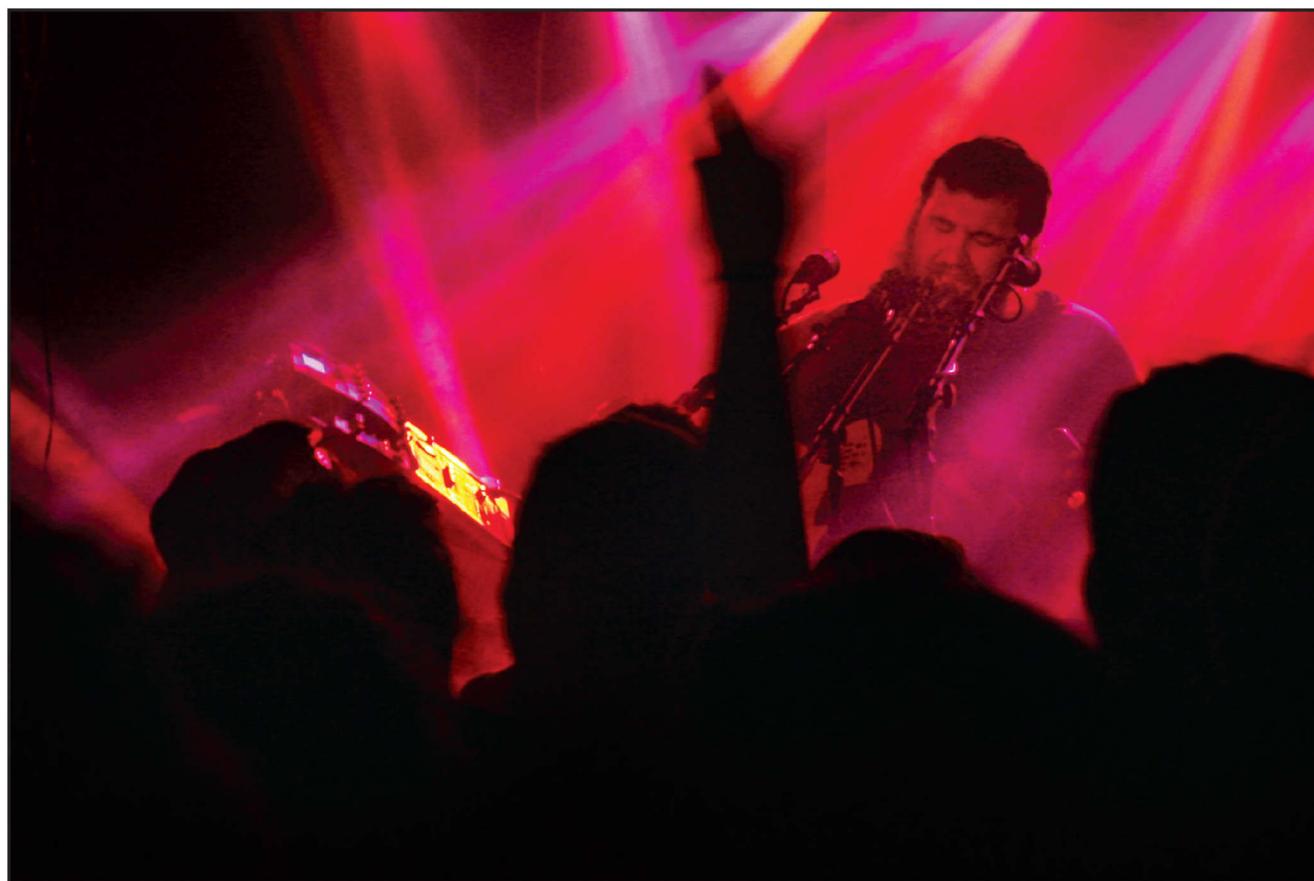
Caranna said the bill would deter crime and could protect students in the classroom.

"You go to college to prepare for the rest of your life," he said. "You shouldn't lose it because you couldn't defend yourself."

Florida is one of seven states that do not currently allow open carry gun rights.

Malte encourages everyone to reach out to legislators, no matter his or her stance on the issue.

"The more outrage there is, the more the gun lobby starts to retreat," he said. "Without a lot of protest, there is a chance the gun lobby could shove it through."



Andre Larrow / Alligator

Encore For More

Fans clamor for folk/reggae/acoustic artist Zach Deputy at Common Grounds during a 24-minute encore Friday night. Deputy was opened by local band Janna Pelle and the Half-Steps.

LOCAL Program keeps teens on right path

By MORGAN WATKINS
 Alligator Writer

Officer Doug Williams walks through the grass to the tune of middle school boys shouting.

Lined up in rows of seven or so, the boys stand straight. A man stands a few paces away. "Lock it up!" he says.

The boys echo his command, straightening their arms and snapping their fists out in front of them.

They begin to count.

"One, sir!" shouts the short boy, no more than 12, in the front, far left row. He snaps his fist to his side.

"Two, sir!" yells the next in line.

"Three, sir!" "Four, sir!" "Five, sir!" "Six, sir!"

Williams stands a few yards away, watching the boys count off.

This is how employees take attendance here in the middle school sector of the Reichert House Youth Academy, a nonprofit organization supported by the Gainesville Police Department and other local groups, that serves more than 130 at-risk boys in grades five through 12.

Williams, a GPD officer for 10 years who used to patrol downtown Gainesville, has worked at

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■ Florida guard Kenny Boynton (right) scored 20 points and shut down Arkansas' leading scorer as UF put together a complete performance, winning 75-43 on Saturday. See Story, Page 13.



Armed robber hits banks in Austria using Obama mask as disguise

VIENNA — Say, isn't that the president with a gun in his hand? Actually, no, but it sure looks like it.

Austrian authorities are searching for a bank robber who uses an unusual disguise: He wears a Barack Obama mask during his holdups.

Police say the man, nicknamed the "Obama Robber" by local media, is wanted for six heists since 2008.

The most recent took place Thursday in

the hamlet of Handenberg.

There the Obama-resembling suspect made off with an undisclosed amount of money after threatening bank employees with a gun.

Austrian police official Markus Mitloehner said Friday that the man is thought to be a local since he speaks the regional dialect — with nary a trace of Obama's more professorial accent.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Reading and Writing the Face:

Portraiture from Realism to Modernism

Today, 2 p.m.
Dauer Hall 215

In this talk, Kamilla Pawlikowska, of the University of Kent at Canterbury, U.K., will compare representations of human faces in realist and modernist texts focusing on English, Russian and Polish writers. By analyzing representations of the human face, we can identify strategies employed by artists to evoke its significance.

UF Phi Beta Lambda General Meeting

Today, 6:15 p.m.
MAT 118

Interested in developing leadership, communication and team skills, or looking for a way to meet and network with others at the local, state or national levels? Then join Phi Beta Lambda, the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America.

SAVANT Meet and Greet

Today, 7 p.m.
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Meet and greet with the current members. Come out to learn all you need to know about SAVANT.

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RISK Cinema Film Screening by Peter Hutton

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Harn Museum of Art

Peter Hutton creates majestic cinematic portraits of cityscapes, landscapes and seascapes around the world. Produced without sound and almost exclusively in 16 mm film, his images capture the subtle poetry and rhythms of nature and culture. Admission is \$5 for the public and free for members.

Poker Tournament

Friday, 7 p.m.

The Vault

Join Pledge 5 Foundation for its second annual "Taking It Off for Charity" Poker Tournament. Play for free or donate \$20 for a VIP wristband that gets you free wings and beer, a tournament T-shirt, participation in the raffle and access to the band. Get \$5 off if you donate your gently used clothing at the

door. All clothes will benefit St. Francis House and Goodwill.

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CORRECTION

On Friday, a story we published about the Safe Run program included the incorrect contact phone number. The correct number is 352-577-2RUN.

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.. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

January 25, 1968: Planners for the fifth annual Graham Area Playboy Party on campus announce they're looking for Gator girls to don the bunny ears.

"If you are a cute coed who likes to mingle and doesn't mind being stared at, Graham Area wants you," said committee chairman Bob Glidden.

January 23, 1974: A series of back-and-forth dorm raids culminates in a shouting match among 200 students from Broward and Rawlings halls until UPD officers arrive to keep the peace.

Women from Broward Hall stormed the Rawlings floors armed with shaving cream, talcum powder and

eggs. The Rawlings boys trashed the girls' floors with shaving cream and shampoo. Police patrolled the area to break up smaller retaliation attacks throughout the night.

January 30, 1985: The Gator football team is honored for its first Southeastern Conference Championship with a \$25,000 grant from the Florida Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

The money, used to establish a permanent scholarship for the program, was raised through the sale of 250,000 commemorative Gators bottles, of which the program was awarded 10 cents from each sale.

— KAT BEIN

ON CAMPUS

UF, Kentucky blood drive starts today

By LINDSAY DECARLO

Alligator Contributing Writer

When the University of Kentucky Wildcats come to the O'Connell Center, they will not only be competing in basketball but also in a blood drive.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers of Gainesville will be kicking off its semi-annual "What Colors Do You Bleed?" blood drive Monday.

The competition is a tradition between the schools to see which can collect the most donations for their local blood banks in a week.

The winner will be announced following the basketball game Feb. 5.

Kentucky has won the contest the past two years.

According to Clay Gibbons, the community development coordinator for LifeSouth, this event is the organization's largest of the year.

After a holiday season shortage, these extra donations will help fulfill an emergency need.

"For me, donating could potentially save a life."

Remy Kimes
Santa Fe student

LifeSouth anticipates more participation this year because a Champions Trophy will be awarded for the first time. All student organizations can compete in different divisions for this award.

"We're hoping people will bring out their friends, not just to beat Kentucky but help their organization win the trophy," said Claire Lovell, a student intern for LifeSouth.

Remy Kimes, a Santa Fe College student, plans to participate in the drive because he knows his O-negative blood is desperately needed, he said.

"For me, donating could potentially save a life," he said. "That's all the motivation I need to go out and give blood."

Bloodmobiles will be at the Hub, Gator Corner Dining Center, Broward Dining Center and on Turlington Plaza between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donations will also be accepted at LifeSouth donor centers and Gainesville Health & Fitness centers.

Concert helps fund clinic

By REBECCA DANTA

Alligator Contributing Writer

In an effort to raise support for a medical clinic in Tanzania, the faith-based student organization Hope Global Mission held a concert Friday at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

A Night for HOPE featured musicians, speakers and students who had been to the clinic. The performers shared their personal experiences through songs.

Admission was \$5 or the donation of a used textbook, which Hope will re-sell online.

Paul Emery, executive director of U.S. Center for World Mission in Gainesville, spoke from firsthand experience about the struggles children face in Africa.

"These kids are going to be lucky if they get to sixth grade," he said.

The event raised \$440 for Hope.

Kelley Williams, Hopes treasurer, estimates the group will raise between \$700 and \$800 through its online textbook sales.

Williams said the group has been so successful in its efforts, raising \$4,970.80 in the past year, that it now is expanding its partnerships.

"The clinic was telling us we were almost overwhelming them with funds," Williams said. "They didn't have enough stuff to spend the money on, so they told us to consider looking into new partnerships."

On Campus

InsideUF

Your campus news source

Showcase attracts employers who want to hire

Students scared of the thinning job market will be relieved to hear that this week's UF Career Showcase is expected to bring as many employers as last spring to campus.

About 175 employers are split between Tuesday and Wednesday. More than 10 of those employers are newcomers to the showcase.

Tuesday is the nontechnical day, when employers search for candidates in fields such as accounting, communications, health care, sales and retail. On Wednesday, employers look for candidates in the computer science,

construction, engineering and scientific research fields.

Wayne Wallace, director of UF's Career Resource Center, said that although the economy is at a low point, many employers still need workers.

"The companies that come today are doing well," Wallace said. "They are aggressively looking for employees."

Angel Iverson, the assistant director for career events, said students should come prepared and know what companies they are interested in. They should also be ready

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for two-minute interviews with each company. Information about all the companies, including the positions they're seeking to fill, can be found on the Career Resource Center's Web site.

"The employers want to create a presence on campus," she said. "They want students to know they are hiring, and they want face-to-face time where the students can ask questions."

The showcase will be held in the O'Connell Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. Normal parking restrictions still apply.

Additional information about the UF Career Showcase can be found at: <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/showcase>.

By Larry Truong

Did you KNOW?
The Career Showcase is open to UF students and alumni only.

Walkers on their way

University of Florida First Lady Chris Machen will host the Walking Gators spring kickoff at noon today to introduce the program's new Milers Club. The event will take place at the Plaza of the Americas. The first 100 walkers will receive a free pedometer. For route maps, visit HealthyGators.ufsa.ufl.edu or call 352-273-4450.

Report on spill

The co-chairmen of the presidential commission investigating last April's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico will present their exclusive findings at 6 p.m. Thursday in Pugh Hall's Ocora. "Deep Water: A Special Report to the University of Florida by Oil Spill Commission Co-Chairs Bob Graham and William K. Reilly" is open to the public.

School stages drama

The University of Florida College of Fine Arts School of Theatre and Dance presents Frank Galati's stage adaptation of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," from Friday to Feb. 6 on the Constans Stage in the Nadine McGuire Theatre and Dance Pavilion. Tickets are \$13 for UF students, faculty/staff and \$17 for the general public. Tickets are available through the UF Box Office at the Reitz Student Union Colonnade.

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UF Calendar of Events

Jan. 24

The Career Resource Center presents employer resume critiques. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Career Resource Center. Free and open to UF students. Call 352-273-2338 for more information.

The Caleb and Michele Grimes Fund presents "Why Is Haiti So Poor?" with guest speaker UF professor David Geggus. 7:30 p.m. Ustler Hall Atrium. Free and open to the public. Call 352-846-2032 for more information.

Jan. 27 - 28

UFPA presents California Guitar Trio. 7:30 p.m. Squitieri Studio Theatre. Reserved seating: \$30 admission. Open to the public. Call 352-392-2787 for more information.

Florida Museum Exhibit: "Dugout Canoes: Pad-

dling through the Americas." Florida Museum of Natural History. Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public. Continues through Nov. 11 2012. Call 352-273-2028 for more information.

Jan. 29 - 30

The Veterinary Graduate Student Association and the Aquatic Animal Health Program presents the Marine Mammalology symposium. College of Veterinary Medicine. Saturday, 4 - 8 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Open to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students with an interest in marine mammalology.

For more event details, or to submit an event to the calendar, click

"UF Calendar" at www.insideuf.ufl.edu.

Sustainability Speaker Series

Lynn Scarlett

Former Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

"Conservation in an Era of Scarcity"

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
8 p.m.

JWRU Grand Ballroom

Hosted by the UF Office of Sustainability, Florida Climate Institute, UF Water Institute, and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service

ONLINE GAMING

Counseling center to offer support for Web addicts

By **AMANDA EATMAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Tyler Reed, coordinator of UF's collegiate-league "StarCraft II" team, can play nonstop, skip meals and justify spending seven to eight hours on the computer a day.

"If I wasn't doing this, I would probably be watching television or raging," Reed said, "and neither are preferable."

Reed said he believes Internet gaming like this shares symptoms of addiction.

"You will skip meals," he said, "especially when you aren't living at home, and your parents don't bug you to go eat."

The Counseling and Wellness Center at UF will offer a new group for students who consider themselves dependent on comput-

er games, video games and the Internet.

The group, called Unplug Yourself from the Virtual World, is free for students and will meet every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting the first week in February.

Fred Shueh facilitates the group as a psychology intern at the Counseling and Wellness Center. He said the group aims to provide a safe place to explore issues regarding Internet use.

Shueh said group therapy helps participants in several ways. They realize they aren't the only ones dealing with the problem. They can hear other students' stories about how they struggle and how different people deal with their problems in different ways. Finally, group therapy helps participants become motivated to make changes

in their lives with the support from group members.

"If I wasn't doing this, I would probably be watching television or raging, and neither are preferable."

Tyler Reed
coordinator of UF's collegiate-league "StarCraft II" team

Shueh said the group is set to be inclusive and welcomes all Internet users, including those who chat, shop, use Facebook, play games and more.

Dr. Timothy Huckaby, physician and clinical assistant professor in psychiatry and

addiction medicine at the Florida Recovery Center, said Internet dependency is considered a process addiction, which is an addiction to an activity like eating or gambling.

Addictions can interfere with a person's social life, family, work and school, Huckaby said. People use the Internet as a way to escape their problems and can lose control.

Shueh said many people won't admit they have a problem with computer use.

"I didn't make this group to merely focus on fixing Internet dependence but to help students understand what is going on and to help them balance their life and their computer and Internet use," he said.

For more information about the group Unplug Yourself from the Virtual World, contact Shueh at shueh@ufl.edu.

The Reichert House offers guidance, academic advising to at-risk boys

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Reichert House for five years. He was originally an intervention specialist who counseled the kids and is now the program's operations director.

He offers advice and help to all the boys at Reichert House, but for some he becomes a close mentor. He tells them when they're messing up in school, and he helps them work through their problems.

If a boy needs to get out of the house to clear his mind, Williams might take him fishing on a weekend. Sometimes, the best thing he can do for a boy is to call him out on his mistakes and talk with his parents about how to help.

Najuan Williams, a 19-year-old alumnus of the program who still volunteers there, received support from Officer Williams that helped him control his anger. Shorter than many boys, Najuan would often lash out when someone tried to mess with him.

To help him release his anger without slugging another kid, the older Williams had him lift weights or practice boxing. This helped

Najuan work out his emotions physically without pressing his fist to another person's face.

Originally for boys involved with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Reichert House now serves at-risk boys in general. A boy who qualifies for the program can have a variety of risk factors, from living in a single-parent home to getting poor grades.

Reichert House works with multiple organizations to develop and maintain its programs, including the city of Gainesville and UF. It is funded by donations and local and state money, according to the Reichert House website. Businesses can also contribute by becoming site sponsors that receive recognition for their support.

The after-school program runs Monday through Thursday. The middle school section focuses more heavily on discipline and preparing them for high school, while the high school portion encourages personal responsibility and free-thinking. Reichert House also has a summer program that runs all day on weekdays.

During the school year, the boys are picked up from their schools and brought to Reichert House. The program provides academic advising, counseling, paramilitary exercises and other services, Williams said.

Sherry Estes, assistant principal of student services at Eastside High School, provides academic help for the high school sector along with student volunteers from UF and Santa Fe College.

Estes has been involved with Reichert House for three years. She teaches math, advises students on academics and encourages them to study for the ACT and SAT.

In some ways, she and the other adults in the program are surrogate parents for the boys. They help them make decisions and don't sugarcoat the truth.

As she shuffles papers on a desk in a Reichert House office, a boy in orange-and-black pants walks in the door to ask her about logging onto the ACT website.

As she answers his questions, another boy leans against the door frame.

"I got a 13," he says of his ACT score.

Estes looks over at him sternly. "You're going to take it again," she says.

The boy mumbles and looks down, frowning.

"Hey. Not an option. OK?" Estes says.

No answer.

"Yes, Ms. Estes," she answers for him.

The boy looks up. Not an option.

In addition to academics, Reichert House boys meet with intervention specialists who provide counseling and representatives from local organizations that teach them about health, finances and other subjects, Williams said. They also have time for recreation and get a meal before they are taken home in the evening.

The program meets the individual needs of each child and keeps them off the street during prime crime hours. In the last four years, 100 percent of the program's senior classes have graduated from high school, Williams said. While some do end up in jail, most go on to college or junior college.

At Reichert House, Williams is the "silent hammer," the fail-safe,

the last line of defense. If a boy gets out of control, Williams steps in to handle the situation, whether that means calming the boy down, disciplining him or both.

On the lawn in front of the middle school phase of Reichert House, Williams talks with a young boy and his mom. The boy, Arkeem Bennett, has been getting poor grades.

Williams tells him he needs to do something proactive instead of mouthing off.

"Grades man, first and foremost," Williams tells him, placing a hand on his shoulder. "Everything else will take care of itself."

Arkeem, wearing a red T-shirt and carrying a backpack, looks at the ground.

"If you're going to be a smart aleck, be one all the way and in there, too," Williams says, tapping the textbook in the boy's arms.

It's time for Arkeem and his mother to head home, so Williams gives his shoulder a squeeze and smiles.

Arkeem's mom turns to leave with her son but looks back at Williams. "Thanks, sugar."

Williams is no stranger to what

the boys of Reichert House are going through in their lives. He may be a police officer, but he's also a Gainesville native with a rough past. He can relate to these boys because he's been through it all himself.

Growing up in a single-parent home like many of the Reichert House boys, he did poorly in school and was often just seeking attention from anyone who would notice.

By 14, he had been shot and stabbed. He watched his best friend die from a gunshot wound right in front of him. When a boy like 16-year-old James Nixon, who was previously involved in gangs, joins the program, Williams understands the pressures he faces because he faced them, too.

"I don't want them to go through what I went through," Williams said. "If I reach one, I've done something. That's one less I have to worry about being a tax-taker instead of a taxpayer."

By working with the boys on a daily basis, Williams hopes to change their views of police officers. Many grow up seeing cops as the enemy, often because their parents view law enforcement that way. He wants them to see him, as well as other officers, as people who can help rather than hurt.

If a Reichert House boy runs into trouble, other officers know to call Williams to come work things out as long as the offense doesn't require the boy's arrest. He isn't there to punish the children but to discipline them when necessary and help them handle the daily trials of home, school and tough neighborhoods.

For James, Reichert House became a place to learn leadership skills and to help others. When James first joined the program, he was still in the mindset of being a "knucklehead" and didn't want to listen.

But as he became familiar with the children and adults involved in the program, he realized that he could embrace Reichert House and learn how to be successful in life, or he could just "come out dumb." He decided to be successful.

James knows that when he needs Williams, he can call, and Williams will be there. In return, James will do any job Williams asks of him at Reichert House. They help each other.



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Officer Doug Williams poses in front of a Reichert House sign. He serves as a mentor for many of the program's students on a daily basis.

Media center book, CD sale raises \$1,000

■ BOOKS AND CDS COST \$1 EACH.

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Writer

Folk CDs and books about censorship and birth control stacked the shelves at the Civic Media Center sale Saturday.

Customers looked through about 1,500 folk, acoustic and rock CDs, all \$1 each.

Any books the library had duplicates of were on sale too. About 200 books ranging from "Young Radicals: Notes on Committed Youth" to "Exploring Human Sexuality: Making Healthy Decisions" to "Feng Shui for Apartment Living" were also \$1 each.

James Schmidt, a store coordinator, said the sale brought in about \$1,000.

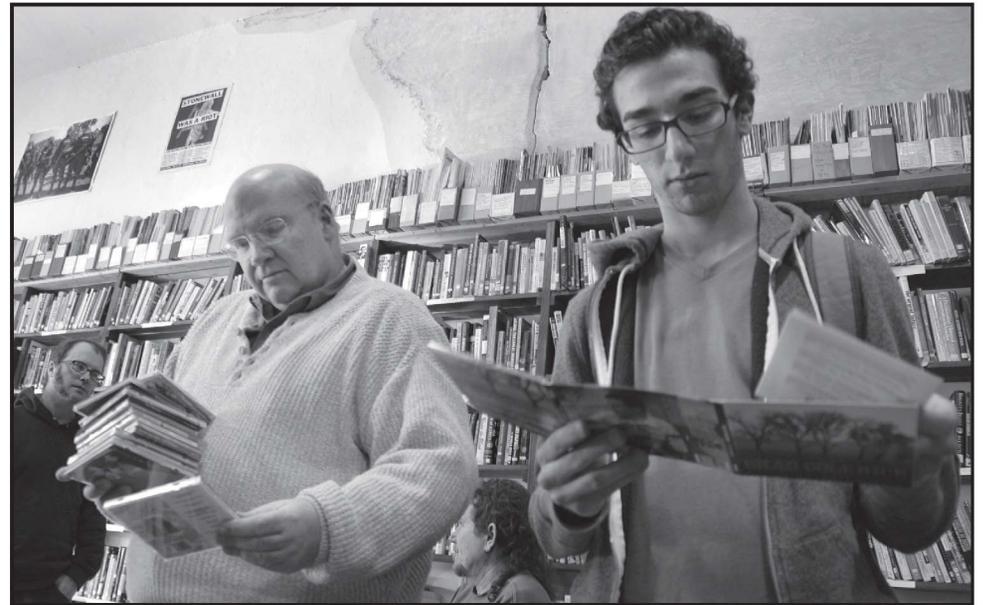
"That's huge for the CMC," he said. He said it has been tough for the library the past two years, but it's staying afloat.

"I think it's a crying shame when we lose those businesses," Schmidt said, "because they are the bedrock of the culture."

As customers flipped through the boxes of CDs, Schmidt explained the loss behind the library's gain. A "much-loved" folk and acoustic radio show was canceled by WUFT, so the disc jockey donated about 1,000 CDs that she used to run her show to the library.

Randy Reid, the county manager for the Alachua County Commission, bought about 25 CDs from the sale, taking a sampling of genres from the former show. He said he didn't know all the artists he was buying, but for \$1 per CD, the price couldn't be better.

"I can risk a dollar just to try it," he said.



Meredith Rutland / Alligator

Randy Reid, Alachua County manager, and Bennett Brzychi, a UF sophomore, look through folk and acoustic CDs on sale for \$1 each at the CMC sale Saturday.

Students get together for campus-wide cleanup event

They picked up 100 bags of trash

By **STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ**
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 160 students participated in Alpha Phi Omega's third Campus Cleanup Extravaganza on Sunday which was followed

by a celebration on Flavet Field with free food, games and an award ceremony.

The participants split into teams of eight to 10 and picked up trash in various areas around campus, filling about 100 bags.

"I like making a difference to the campus, and it is a great way to meet new people," said Katie Kafer, a member of the coed service fraternity. Alpha Phi Omega members

represented about 30 of the people who took part in the cleanup.

The rest were students who wanted to get involved and help.

Alpha Phi Omega gave awards to teams for the categories of most spirited, best dressed, most garbage collected overall and oddest object found.

The winning teams received medals and sunglasses.

"Carrying the trash bags may get heavy for some people," said Amber Danielecki, the organizer of the event.

"But in the end, it is such a rewarding experience, and it makes you a happier person."

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Editorial

Hail to the Tweet

Social media connects public to White House

We got a little preview of the State of the Union address this weekend, but for now we're more intrigued that the White House is embracing technology in the lead-up to the speech Tuesday night.

Concerned Americans can pose their burning questions to President Obama via Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

Given that the president owes much of his 2008 campaign success to social media, his effort to make citizens feel more involved via the Internet comes as no surprise.

On one hand, we are all for broadening the horizons of political interactions, allowing voters to come face-to-face with their leaders and express themselves.

The nation stands on the cusp of a new era when nearly anyone, regardless of age, income or location, can question the people who are supposed to look out for their best interests. We understand there will be a vetting system to weed out people without legitimate questions and to throw the president some soft ones. But that's how most political discussions occur now.

On the other hand, we have to wonder how someone could pose a pertinent and important question that's still specific enough to elicit a thoughtful response in only 140 characters.

All problems aside, anything that gets people thinking about what our elected officials are doing and saying contributes to the good of our society.

School on Crutches

Maybe a little struggling does the mind good.

Students remember material better when they take tests on it rather than merely studying it, according to new research in the journal *Science*. We're used to studying textbooks and reviewing notes until our eyes beg for mercy, so this is a breakthrough.

The study, which evaluated how much students retained about a passage a week after reading it, dismisses the idea that popular studying methods such as creating diagrams of information make information easier to remember.

Taking a test – even a practice test – isolates students from crutches such as textbooks and forces them to rely on memory. So an exam doesn't just force students to regurgitate what

they've learned; it embeds the information deeper into memory.

Of course, this is just one study. The results make sense, though, because students generally prepare for important exams such as the SAT, LSAT or just the Microeconomics final in the same way: practicing with old tests. This research suggests taking exams not only gives us experience with the specific test's format but also helps to store the information we know.

The technique comes with a downside, however. Students feel less confident in their memory while testing and may be tempted to study with the book constantly beside them.

With that in mind, for our next exam, we'll consider giving the crutches a break to see if we can stand on our own.

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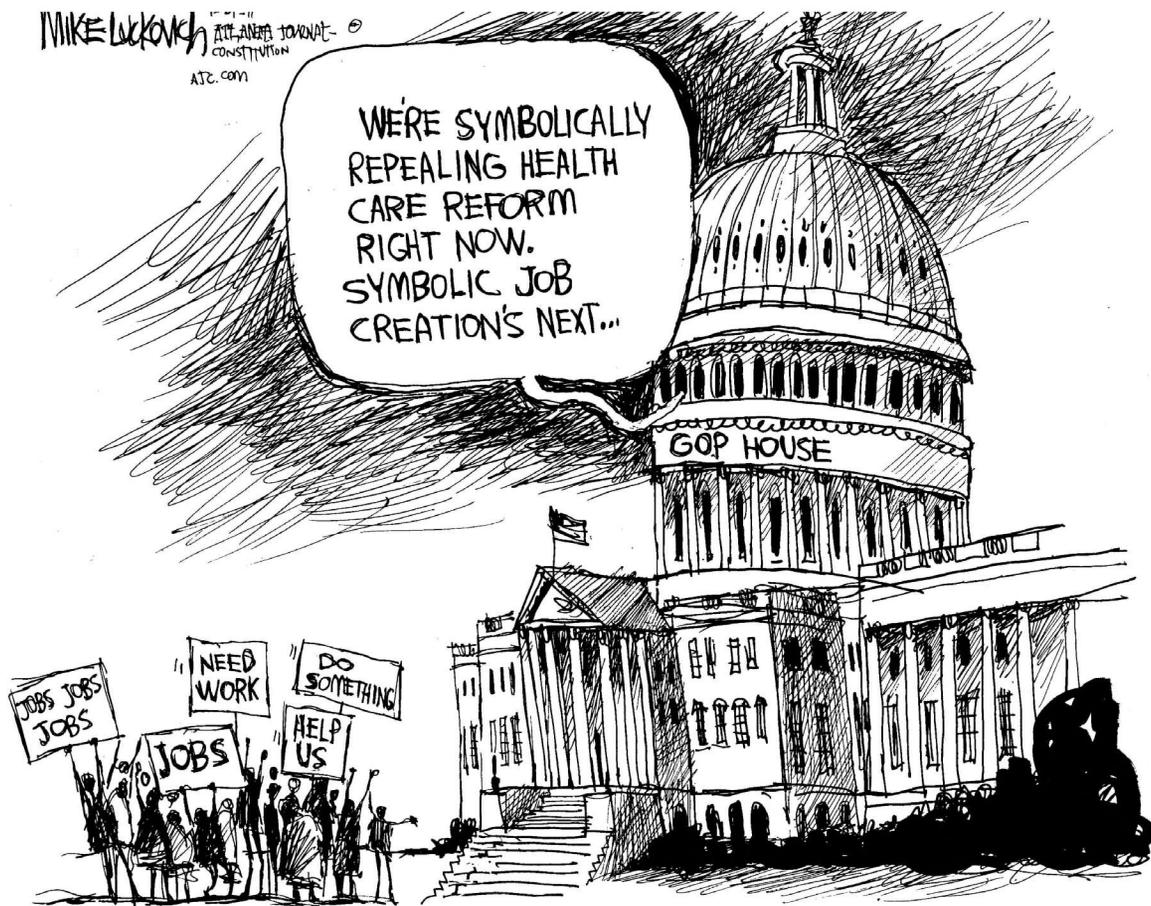
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Column

Parties overlook immigration solution

"Give [us] your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." For more than a century, these words have been America's call to the world, and the world has answered eagerly.

Unfortunately, those on the left have perverted these same words during today's debate over immigration reform. They recklessly wield them in support of absolute amnesty for illegal immigrants and deceptively denounce conservatives as being in favor of detention and deportation of all those here illegally. Obviously, neither of these solutions embodies the true meaning or spirit of Emma Lazarus' powerful words.

But if neither approach works, how can we fix the problem of illegal immigration?

It's simple. We can confront it with common sense and a basic understanding of the law of supply and demand.

In order to reform the immigration system, decrease the number of illegal aliens and increase overall American prosperity, the federal government must tighten border security, streamline the legal immigration process, increase the number of immigrants legally allowed into the country, create a guest worker program and place those who are here illegally in line with everyone else while holding them responsible for any fines or back taxes they might owe.

If lawmakers follow these five simple policy prescriptions, they will be well on their way to solving a pressing problem facing our nation.

Unfortunately, many lawmakers on the left refuse to realistically confront this problem. Rather, they push for amnesty, even limited amnesty, without any of the additional remedies.

Limited amnesty was tried in 1986 and failed. In fact,



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it only encouraged more illegal immigration in the following years.

The same would be true today, and passage of the DREAM Act would surely create a nightmare along America's borders.

It is important to remember, however, that even though those who are in the country illegally

broke the law to get here, most did so for good reasons.

They were pursuing the American dream of a better life for themselves and their families. While we cannot reward their illegal activity, we must take this as a clear sign that there is a demand for their services as well as an ample supply of immigrants willing to meet this demand.

If the immigration process is streamlined and the number of immigrants legally allowed into the country is increased, most who are pursuing work would follow this path. Not only would this reduce strain on the border, but it would allow more resources to be devoted to preventing those who truly wish to harm America from coming into the country.

Immigration reform is a necessity.

We are a nation of immigrants and should welcome with open arms any who wish to come here to pursue the American dream. Comprehensive reform would create opportunities for millions of citizens and immigrants to have better lives for themselves and for their families.

This is the hope that America provides to millions, and what could be more American than making this hope a reality for millions more?

Zack Smith is a first-year law student. His column runs on Mondays.

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Letters to the Editor

Taxi sting shows benefits of UF Student Government

I was extremely uplifted to read about Student Government and Ben Meyer's recent role in investigating taxi price gouging.

I, too, have been a victim of overpriced taxis while attempting to get home safely at night.

Like with other victims, my taxi driver did not run his meter, nor was the flat rate I was later charged displayed on the cab.

My ride cost a whopping \$35, far more than I had spent while out that night.

This is a confusing situation for students to be in, particularly when trying to get home late at night.

I had never taken a cab ride until arriving in Gainesville and thus knew nothing about the way they charge.

Without prior knowledge, I was unable to stand up to the taxi driver.

I believe this is the same situation most students find themselves in. They are simply glad to arrive home safely, so they do not argue with the overcharging.

It appears that most cab drivers understand the situation that students are in and have unfairly taken advantage of it.

Thankfully, we are blessed to have such an active student government and student leaders, like Ben Meyers, who take matters into their own hands. He took it upon himself to spend a night riding in taxis in order to investigate.

That is the kind of leader students at UF need — one who willingly will do whatever possible to ensure the safety and fair treatment of students.

Michelle Lanier
UF student



Columnist fails to examine valid opposing opinions

I'm guessing that Bob Minchin is one of those closed-minded individuals who thinks "The Colbert Report" is conservative.

You are correct on the "unpopularity of liberal ideology" in the media, though. I mean who watches ABC, NBC, CBS or CNN? Or reads the silly New York Times?

However, with my hypothesis regarding your ignorance of "The Colbert Report" message, sarcasm may have been a poor choice here.

I'm just saying to open your mind up a little bit and think about why the Fairness Doctrine might be a good idea.

A persuasive paper should concede opposing views and argue them down, something you completely ignored in your opinion article.

One-sided thinking and reporting will not get us anywhere.

Howard Moore
UF student

Guest column

Liberalism stands test of time in US

Regarding Bob Minchin's Friday column, a few things need to be cleared up.

For the record, talk of reinstating the Fairness Doctrine was advanced by one Democratic congressman, not the entire party, nor any other broad group of liberals.

No piece of legislation has been drafted, either.

Additionally, President Obama and representatives for his administration have repeatedly made clear their belief that the Fairness Doctrine should not be reinstated.

But those facts didn't really matter to Minchin, who capitalized on typical conservative paranoia about a vast mass media conspiracy as a rhetorical vehicle to drive his column's side argument that the Tuscon Tragedy was — wait for it — caused by liberals.

Matthew Christ
Speaking Out

Never mind that the shooter's reading list featured a blatant anti-government strain.

Never mind the shooter's YouTube videos about illegal currency are essentially a stripped-down version of a typical Glenn Beck program.

Never mind that most of our country's leaders have rightly declared that the shooter wasn't exactly a crazy far leftist or a crazy Tea Partier but was rather just crazy.

As in apolitically deranged. Further, to address Minchin's contention that "liberalism cannot survive in the arena of ideas," which, let's face it, is like calling your momma fat in the world of politics, I'd like to remind him that it has been the progressives from both parties that have advanced the best ideas of the past

few generations. Be it women's suffrage, civil rights, clean water standards, higher education standards, regulations to ensure fairness and equity in the marketplace or social safety nets that have lifted millions out of poverty and into the middle class, liberal ideas have fared pretty well in every intellectual arena that they've been tested.

The more astute readers out there might notice that Republicans advanced some of these ideas.

Unfortunately, it seems that intellectuals are increasingly being turned away from the GOP.

But rest assured, they're always welcomed at a gathering of the UF College Democrats.

Matthew Christ is a third-year advertising and political science major. He is also the vice president of community outreach for the UF College Democrats.

Guest column

Blend of political views necessary

Bob Minchin claims "liberalism is an emotive ideology. By nature, it relies more on feelings than intellect."

Then I guess conservative "intellects" Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh are actually liberals in disguise.

Here are a few in a long lists of quotes that prove they rely on emotions rather than rational thinking:

"We're not sexists, we're chauvinist — we're male chauvinist pigs, and we're happy to be because we think that men were destined to be. We think that's what women want."

"I could give a flying crap about the political process.... We're an entertainment company."

"Every night I get down on my knees and pray that Dennis Kucinich will burst into flames."

Unfortunately for Minchin's logic, conservative radio hosts are no intellectuals and neither are their liberal counterparts.

If you're going to make such an argument, you have to support it with facts, not just a petty, one-sided political agenda.

Minchin also claims that conservatism is winning because people are voting some Democrats out of office.

Then what happened in 2006? What happened in 2008? Anyone who has the most basic education about

Nicholas Sayaverda
Speaking Out

American politics knows well that there are cycles. Some cycles benefit the Democrats, and some benefit Conservatives.

There will always be both a conservative and a liberal base, but the truth is most Americans fall in the middle and despise these extremes.

They despise liberalism just as much as conservatism.

And just for the record, Mr. Minchin, without some liberal ideas, we would not have Social Security or Medicare.

Just ask a bunch of 70-year-old Tea Party members to end their Social Security and Medicare benefits and see their reactions.

In all fairness, without conservatism perhaps our income tax rates would be what they were under presidents of the 1960s or 1970s (70 to 90 percent for the highest brackets).

I guess what I'm trying to prove is that our country is neither conservative nor liberal but a constant political mix, where different ideas from different ideologies are blended to form this beautiful country that — with all its problems — I dearly love and adore.

Nicholas Sayaverda is a senior psychology student.

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Field set for City Commission election

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While the weather continues to waver between chilly and cold, the race for District 3 City Commission is heating up as the candidates prepare to make their push toward City Hall.

The race for the commission seat is chock-full of candidates, each with varying backgrounds and political experiences. For the next month and a half, they will be making their case to voters as to why they are qualified to serve Gainesville.

The election, which will be March 15, will be a five-way contest among Susan Bottcher, Ozzy Angulo, Jimmy Harnsberger, Ramon Trujillo and Rob Zeller.

Bottcher, who graduated from UF with a degree in anthropology in 1979, said she decided to run because she saw certain political movements, such as the "Tea-publicans," start to trickle into Gainesville. She said she doesn't want those viewpoints to choke the spirit of the city.

"It's all very negative. It's not solution-based," she said. "They're backward-looking. The traditional character of Gainesville has been forward-looking."

After graduating from college, Bottcher, 53, worked for Nationwide Insurance as a claims writer for about 10 years. Then, after marrying her husband, Del, she chose to be a stay-at-home mom.

She became involved with Littlewood Elementary School's PTA and then joined the East Gainesville Development Task Force. Before long, she was president of a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing a children's museum to Gainesville.

She'd volunteered in about eight educational and political or-

ganizations before she volunteered with the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee during the 2004 election.

Bottcher said the extent of her political involvement previously had been yelling at the TV during newscasts. She quickly learned the ins and outs of campaign planning, she said.

"That was kind of my political education," she said.

Angulo, 30, is no stranger to political campaigns. Last year, he ran for city mayor, finishing fifth in a field of five.

While some may see Angulo's performance as discouraging, he saw it as a learning experience.

"I've learned that solutions to a lot of the challenges that we face are within the community and in our city," Angulo said. "The perception that it's difficult for certain businesses to get established is actually a reality."

Angulo has assembled a staff to assist him with his campaign.

"He likes to pick local businesses; he likes to have a feel of what Gainesville is," said David Arreola, the media coordinator for Angulo's campaign. "He's very committed and has very strong convictions. From what I've seen, we have very intelligent staff members and we're going to make sure the right man gets elected to the chair."

In order to bolster his political presence, Angulo, a former U.S. Marine and a current theater student at Santa Fe College, is offering to do chores for Gainesville residents for political donations.

"I'm willing to work for campaign donations because that is what I intend to do as a commissioner — work," Angulo said.

While Angulo is using mediums such as Craigslist to get his name

out there, Harnsberger, 40, is taking a more "super" route. Across town, signs line yards that portray Harnsberger ripping his T-shirt to reveal a superhero-like "J" written underneath. The slogan: "We need Jimmy in the city."

"I'm running now because I think we've got some very serious issues before the commission," he said. "And I think we need a fresh perspective on how to tackle those problems."

Harnsberger, who is an assistant professor in the linguistics department at UF, said he first became involved in politics when he and other residents in his neighborhood worked with the City Commission to close down a nearby drug house.

"I'm running now because I think we've got some very serious issues before the commission."

Jimmy Harnsberger
City Commission candidate

From there, he quickly became involved in other community efforts and became president of the University Park Neighborhood Association in 2006.

As the city faces budgetary problems and a tough economy, Harnsberger believes the answer isn't more taxes but less spending. The city government, he believes, should focus on tightening its operation while still providing necessary public services, he said.

Harnsberger is also concerned with ensuring the city government supports urban neighborhoods and business districts.

"It's all connected," he said. "If we let our neighborhoods decline, the businesses don't have custom-

ers [and] they close. Schools, businesses, neighborhoods — they all have to be healthy."

For Trujillo, 44, the election represents an opportunity to provide a counterbalance to the "liberal establishment," which he believes has taken over the City Commission.

Currently unemployed and living on disability insurance, Trujillo has previously worked in a ministry and with various marketing and advertising jobs in South Florida.

He said he wants to represent the people of Gainesville "on a values perspective." He said he supports "innovated projects" and stands against Amendment 1, the equality for employment and anti-discriminatory law put in place in 2008 that gave protection to transgender, gay and lesbian people in Gainesville.

He lists two former presidents as his political idols: Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan.

"They're men of character," he said.

While he may be considered a political neophyte, Rob Zeller is no stranger to Gainesville. Having received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering and MBA from UF, Zeller, 39, owns Grog House, Gator City Sports Grill, Copper Monkey and :08 Seconds.

With his background in business, Zeller said he wants to treat city government like a business while trying to lower regulation and going after what he sees as excessive fees.

In terms of finances raised, Zeller leads the pack with \$11,996.56. Bottcher is right behind him with \$8,490, followed by Harnsberger at \$1,395 and Angulo at \$618.50. Currently, Trujillo shows no finances being raised.



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 Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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 10 Elmer's product
 14 Ballerina's rail
 15 In ___: stuck
 16 Bear with too-hot porridge
 17 Twisty-horned antelope
 18 Powerful wind
 19 Tiny army marchers
 20 Comfortable situation to live in, with "the"
 23 Anonymous Jane
 24 Research facility
 25 Songwriter Neil
 27 A deuce used as an ace, say
 32 Store, as a hose
 33 "Much ___ About Nothing"
 34 Beethoven's Third
 36 Li'l Abner's creator Al
 39 Went to the polls
 41 Cyberchuckle, and a hint to this puzzle's four longest answers
 42 Cake maker
 43 "Born Free" lioness
 44 "Romeo and Juliet" city
 46 Before, to Shakespeare
 47 "Free Willy" critter
 49 Turns on, as an engine
 51 What mirrors do
 54 Golfer's support
 55 Dot-com's address
 56 Low-paying but rewarding project
 62 Very dry, as Champagne
 64 Musical quality
 65 ___ but wiser
 66 Nuts
 67 Ending for exist
 68 Leaves out
 69 Actress Sommer
 70 Nut, e.g.
 71 Past or present

DOWN
 1 Adam's second son
 2 Refrain syllables
 3 Mouse catcher
 4 Golfer Palmer
 5 Showing shame
 6 Brand over spaghetti
 7 Brand under the sink
 8 Spanish toast
 9 Part of USA
 10 4.0, for one: Abbr.
 11 Minnesota-based dairy cooperative
 12 Pulitzer author Sinclair
 13 Relaxed
 21 Angle iron
 22 NBA's ___ Ming
 26 Glittery mineral
 27 Breaker at the shore
 28 People magazine focus
 29 "Like that's going to work!"
 30 Romeo or Juliet, e.g.
 31 Christian's dresses?

35 Coagulate, as blood
 37 Lima's country
 38 Get ready, briefly
 40 British peer
 42 Like a stroller at the shore, shoewise
 44 Moves out
 45 Peacekeeping gp. since 1949
 48 Animation collectible
 50 "Out with it!"
 51 Moscow money
 52 Filmom's Flynn
 53 Steakhouse steak
 57 Grimm beginning
 58 Oboe or bassoon
 59 Chief Norse god
 60 Docs for doggies and dogies
 61 Gaelic language
 63 Stubbed digit

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by Chris Richcreek

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- In the 2009 season, Tennessee's Chris Johnson became the sixth player in NFL history to rush for at least 2,000 yards in a season. Name three of the first five.
- In the past eight years (2003-10), how many of the current Big East men's basketball teams reached the NCAA Final Four?
- Name the last two goalies before Philadelphia's Michael Leighton in 2010 to have three shutouts in one NHL playoff series.
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Answers

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- Frank Thomas and Will Clark.
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UF dominates all phases vs. Hogs

Offense bounces back in win

By **GREG LUCA**
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After weeks of playing well in only one aspect of the game at a time, the Gators finally put together a complete performance Saturday night.

Florida (15-4, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) had what may have been its best contest of the year as it shot 50 percent and kept Arkansas (12-6, 2-3 SEC) under wraps, notching a 75-43 blowout victory in the O'Connell Center.

"We put it all together," senior Chandler Parsons said. "We played well on offense, we executed and we played very unselfish. And on the defensive end we also locked up."

Saturday's performance served as a microcosm of what many believed this Florida team would be coming in to the season.

UF has played games in which it showed flashes on either offense or defense, but Saturday it proved what it is capable of when it does both for 40 minutes.

"That was my focus coming into this game: trying to shut (Clarke) down. He's a great player, great shooter, and I just wanted to do my best to disrupt anything he had going on."

Kenny Boynton
UF sophomore guard

"I thought from start to finish it was a real complete game for us," coach Billy Donovan said.

Coming off a putrid offensive performance against Auburn in which they shot just 28.3 percent in a 45-40 win, the Gators had one of their strongest scoring outputs of the year.

While the offense was entirely different from the way it played at Auburn, the defense looked like the same unit that held the Tigers to their lowest point total in the shot clock era, this time limiting Arkansas to just 29.4

percent shooting.

"Everyone put that game Thursday behind us, and we really just wanted to come out and play defense," sophomore guard Kenny Boynton said.

Boynton was UF's best defender, as he played a major role in shutting out junior guard Rotnei Clarke, who came into the game averaging a team-high 13.5 points per contest.

Clarke mustered just three shot attempts for the game, including two air balls from three-point range.

"That was my focus coming into this game: trying to shut him down," Boynton said. "He's a

great player, great shooter, and I just wanted to do my best to disrupt anything he had going on."

Although Boynton's focus was on defense, he also played a major role in an offense that needed less than 19 minutes to make as many field goals (15) as it did in the entirety of Thursday's game.

UF established an interior presence in the early going to open up the outside, and Boynton responded by hitting a trio of shots from beyond the arc in the first 20 minutes.

Florida opened the Auburn game just 3 for 24 from long distance, but Boynton never shied away from an open three, connecting on four of his seven

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Florida sophomore guard Kenny Boynton led the Gators offensively with 20 points and helped shut down Rotnei Clarke in a 75-43 rout.

Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Gators' inconsistency defies explanations

In a moment of brutal honesty, Florida basketball coach Billy Donovan hopefully put an end to all the speculation, all the guessing games and all the "if only" thinking.

When asked if his team was "mystifying" to him, Donovan quickly answered, "Yes."

"Don't fall in love," he added, smiling, after a performance worth falling for. The Gators dismantled Arkansas



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75-43 on Saturday, something they needed in light of the borderline-humiliating 45-40 win at Auburn on Thursday.

Perhaps the only consistent aspect of Florida's season has been its inconsistency, and that has never been more clear than it was in the Thursday-Saturday Southeastern Conference swing.

The Gators were horrid offensively at Auburn, scoring the fewest points in the Donovan era, and they were unexpectedly dominant in all phases Saturday against Arkansas.

"It shows us what type of team and upside we have if we just keep being focused and coming out, executing our game plan," sophomore guard Kenny Boynton said.

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LSU pushes Florida's losing streak to four

By **MATT WATTS**
Alligator Writer

Before Sunday's game, LSU coach Van Chancellor said he was worried by how hard the Gators play.

But the trademark toughness coach Amanda Butler demands from her team was absent until late in a 72-58 shellacking in Baton Rouge, La., against the Tigers.

Already on a three-game snide, Florida held a lead for only 13 seconds, and Butler said the team showed a "complete lack of readiness" in the loss.

"We've been through a lot emotionally in the past week," Butler said afterward in a radio interview. "But that's life. And that's life in the [Southeastern

Conference]."

Going on the road to face the SEC leader in scoring defense proved to be too large a task.

The Gators' offense was handicapped all night by the Tigers, who routinely forced Florida (12-9, 2-5 SEC) out of its element into long possessions and half-court sets.



Butler

UF, a team that likes to run the floor and set up offense with aggressive defense, had zero fast-break points and took multiple bad shots as the shot clock expired.

Coupled with the poor of-

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TEERING OFF WITH ADAM BERRY

■ Jaguars RB Maurice Jones-Drew tweeted the following Sunday regarding Bears QB Jay Cutler: "Hey I think the urban meyer rule is effect right now... When the going gets tough.....QUIT.." Much like everyone else in Jacksonville, Urban won't be attending any Jags games in the near future. ... Billy Donovan's quip to the media Saturday night — "Don't fall in love" — immediately brought to mind Ronnie from Jersey Shore saying, "Don't fall in love at the Jersey shore."

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Gators come up short despite late charge

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defensive showing, Butler said the Gators also showed lackluster effort on the other end of the court.

"We got crushed on the boards

today and really just had very little pride in our defense," Butler said.

From the opening minutes, Florida allowed open looks off LSU ball screens.

Adrienne Webb, who scored a

game-high 18 points, and Taylor Turnbow knocked down wide-open jumpers to give LSU an immediate 5-0 lead. The Tigers took advantage of similar easy opportunities all afternoon, shooting a 50.9 percentage.

Sunday is only the second time all season Florida has allowed an opponent to shoot 50 percent from the floor. Auburn made exactly half of its shots in a 17-point victory over UF on Jan. 6.

Despite LSU's hot hand, Florida still had its chances.

Jordan Jones (15 points, team high) and Lanita Bartley hit late threes to cut the Tigers' halftime lead to eight. LSU went more than four minutes without a field goal. But the Gators scored just five points in the first 12 minutes of the second half and the Tigers extended their lead to 18 points.

Florida led a small charge to cut the lead to single digits with just over two minutes left to play, but LaSondra Barrett answered with three of her 14 points to put the game away.

"We're just having crucial breakdowns at crucial times," Butler said, referring to a missed rebound opportunity that led to a Kentucky three. "When you're playing (like that) on the road, then you're going to get beat by double-digits by good teams."

UF shot 41.5 percent, inflated by a 48-percent first half, and attempted 19 shots from beyond the arc for only the fifth time this season.

Butler, reeling after four straight losses, was asked afterward if she thought the small comeback late in the game was a positive the team could use going forward.

"That's what you're supposed to do," she said. "That's not something you should get a medal for. You're supposed to keep fighting."



Saj Guevara / Alligator Staff

Florida junior Jordan Jones led the Gators with 15 points in a 72-58 loss to LSU on Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

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"If we have more games like that, the same result will come."

Entering the weekend, fans had all but given up on seeing those results. This morning, hope once again springs eternal.

It's almost become unfair to say it's been a "rollercoaster ride" for the Gators the last two years — at least it's possible to see what's next on a rollercoaster. This team, on the other hand, is completely unpredictable.

"They are in a lot of ways," Donovan said. "I love coaching them, and they're great kids, and they work hard, and there are so many elements of them that I enjoy."

There have been innumerable complaints, plenty of wishful thinking and certainly no shortage of quick-fix suggestions regarding what would turn this squad into the preseason top-10 team it was predicted to be.

It was said the Gators had to fix their shooting to win games. Auburn is a bad team, but Florida still pulled off a win despite a historically bad shooting night.

The common consensus before that was UF had to play great defense or it wouldn't stand a chance against quality teams. Almost on cue, Ole Miss and Tennessee each scored more than 70 points and lost to the Gators.

I've even played the "what if" game as well. Three weeks ago, I wrote that Chandler Parsons' offensive success was necessary for the Gators to play up to their potential.

Parsons scored five points Saturday night. He took only six shots in 30 minutes. But he was involved everywhere else on the floor, grabbing a career-best 15 rebounds and leading the team with five assists.

Anything else? Free throws? Turnovers? Offensive rebounding? Sound familiar?

Despite everyone's best attempts to find a quick fix, there is none. UF will play above its potential (see: Kansas State, Xavier, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Arkansas), and it will play far below it (see: Jacksonville, UCF), with no rhyme or reason why either happens when it does.

To his credit, Donovan has avoided putting the blame on his team for its inconsistency. Instead, he often speaks about his players' need to worry about the things they can control.

Entering every game not knowing whether the Gators will play that way, however, has left Donovan — and anyone who follows the team — mystified.

Arkansas' man defense leads to easy scoring opportunities for Florida

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attempts on the way to a team-high 20 points.

"He's already done with Thursday," Parsons said. "That's over with so he moved on. He's a scorer, he's going to shoot the ball no matter if he goes 0 for 9 or 9 for 9."

Rather than playing a zone scheme like the one Auburn employed to great success, the Razorbacks opted to stay in a man-to-man defense for most of the contest.

This allowed the Gators to make easy post feeds and attack early, as they attempted just five threes in the first half.

Center Vernon Macklin and forward Alex Tyus combined to score the team's first 12 points. The frontcourt duo finished the game with 13 points apiece.



Basketball

Hot Shots



1. Kenny Boynton, So.

Boynton followed his game-tying three with 1:51 left in Thursday's game at Auburn by scoring a team-high 20 points in a blowout win against Arkansas. Boynton also played well on the defensive end, forcing a critical miss in the closing moments Thursday before shutting out Arkansas' leading scorer, Rotnei Clark. The sophomore was not just a scorer and a stopper, but also a distributor, recording seven assists and just one turnover on the week.



2. Chandler Parsons, Sr.

Parsons snagged a career-high 15 rebounds Saturday on his way to a team-best 21 for the week. The forward only scored nine points in the two games but led the team with eight assists. Parsons filled the "point-forward" role Donovan had hoped he would assume and put together an all-around week that led him to say, "I don't think there's another player out there more versatile than me."



3. Alex Tyus, Sr.

Tyus had an efficient and consistent week, shooting 50 percent and finishing in the top three in scoring in both games. The senior also helped UF in one of its biggest problem areas, hitting 8 of 10 free throw attempts on his way to 20 points. Tyus also contributed in other aspects, snatching nine rebounds and notching three blocks.

Standings (Through Jan. 24)

1. Chandler Parsons
4 POINTS

T2. Erving Walker
3 POINTS

T2. Kenny Boynton
3 POINTS

T4. Vernon Macklin
1 POINT

T4. Alex Tyus
1 POINT

Gators post eight season-best times in loss to Tigers

■ UF'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS FELL TO AUBURN ON THE ROAD.

By **JOHN BOOTHE**
Alligator Writer

Florida couldn't spoil Auburn's Senior Day celebration on Friday afternoon, even after notching a season-high 24 NCAA qualifying times and swimming one of their fastest meets of the year.

Despite trailing in both men's and women's events for most of the meet, losing by a combined 64 points, the Gators still received the same solid output from the top two swimmers on each team.

For the No. 5 men, senior duo Conor Dwyer and Brett Fraser combined for seven NCAA cuts, five season-best times and two individual wins.

Their No. 6 female counterparts, freshman Elizabeth Beisel and junior Sarah Bateman, were also dominant with six qualifying

times, including two season-bests and three individual victories.

The Gators ran into trouble early on when they tried to replace the points usually grabbed by injured junior diver Anthony Lewark and women's relay swimmer Shara Stafford.

"We weren't as fresh as we would've liked to have been for the meet, and unfortunately, Auburn has a lot of depth in the sprints and the relays," Bateman said.

Coming into the Auburn meet, Lewark had racked up a team-high seven diving wins. In his absence with a shoulder injury, Florida missed out on winning either the 1- or 3-meter dive for the first time this year in a dual meet.

While missing a key diver was an issue, the Gators also struggled in the relays.

Stafford, a junior, has been a part of season-high times in four different relays and is the team's third leading points scorer. Without her help anchoring the 400-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard medley relay, Florida

dropped both events, leaving 22 points in the pool.

Coach Gregg Troy could not be reached for comment Friday night as to why Stafford was not at the meet.

"She can really swim anything so it took a lot of us to fill in for what she usually swims," Bateman said.

Even with their struggles in the dives and relays, the Gators drew close to the Tigers' lead by the 15th event of the evening.



Swimming

The men's team (4-3, 2-1 SEC) swept the 200-yard butterfly led by sophomore Sebastien Rousseau's NCAA "B" cut time of 1:46.04, and Bateman's win in the 50-yard freestyle for the women to cut Auburn's lead on the Gators to six and seven points.

But just when Florida thought it had clawed back in reach of the No. 6 Tigers, Adam Brown, the defending SEC Swimmer

of the Week, swept Florida's juniors Karl Krug and freshman Marcelo Chierighini in the 50-yard freestyle. All three of their times qualified for NCAA "B" cuts.

The Tigers' lead was then back to 20 and continued to swell onto a 34-point victory for their men's team on Senior Day.

The women's team fared similarly after Bateman's win. Their single-digit deficit lasted for just one event as Auburn responded with four straight wins in the 3-meter dive, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard breaststroke.

Sophomore Jaime Bohunicky finally stopped the Tigers' run with an NCAA "B" cut win in the 500-yard freestyle, but by then, Auburn had a 19-point cushion on the Gators.

The Tigers increased their advantage with wins in two of the last three events of the afternoon. Florida dropped to 0-2 in Southeastern Conference play with the 165-135 loss but will host Auburn and the rest of the league at the SEC Championships Feb. 11-19.

UF GYMNASTICS

Dickerson sweeps event titles, Florida wins third straight

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

The Gators hit the road for the first time all season, and the unfamiliar mats served for just another victory.

Florida experienced more of the same as the squad traveled to Baton Rouge, La., and swept LSU on Friday, posting its third consecutive win to open the season. The 196.425 to 194.000 victory was the first road meet of the season for the top-ranked Gators.

Without the usual home atmosphere of the O'Connell Center, the team was greeted in a manner they hadn't experienced this

season.

"It was a lot different," sophomore Ashanee Dickerson said. "We had the crowd booing us when we came out."

Unshaken, Dickerson snagged her 10th career all-around title with her performance.

"Unbelievable," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "Phenomenal. She just continues to shine. She shows everybody that she's the real deal."

Dickerson posted a 9.800 on uneven parallel bars, a 9.900 on vault, a 9.950 on floor exercise and a 9.825 on balance beam. She became the first Gators gymnast to sweep a meet's five event titles

since Chrissy Van Fleet did so in 2000.

"It was amazing," Dickerson said. "I just went out there and did what I did every day."

On floor routine, fellow sophomore Marissa King edged just behind Dickerson, scoring a 9.875 for her performance — the second-highest score for both teams in



Dickerson

the event.

"I had a great floor routine tonight," King said. "Every time I do, I just get better and better."

All-rounder Alaina Johnson, the two-time SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Week, returned to four-event action against the Tigers after sitting out on balance beam last week due to an injured toe.

In her return to beam, she pulled out a 9.775.

Freshman Mackenzie Caquatto also competed in an additional event as a fresh addition to the vault roster. She has only performed in bars and beam in her college career up until Friday's meet. Though Caquatto earned an impressive 9.850 on vault, her performance on bars fell short at a 9.400.

"She had an absolute perfect routine, but she went over," Faehn said. "She was trying so hard for perfection. It's a mistake that she's very upset about."

Although Faehn said the team did fabulous in some areas, such as Dickerson's title and King's floor routine, overall the team didn't reach its full potential. She said Florida's biggest struggle was nailing stuck landings — something the team has been successful in its first two meets of the season.

"I think we did decent," Faehn said. "Nowhere near our capabilities. It's going to be a great learning experience."

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Gators men top No. 7 Bears

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**
Alligator Writer

The No. 9 men's tennis team may just move up the rankings after defeating No. 7 Baylor 5-2 on Sunday.

Playing at home, the Gators battled the Bears throughout the day, winning six close matches.

"It was no surprise," coach Andy Jackson said. "We felt like we could win against them, but we also felt like we could lose against them. Right now, it looks like we're ahead a little bit."

In doubles action, the Gators' No. 11 pair of Alexandre Lacroix and Nassim Slilam earned a victory against the Bears' No. 4 team of Roberto Maytin and John Peers.

Lacroix and Slilam's experience playing together paid off as their win gave the team a lot of momentum, Jackson said.

The Gators earned their first point of the day after Sekou Bangoura Jr. and Andrew Butz defeated Sergio Ramirez and Jordan Rux (9-7).

"Sekou was just fantastic," Jackson said. "He showed why he is one of the best doubles players in the country."

Butz's strong play continued in singles action, where his win against Julian Bley gave the Gators the decisive fifth point.

Only a freshman, Butz entered the fall under the radar, but he has the potential to be a key player now and in the future, Jackson said.

The Gators' other singles wins came when Slilam defeated Maytin (7-6(2), 6-2) and No. 52 Bob van Overbeek defeated Ramirez (4-6,

6-4, 6-1).

Lacroix also earned a two-set win on the day as he defeated Rux (7-6(7), 6-1).

Although the senior did not play his best this weekend, Jackson

remained confident in the team's No. 1 player.

"We know the team rests on his shoulders," he said. "I think he can play better, but he's 4-0 so far and you can't do better than 4-0."



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Florida sophomore Sekou Bangoura Jr. teamed up with freshman Andrew Butz for a doubles victory as No. 9 UF defeated No. 7 Baylor.



Tennis

FORMER GATORS IN THE NFL PLAYOFFS



Maurkice Pouncey

Pittsburgh Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey left Sunday's AFC Championship Game against the New York Jets with a left ankle sprain. The absence of the Pro Bowl rookie was heavily felt, as the Steelers averaged 5.6 yards per carry before his injury and just 3.5 yards per carry afterwards. The Steelers advanced to Super Bowl XLV with a 24-19 win, but Pouncey's status for the game is unknown.



Major Wright

Chicago Bears safety Major Wright recorded a career-high six solo tackles in a losing effort against the Green Bay Packers during Sunday's NFC Championship Game. For the season, Wright appeared in 12 games, including both of the team's post-season contests, and made 32 tackles.

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JEANNE LIOTTA | March 22, 7 p.m.

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