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Details released in student murder case

■ TWO ARRESTS WERE MADE LAST WEEK.

By **ALEXANDER KLAUSNER**
Alligator Staff Writer

Newly released documents from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office detail the evidence and events leading up to the murder of UF student Saleha Huuda and Wednesday's arrests of Antonio Drayton and Cassandra Kimbrough.

Drayton, 24, is charged with first-degree murder. Kimbrough, 42, is charged as his accomplice.

Firefighters discovered Huuda's body Dec. 30 after extin-

guishing a small brushfire off County Road 225.



Drayton

It was the last time she was seen alive.

On Dec. 29, Huuda had exchanged text messages with Drayton about going over to his apartment located in Pine Rush Villas off Southwest 20th Avenue.

When Huuda did not respond to Drayton's texts, he believed she was with someone else.

At 6 p.m. Dec. 29, Huuda stopped at her parent's house to pick up an insurance card.

Drayton next appeared at his brother's house in Starke around 11 p.m. to ask for money. His brother said Drayton was "anxious," according to the report.

Another witness saw a car that looked like Huuda's leaving the property. The witness said the car had a cheerleading sticker on the back.

Cell phone records show both Drayton's and Kimbrough's phones were connecting with a cell phone tower in Starke.

Surveillance cameras at a Starke gas station show a woman resembling Kimbrough buying \$2 worth of gas. She was shown moving to and from Huuda's car.

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INVESTIGATION TIMELINE

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| 12.29 6 p.m. Saleha Huuda is last seen alive at her parents' house. | 12.30 1:09 a.m. A woman resembling Cassandra Kimbrough is seen buying gas at a Starke gas station and is observed walking to and from a car resembling Huuda's. 2:41 a.m. The brush fire is called in to 911. | 12.31 Drayton's girlfriend hears him talking to Kimbrough asking for bleach, rags and gloves. | 1.1 The Sheriff's Office interviews Drayton. He denies wrongdoing, saying he was at home with Kimbrough. She signs a sworn statement confirming this. | 1.3 Huuda's car is found at Turtle Oaks apartments. The car is found to have a strong gasoline smell in the back and pillowcases in the trunk match a blanket that Huuda's body was wrapped in. | 2.2 DNA of Drayton is found on a napkin recovered from the scene where Huuda's body was found. Drayton and Kimbrough are arrested. |
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Jocelyne Sanchez / Alligator Staff

Knight fights dirty in Medieval Faire jousting contest

By **ALEX ORLANDO**
Alligator Writer

His steed is brushed.

The lances are prepped.

And before he puts on his armor, Sir William Dudley grabs his iPhone and cranks up the volume of his favorite heavy metal song.

While "The Other Side" by U2 sun wails over the speaker in his tent, he swings open a case the size of a Buick's trunk and hauls out the components of his armor. The shoe polish smell of oiled metal fills the tent as he pieces his suit together.

Among the helmets, swords and spare lances scattered around the tent are a Coleman cooler, a bottle of sunscreen and a crumpled up McDonald's bag.

He's geared up and ready, but he's not a knight yet.

Inside the tent, he's David Schade, the 34-year-old former UPS employee who ran away with the Renaissance 12 years ago.

It was 1999, and he was working as a part-time actor in the Great Lakes Medieval Faire and Marketplace in Geneva, Ohio, when he met up with some of the jousters.

Maybe it was the grade-school history classes or the Errol Flynn

movies. But when they mentioned an open spot, he was in.

"Once I got involved with this, it was like 'I'm never coming back,'" he said.

And he didn't.

He called his roommate at his Palm Beach apartment and told her to put all his belongings in storage. When his next shift with UPS rolled around the following week, he was already on the road to the next fair.

From there, it was horse training, 46 weekends of shows a year, and all the bumps and bruises he could take.

But most of his injuries aren't from the closet-rod-sized length of oak barreling at his chest at locomotive speeds. He got used to the wrenched ankles, twisted knees and ruptured disc in his back. It's the small things that get him.

The index finger on his left hand lacks its middle knuckle. What started as a nick from a sword during practice became a swollen, infected wound. The infection spread to his bone and had to be removed. He was off the horse for 10 weeks.

Last summer, after a 10-pound

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Alex Orlando / Alligator

David Schade, aka Sir William Dudley, jumps off his horse to clobber his opponent during a post-jousting battle Saturday during the 25th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire.

■ UF sophomore Kenny Boynton (right) stepped up to defend Kentucky star Brandon Knight on the last play of Florida's 70-68 win Saturday night in front of a record crowd. See Story, Page 13.



Runners dash 2 miles, scarf a dozen doughnuts, sprint back

RALEIGH, N.C. — On your marks, get set, stuff your face.

About 7,500 people took part in Saturday's annual Krispy Kreme Challenge in Raleigh.

The rules are simple and stomach-churning: run for two miles, eat a dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts and then run back along the same two miles.

That's four miles of running to burn off about 2,400 calories.

It's for a good cause, though. The race is

operated by students at North Carolina State University, and it raises money for the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

Last year, the event took in more than \$55,000.

The race began in 2004 as a dare among friends.

Only a handful of runners took part in the beginning, but the race has grown steadily since then.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Graduate Christian Fellowship

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 284
The speaker for February will be professor B.J. Fregly of the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department. All are invited.

Associated with the Past? Communist Legacies and Civic Participation in Post-Communist Countries

Today, noon
Anderson Hall Room 216
Grigore Pop-Eleches from Princeton University will present a talk about the collapse of communism. Twenty years later, scholars roughly agree that the communist past still matters. Many questions remain, however, about exactly how, when and why the past matters, especially in terms of political values and behavior. Sponsored by the Center for European Studies and the Ehrlich Chair in Political Science.

Gainesville Comedy Showcase

Today, 10 p.m.
Gator City
This free benefit roast is for Chris Cope, who had open-heart surgery and needs financial help.

UF Phi Beta Lambda Information Session

Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.
Matherly Hall Room 118
Students interested in developing leadership, communication and team skills should join Phi Beta Lambda, the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA is the premier professional business organization in the nation. Learn more about the state conference and how you can compete, be recognized or win prizes.

720 Balloon Pop Challenge

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
Plaza of the Americas
The UF Bateman Team wants to find out if UF students can pop

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720 balloons in 7 minutes and 20 seconds.

Connecting the Gator Nation

Wednesday, 5 p.m.
Emerson Alumni Hall
This event will provide students with an opportunity to build their network by connecting with UF alumni. It will provide them with tips on how to best market themselves and networking experience to build confidence in these types of situations. Space is limited to the first 75 students who RSVP through Gator CareerLink. Log in to GCL at crc.ufl.edu, click on "Events," select "Workshops" and select RSVP next to "Connecting The Gator Nation."

Harness Your Passion

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Harn Museum
Participants will have the opportunity to view student art as well as the new African textile exhibit. In addition, other activities related to the 2010 CRP selection will take place, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call New Student and Family Programs at 352-392-1261, or e-mail newstudentinfo@dso.ufl.edu.

14th Annual Medical College Forum

Saturday
Reitz Union
Students can learn about the medical school admissions process and meet admissions deans and directors from every school in the state and across the country. Register online at ufpremed.org/mcf or at the event.

University Gospel Choir Benefit Concert

Sunday, 6 p.m.
Upper Room Ministries, 3575 NE 15th St.
This concert will help the University Gospel Choir alleviate some costs for its annual spring break tour. For more information, contact the University Gospel Choir at www.universitygospelchoir.com or e-mail universitygospelchoir@gmail.com.

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CORRECTION

In Friday's Alligator, a quote in an article about the closure of a dog walking business regarding the city's involvement with an appeal was misattributed. A phrase and following quote stated that Michael Bowe said he was not prepared for the city to speak on his behalf. The quote should be attributed to Bruce Baber.

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..THIS WEEK in GAINESVILLE..

Feb. 9, 1968: Eleven people, including six UF students, are arrested by UPD during a protest of Dow Chemical Company's campus recruitment and charged with trespassing.

About 30 demonstrators sat in the hall to block UF faculty from returning to their offices after giving a speech in support of the company, which manufactured napalm for the American forces in the Vietnam War.

When the demonstrators refused to leave, an argument ensued, and one man was sprayed with Mace.

Feb. 7, 1984: Two women from Miami bike through Gainesville on day three of a mega-joy ride from Tallahassee to their hometown.

The women, Marci Hurait and Dristi Pliske, planted a "tree of peace" near the Capitol building in Tallahassee and said they planned to plant another one, 580 miles away, in downtown Miami at the end of their journey.

Feb. 9, 1998: Gainesville's City Commission gathers to discuss adding sexual orientation to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance.

Opponents of the measure say homosexuals are hardly ever discriminated, and they also say being gay is against the Bible.

— KAT BEIN

ON CAMPUS

Life of Jamaican 'icon' celebrated

By JESSICA KRAMER
Alligator Contributing Writer

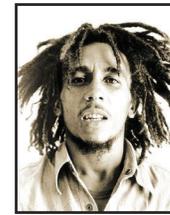
For three culture-infused hours, 66 years of life was celebrated.

As "No Woman, No Cry" blasted from speakers on the Reitz Union North Lawn, the life of singer and songwriter Bob Marley was honored by the Jamaican-American Student Association.

The program, called "One Love: The Bob Marley Celebration," was held to commemorate Marley and bring together people who appreciated his life.

"Bob Marley was an icon in Jamaica,"

JAMSA member Anna-Kay Forrester said. "His music and his lyrics impacted Jamaica and all the people that live there."



Marley

People walking to and from the Reitz Union were drawn to the celebration by the music from the speakers of Barrington Guthrie Jr. Guthrie is known on the radio as Mr. Magnum, a disc jockey from WTMG Magic 101.3 FM.

This is the fourth year JAMSA has put on this event. Unfortunately, not as large of a crowd came out this year, Guthrie

said; other members agreed.

"I expected a bigger turnout," said Brandon Young, the assistant treasurer of JAMSA. "Then there's the rain, and there's the Super Bowl, but people can celebrate Bob Marley's life wherever they want. In their homes or with their friends is good, too."

A poster of a Jamaican flag with a cut-out of Marley's face was displayed for students to take pictures in. Next to it was a stack of trivia questions about Marley and his music.

Refreshments and a birthday cake celebrating Marley's birthday were also provided by JAMSA.

Mentor program starting for gay students

■ 13 MENTORS HAVE BEEN SELECTED.

By MARISA GOTTESMAN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Pride Student Union is working on a mentorship program in the fall for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer students.

The main goal of the program is to get students acquainted with Gainesville and the LGBTQ community, said Donnie Fields, the PSU president.

The concept is twofold. The first part involves educational lessons between mentors and mentees.

The mentors will be trained to inform mentees about the LGBTQ community on campus and in Gainesville and answer any questions individuals may have. The second part works to create social events and bonding experiences.

It is a natural progression for students to want to join PSU, Fields said.

He is hoping to spark interest in about 30 to 45 new

students through the mentorship program.

"We are learning how to reach out to students earlier, and the mentorship program is a huge step in that direction," Fields said.

There is a whole area of art, film and drag that mentors can help mentees find throughout the Gainesville community, he said.

Thirteen mentors have already been selected.

Annie Horneland, an 18-year-old exploratory ma-

major, was selected to become a mentor.

Horneland wants new students to understand that being gay in college is different from being gay in high school.

The mentor program gives freshmen a place to turn for stability and resources, she said.

The mentors will be able to show mentees where to find other gays, help students who are questioning their orientation and provide students with someone to talk to about their concerns.

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Fla. Museum highlights state's ranching history

The Florida Museum of Natural History opens two exhibits exploring the state's ranching and cowboy legacy this weekend.

"Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition" and "Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier, Photographs by Carlton Ward Jr.," open at 10 a.m. Saturday with a full slate of activities.

"Visitors can experience the excitement of Florida's cattle ranching culture through our opening day activities," said the museum's education coordinator Kendra Lanza-Kaduce. "The number of groups scheduled to participate make this the largest public opening event the Florida Museum has hosted."

"Florida Cattle Ranching" examines one of Florida's oldest and economically significant traditions, from its 16th-century, Spanish origins to Seminoles, Crackers and modern-day ranching.

"Florida Cowboys" illustrates the role ranches play in Florida's economic wealth and the conservation of nature as well as the raw beauty of Florida's ranch land.

Today, more than 1 million cattle graze on 5 million acres of pasture and woodland,



Photo by Carlton Ward Jr.

and Florida is one of the top five beef-producing states east of the Mississippi River.

Photographer Ward will present three "walk and talk" tours of his "Florida Cowboys" exhibit and discuss the important conservation role of cattle ranches. "The exhibit focuses on Florida ranch lands and culture and the environment it protects," Ward said. "It's an unseen and tremendously important part of Florida."

Outside the museum, visitors will be able to interact with Florida Cracker Horse Association members displaying Cracker cattle and horses.

Visitors can also talk to 19th-century

Florida cattle ranch re-enactors and learn traditional roping techniques from members of the Florida Cattleman's Association.

Award-winning whip poppers from Polk County are scheduled to present demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"These activities provide a fun way to explore a significant part of Florida's history that many of our visitors may not be familiar with," said Darcie MacMahon, Florida Museum assistant director for exhibits.

Other planned activities include spur- and saddle-making demonstrations and displays of antique tools and ranching equipment collections.

Both exhibits run through May 8, and the Florida Museum of Natural History is the last stop on the "Florida Cattle Ranching" tour.

For more information, visit <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/cowboys/>.

**Museum Nights:
Under African Skies**
February 10, 2011
6 - 9 p.m.

Join us at the Harn Museum of Art in celebrating African art and culture. Engage with art from the African collection, including the exhibition Africa Interweave. Activities will include art making, drum, choir and dance performances, and food.

Zipcar grows more popular

The University of Florida's Zipcar Program recently exceeded 1,000 members.

Students, staff and faculty are invited to join this car-sharing program for access to vehicles at multiple locations on campus available whenever they need them.

Students 18 and older and UF employees may sign up for memberships at a discounted rate at www.zipcar.com/ufl and start driving immediately.

Fundraiser adds Vegas touch

The 22nd annual "A Celebration of Wine Event" has gone Vegas. The "Vino Las Vegas" fundraiser will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 20 in the University of Florida's Reitz Student Union Grand Ballroom. It benefits North Central Florida's public radio station Florida's 89.1 WUFT-FM. For more information, visit www.celebrationofwine.org.

Civil rights pioneers speak

Patricia Stephens Due and her husband, civil rights attorney John Due, will speak about their role in the civil rights movement in "An Evening with the Dues: Pioneers in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement," from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Buddy & Anne MacKay Auditorium in Pugh Hall. There will be free parking next to Pugh Hall the evening of the event.

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Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Freshman Leadership Council members Alyssa Nieves, Brad Skene and Alice Rhee sort clothes donated for the homeless Saturday night on Turlington Plaza.

ON CAMPUS

Students pass on sleep for charity

By MEREDITH RUTLAND
Alligator Writer

No one slept this year at the Sleep Out for the Homeless.

The event, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., ended around midnight Saturday due to rain. Before the shutdown, students danced to music on Turlington Plaza, ate free pizza and donated items to the St. Francis House.

Harmardo Sinclair, president of the fraternity, said the magnitude of homelessness in Gainesville is "atrocious."

He said the event is one way to give back, but he knows not every student would be willing to give up his or her Saturday night to sleep on the ground. That's where the party comes in.

"That's what people come out

for," Sinclair said. "People like food, people like music, and people like to dance."

The organization collected about

"It just turns into a full-blown party."

Danica Rodriguez
director of the Freshman Leadership Council

33 bags of clothing, two boxes of toiletries, four boxes of food and about \$70.

Danica Rodriguez, director of the Freshman Leadership Council, said the collected items will go a long way to help others.

"It just turns into a full-blown party," she said. "And the more people that come, the most stuff they bring."

Political experts discuss 2012 candidates, issues

They said Florida will be a major swing state

By CJ PRUNER
Alligator Staff Writer

For Rod Smith, last November was not a pretty month.

A political neophyte with boatloads of money thwarted his chance at claiming the Florida lieutenant governor's seat, and his Democratic colleagues across the state and country were smacked hard at the polls. He jokingly referred to meeting with his "political consultants" after the elections — "John Walker, Jose Cuervo and Jim Beam."

But while speaking Friday at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville alongside many top political insiders, Smith, the current chairman of the Florida Democratic Party, made it clear: 2012 would be a whole new game.

Every other year, UF's political science department holds a conference where pollsters, professors, political correspondents and everyone in between are invited to discuss the presidential and midterm elections from a state and national perspective.

The conference is split into morning and afternoon sessions, with each handling either the presidential or midterm election.

In the afternoon session, the panel tackled some of the

major questions regarding the next presidential election. The questions dealt with topics ranging from potential Republican Party presidential candidates to political issues that could propel or serve as a roadblock for the Obama administration.

Beth Reinhard, a political correspondent with National Journal and a former reporter with the Miami Herald, said the two numbers that determine if Obama serves another four years are unemployment and approval rating.



Smith

Another critical factor would be whether Obama could capture the same diverse electorate he did in 2008. Reinhard said it may be harder this time around, as he cannot run as a "candidate of hope and change" from inside the White House.

While members of the afternoon panel differed on the various issues, they agreed on the significance of Florida, traditionally viewed as an election swing state, in this upcoming election.

"I believe the road to Pennsylvania Avenue starts between I-75 and I-95," Smith said.

The importance in Florida, Smith said, could be seen in the

GOP's selection of Tampa as a host city for the 2012 Republican National Convention.

And just who would Republicans nominate in 2012? Members of the panel indicated that, as of right now, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney appears to be the front-runner.

These assertions, however, were immediately met with "but..." as panel members emphasized the ever-growing field of candidates and the months between now and November 2012 to show how nothing was etched in stone.

David Hill, the director of Hill Research Consultants, expressed some doubts about a Romney campaign holding up, pointing to his performance in the 2008 Republican primaries.

"Romney was like seeing a bad movie trailer," Hill said. "If you see a bad 30 seconds, are you going to sit through two and a half hours?"

Then came the big question: What about Sarah Palin?

David Wolfson, the president of the Tallahassee-based OSI Research & Consulting, a firm that caters to Republican candidates, said it would be unwise to underestimate the power the outspoken former governor of Alaska could wield in the primaries.

Smith, however, offered a more tongue-in-cheek take on a potential Palin run.

"I'm entirely in favor of her getting in," he said.

He is also a professional wrestler

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addition to his 130-pound suit of armor, he strained his already-present hernia, pulled his groin and threw out his back in a month.

He hides those under bandages and back braces when he suits up.

When he passes through the tent's door flap, on go the helmet, the British accent and superhero demeanor.

Atop his 16-year-old Clydesdale, Christine, he's somewhere between Santa Claus and a firefighter to his waist-high fans.

"The great thing is the magic isn't dead for them," he says.

Now, he's trotting around the jousting field on Christine. Time to jeer the crowd; give them something to "huzzah!" for.

He faces the stands, full of fans cradling turkey legs, swords and bottles of root beer.

"Now, my friends, you wish victory, and do you care how?" he asks his audience.

"No," they chime back.

He cocks his head to the side and appears to swoon.

"I think I'm in love."

The crowd giggles.

And so begins the 30-minute, metal-fisted

slobberknocker. At one point, he jumps off the horse to clobber his enemy — a move straight out of professional wrestling.

Schade is no stranger to that. Under the most recent name, Lance Michaels, he's been competing in independent pro wrestling matches around the country almost as long as he's been jousting.

That's where he learned to play the character of Sir William. He describes him as "a guy with a chip on his shoulder, and he wants everyone to know it."

Around Gainesville By the end of the show, the crowd is still screaming for Sir William, who

has gone from the losing jousting, to the vengeful cheater, to the show's champion.

Still in his battle gear, he takes off his helmet and lumbers toward the stands. The crowd circles him, plopping one- and five-dollar bills into his waiting helmet.

Some corral him for pictures. Others conduct post-fight interviews.

A boy walks up — a tin-foil sword in one hand, his mommy's hand in the other.

"Why do you fight so dirty?" he asks.

Sir William looks down at the boy.

"So I can win, duh."

DNA was found at the scene

HUUDA, from page 1

After searching Huuda's car later, detectives noticed a strong odor of gasoline coming from the back seat and floorboard.

Around 1:45 a.m. Dec. 30, one witness attempted to call Huuda's cell phone. It went straight to voicemail.

After a second call, a woman answered and said Huuda was sleeping and that she would call him back tomorrow.

Around 2:15 a.m., a witness traveling to work saw a four-door Nissan parked in a ditch near where Huuda's body was discovered.

Also around that time, Drayton's cell phone was connecting with a tower that placed him at the location where Huuda's body was discovered.

At 2:41 a.m., firefighters responded

to the fire and found the body wrapped in a comforter.

After authorities located Huuda's car, they were able to find pillow cases that matched the pattern of the comforter that she was wrapped in. Huuda's purse was found in the backseat.

Kimbrough signed a sworn statement stating she was with Drayton at the time of Huuda's death. She also said she had no involvement in or knowledge of Huuda's death.

On Jan. 24, Kimbrough changed her legal name and acquired a new driver's license with a different date of birth, an incomplete address and a 6-inch difference in height.

On Feb. 2, it was found that a napkin found near the site of Huuda's burned body contained Drayton's DNA.

That day, the medical examiner reported that Huuda was murdered, but that it is still unclear how.

Man pawns stolen goods

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

Naquel Hall, 19, could have gotten away with it, but he forgot to do one important thing — wait.

On Monday, Jan. 31, Hall pawned a yellow, black and gray Gary Fisher Supercaliber mountain bike at City Commission candidate Richard Selwach's Best Jewelry & Loan Pawnbroker, located at 523 NW Third Ave.

Hall signed papers promising the items were his to sell, according to the Gainesville police report.

An hour later, Amy Horstmeyer would come home to find her laundry door kicked in and her shed broken into. The thief had taken more than \$20,000 worth of household items, including the mountain bike, the report stated.

Horstmeyer reported the break-in and the stolen items to the police.

On Friday, Hall returned to Selwach's shop to pawn another one of her bikes, the report stated.

By Saturday night, the police caught up with Hall and arrested him for six felonies: burglary, grand theft, two charges of dealing in stolen property and two charges of providing false information on a pawn form.

Local News

Protesters want animals to stay

■ **THE STATE PLANS TO REMOVE SOME HORSES AND BISON FROM PAYNES PRAIRIE.**

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

Lisa Grossman drove all the way from Jacksonville with a few of her friends to stand under an overcast sky and hold signs for the cars whizzing by on Northwest 43rd Street.

She did this because she feels it's her responsibility to speak out against the removal of animals from Paynes Prairie.

"I hate to see an animal taken off of its natural habitat and disposed of. I think its an act of injustice."

Melinda Eckert
protester

"Animals can't speak for themselves," Grossman, 49, said. "They have a certain trust in where they live and their freedom, and such the opposite is about to happen."

Grossman organized Saturday's protest to raise awareness about the Flori-

da Department of Environmental Protection's plan to remove some of the Paynes Prairie animals, including all males, to prevent inbreeding and keep them from getting into nearby properties.

But opponents of the plan fear the horses and bison on the prairie would be handed over to companies who would have the animals treated unfairly or killed.

"I call them pony pimps," Grossman said. "[The animals] will be whipped and broken, while for decades they've been free, free, free."

Melinda Eckert also drove from Jacksonville to take part in the demonstration.

Eckert held a sign out to passing cars that read "sale = slaughter."

"I hate to see an animal taken off of its natural habi-

tat and disposed of," she said. "I think it's an act of injustice."

Olivia Martin, a UF junior studying wildlife conservation, joined the group and bent down to finish her homemade sign, coloring in the words "share our prairie."

"Just from an ethical standpoint, the bison don't deserve to be removed from their homeland," Martin said.



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UF students Olivia Martin and Matt Binder hold signs Saturday on Northwest 43rd Street in protest of the sale of Paynes Prairie animals for profit.

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Editorial

Work it out

Minimum wage jobs aren't the answer

State Sen. Nancy Detert should avoid walking past an unemployment office anytime soon. She filed a bill on Jan. 31 aimed to tighten Florida's restrictions on unemployment benefits, and it's in committee now.

With the state's jobless rate sitting at 11 percent, Florida needs solutions to keep from borrowing money to fund unemployment benefits. The bill proposes several solutions to cut spending, including tying weekly payments to the unemployment rate and forcing people receiving benefits to take any job that pays more than their unemployment checks if they've been out of work for more than three months.

We've got a few problems with the legislation. While we agree something has to be done about Floridians being out of work, we don't think forcing people into taking minimum wage jobs is the way to do it.

The fear that people may be taking advantage of the system to just sit at home and collect checks isn't unfounded, but we're inclined to think most unemployed people would rather find a decent job than haul in less than minimum wage week after week. There are people who are using the system how it was intended — as a way to tide them over during hard times — and this bill would punish them along with the moochers.

Keep in mind that even with voluntary couchsitters, jobs are scarce to come by.

Where are people supposed to go after their 12 weeks are up?

Even if there were jobs to be had, having another job to receive benefits would cut down the amount of time a person has to look for work more suited for their abilities and closer to their old salaries.

Another issue crops up with eliminating the edge employees have in disputes with former employers. The bill would shift the benefit of the doubt to businesses, leaving the unemployed facing tough legal battles many of them couldn't afford.

We question the need for leaning to one side or the other because the abuses made possible for either side would hurt the state's entire economy.

If the newly jobless are favored, the state will see the problems we have now, including people who stole from or acted disrespectfully at their workplaces receiving undeserved money.

On the other hand, giving employers the advantage would leave them open to denying nearly everyone benefits if they can point to misdeeds or mistakes the employees have made.

Sen. Detert said she knows her proposal will be unpopular, but she should consider why.

With at least one of every 10 people out of a job, it stands to reason the problems are rooted less in the need to cut unemployment benefits and more in the lack of opportunity afforded the unemployed. Most of them want to start bringing home a check from someone other than the government.

Faced with these dilemmas, we're reminded of our new governor's campaign slogan. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an easy way to get back to work.

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Column

Teachers' unions need schooling

Teachers are one of America's most valuable resources. Unfortunately, many believe this resource has been diluted with impurities and imperfections to such an extent that the profession is often derided as one for the least among us.

We all know this characterization is not true, and yet it persists.

Why? One clear answer is teacher unions.

There is no doubt these unions superficially benefit the teachers they purport to represent.

Collective bargaining has led to higher salaries, longer employment and better job security for these teachers.

So, it seems a non sequitur that teacher unions would actually be bad for teachers, but they are.

The teacher unions have taken political positions that have become increasingly unpopular with both the public and politicians in recent years.

While many pay lip service to the idea that teachers are good but teacher unions are bad, the two are incredibly difficult to separate.

After all, who are members of teacher unions?

Who pays dues to teacher unions? Who are the public faces of teacher unions?

At the end of the day, teachers are inseparable from teacher unions.

Thus, the backlash against unions also has been translated as a backlash against teachers.

This is why those unionized teachers who are more concerned with promoting their own union than with the welfare of their students should stand up to their unions and take back the educational system by again placing their focus on the best interests of their students.



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This undoubtedly will mean self-sacrifice by these teachers.

Instead of maintaining the government monopoly, these teachers must push for increased educational opportunities and school choice for their students.

By advocating this free-market approach to education and the abolition of arcane actions such as tenure, teachers will certainly face less job security in the short-term, but in the long-term they will again gain the public trust and elevate the educational standards of their students.

While less job security probably strikes fear in the heart of most teachers, it should not.

Open markets mean increased competition among teachers which, in turn, leads to the elimination of teachers who are not achieving adequate results, and thus, more openings for high-achieving, highly qualified teachers.

So, rather than marginalizing and ostracizing their colleagues who choose not to join them, radical unionized teachers should instead look to these colleagues as the future.

Instead of going along with the status quo, these non-unionized teachers have seen the handwriting on the wall and seek to restore the higher calling of their profession by putting the needs of their students ahead of their own short-sighted need to be insulated against the everyday ebb and flow of a market-based system of education.

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

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Guest column

FDA's ban is for nation's own good

Gay and bisexual men have routinely been subjected to various forms of condemnation, prejudice, stereotyping, hate and physical brutality.

It is an uncomfortable truth that this unique constituency continues to endure varying degrees of intolerance and violent bigotry in an assortment of contexts.

There are a myriad of dogmatic, narrow-minded and parochial reasons why homosexual men have absorbed such a disadvantaged reputation in American culture, but it cannot be ignored that one of the principal reasons pertains to their identification with the transmission of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections through blood donations.

UF's LGBT Concerns Committee is on record for staunchly espousing the dismissal of the Food and Drug Administration's "umbrella ban on all gay men from giving the gift of [life]." The committee has lambasted the ban as "[dehumanizing] discrimination" fueled by "homosexism." A representative from the LGBT committee has even taken the presumptuous liberty to be "ashamed for all of us." The LGBT's portrayal of the FDA ban is attractive and inspiring, while simultaneously being misleading and purposefully — otherwise, ignorantly — inaccurate.

The FDA policy is more correctly identified as a ban on men who have sex with men (MSM). The purpose of the MSM question on prospective blood donor applications is two pronged. Its objective is to identify those who have engaged in behavior that has significantly increased their opportunity of contracting HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne pathogens and to exclude their blood from the blood-supply system.

Sure, it may be tempting to label the FDA ban as a donor-screening scheme to prevent some from giving blood "for no other reason than for being gay," as the LGBT committee has erroneously concluded.

Brett Wager Speaking Out

But categorizing a man on the basis of whether he has had sex with another man is distinctive from categorizing him on the basis of his orientation.

The first classification considers behavior, and the second classification considers identity. The mere act of having sex with another man does not necessitate that a man self-identifies as a homosexual.

Applying the same logic, some men who identify themselves as gay or bisexual may not have necessarily had sex with another man. Based on data extracted from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and National Survey of Family Growth, Dr. Greta Bauer detected that 7 percent of men had at least one episode of sex with another man since age 17, but of those only 44 percent self-identified as gay or bisexual, whereas 49 percent identified themselves as heterosexual. Therefore, the FDA's MSM classification is demonstratively heterogeneous. A self-identifying straight male who had one event of sex with another male in the distant past and a male with a long-term actively gay lifestyle would both be captured under the MSM category.

To stymie the UF LGBT Concerns Committee's allegation that there is no substance behind the FDA's MSM policy, much of the following was discerned from a superior court judge's meticulously inquired judicial opinion in *Canadian Blood Services v. Freeman*, a cohort study conducted by a team of doctors and noted behavioral science surveys.

The very nature of homosexual intercourse makes those who engage in such behavior extremely vulnerable to infection. It has been evidenced that HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne pathogens are more easily transmitted by anal sex than by vaginal sex.

According to a 2007 survey, MSM were responsible for 69 percent of total AIDS cases reported to date.

In the 2002 Ontario Men's Survey, over 5,000 self-identified gay and bisexual men were asked to provide a saliva sample, but 72 percent participated. Of them, 10 percent were HIV positive, and 27 percent were not even cognizant of their infection. In addition, 27 percent reported having 10 or more sexual partners within the last 12 months. William Cameron, an infectious disease expert, opined that despite stringent quality control mechanisms, less than 5 percent of viral infections are recognized.

In light of such alarming uncertainty, is it unreasonable to maintain a precautionary policy of caution so as not to expose blood recipients to such uncharted risks?

Even the Canadian courts, which have championed the civil liberties of the homosexual community with endowments such as the right to marry, have re-emphasized the absolute need for a ban on blood donations from MSM.

Because the risk of transmitting an infection through sexual activity is dependent on the specific type of sexual contact, the prevalence of the illness in the specific pool of partners, and the promiscuity of the respective pool, the FDA's ban on MSM blood donors is fair, non-discriminatory and wholly warranted.

We indict our government as being carelessly irresponsible for not providing a sufficiently protective apparatus to safeguard our economy, while we simultaneously criticize them for being too prudent and restrictive when it comes to protecting the integrity of something as delicate as our nation's blood supply.

I am proud at least one government agency has taken such painstaking precautionary measures. The only party who should be ashamed is the UF LGBT Concerns Committee for deliberately misrepresenting an important and necessary protection for the sake of propagandizing its own special interest and political agenda.

Brett Wager, 4LS

UWire

Students recount shooting at party at Youngstown State

When shots rang out at a North Side party early Sunday morning, Youngstown State freshman Jordon Wagner fell to the ground 2 inches from fellow student Jamail Johnson. While Wagner escaped the house, which was filled with the smell of gunpowder smoke and riddled with bullets, Johnson did not.

"Once I get back up to my feet, all I see is this young man laying on his face, with smoke coming out of his body," Wagner said. "I don't even think he saw it coming."

Johnson was killed in the shooting, and 11 others, including Wagner and five more YSU students, were injured, according to a statement released by YSU.

Wagner had never seen a man killed. In the moments after Johnson fell in the doorway, a fleeing crowd of 35 to 40 people trampled Wagner. What he had hoped were merely warning shots had taken Johnson's life and left Wagner bleeding.

"I didn't know I was shot till I got to the car," Wagner said.

Wagner exited the house through a back door, entering the bloodstained backyard where he lost his car keys.

Wagner waited in the cold with others, some YSU students.

YSU freshman DeShaun McDonald arrived at the party around 2:30 a.m. and described the atmosphere as calm and relaxed until a physical altercation ensued.

"A bunch of people just started pushing each other," McDonald said.

Lamar Salter and Doug Livingston UWire

As the fight began to escalate, McDonald and his friend decided it was time to leave. But before they could leave, the shooter was pushed out of the house, only to immediately charge back in.

That's when the gunshots started.

"As soon as we begin to move, all I hear, it's just like pow, pow, pow, pow, like at least 12 or more times," McDonald said.

McDonald said he was patted down before entering the party, and he did not understand how the shooter was able to bring a gun.

As McDonald made his way to the exit, he and his friend ran into what they believe was the body of Johnson.

"We both end up looking down, and then we see the dude right there, and he is just laying there, just bleeding," McDonald said, adding that a crowd formed around the body. "They just wanted him to live."

Jared Buker, a YSU student and president of the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity had also attended the party and expressed his grief about the tragedy.

"This is such an unbelievable tragedy. Our hearts go out to the family and fraternity brothers," Buker said. "This is really a wake-up call for the entire Greek system to realize how much we need to stick together and to keep everyone safe."

Witnesses said the altercation began when a woman pushed a bystander, inciting a group of eight partygoers to retaliate. The woman left at the request of a friend but returned roughly 10 minutes later with increased numbers.

"Everyone saw the gun," Wagner said.

A man wearing a red skullcap and a green jacket brandished the gun in the house. After being forced outside, Johnson went to the door to defuse the situation.

Johnson's efforts to maintain the peace cost him his life.

"It took a lot of bravery to break up a fight when a man got a gun," Wagner said of Johnson's last moments.

Two minutes after the man left the party, he turned to the doorway and fired at least a dozen shots into the house.

Wagner and others were taken from the scene to St. Elizabeth Health Center.

At St. Elizabeth Health Center, Ezra Woodberry was texting Johnson. She had become ominously sick to her stomach, a witness at the hospital said. That witness was Darlene Wagner, there to check on the condition of her son, Jordon Wagner.

Darlene Wagner told Woodberry that Johnson would not be responding to her texts. She told Woodberry that Johnson — a friend she had spoken with just an hour ago — had passed away.

Lamar Salter and Doug Livingston, *The Jambar*, Youngstown State U. via UWIRE



Vietnamese students celebrate lunar new year



Dana Burke / Alligator Staff

Meihua Student Association of Martial Arts perform a lion dance at the Vietnamese Student Organization's Tet Show on Saturday night in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

By **REBECCA DANTA**
Alligator Contributing Writer

People gathered to watch a yellow and purple lion puppet dance on stage to the beat of a drum and cymbal Saturday night, symbolizing good fortune in Vietnamese culture.

Smells of fried rice and sounds of flute music filled the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom as the Vietnamese Student Organization and about 300 guests celebrated the annual Tet Lunar New Year program in honor of the Vietnamese New Year.

This year, a modern American fashion show was added to the lineup, featuring designs by one of the organization's officers.

The show also featured traditional and modern dances, skits and a traditional Vietnamese gown fashion show.

Guests received a free meal of fried rice, Vietnamese chicken salad and egg rolls while waiting for the show to begin.

"We were really excited to showcase our culture even more," said

Ann Hoang, the organization's president. "The most important thing is to spread our culture to those who are unaware of what it is like."

Amanda Le, an interior design graduate student, said the celebration deepened her connection to her roots.

"As a Vietnamese-American, tonight helped me to go back and learn about my culture," she said. "It's really important we keep up the tradition."

Part of the show featured "Choostyle," designs made by one of the organization's members, Chieu Ho. The UF sophomore designed and sewed each of the nine outfits worn by the models.

Freshman William Yang said this was his first year not celebrating with his family because they are overseas. He said celebrating the holiday at the event instead of with family was not necessarily a bad thing.

"I'm used to celebrating with my family, but the people I've met here are my family, Yang said."

AROUND GAINESVILLE

State park program preserves 19th century farm life

By **KAITLYNN FLOYD**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The only wires at the Dudley Farm Historic State Park are used for the turkey and chicken fencing.

The authentic, 19th-century working farm hosted its annual Plow Days, bringing in about 350 people Friday and almost 430 people Saturday. Visitors were able to visualize the farm's original use through demonstrations of horse plowing, crocheting, hand-washing linen and several other traditional skills.

Once visitors entered the park, they walked a muddy trail alongside cattle to enter life in the 1800s with the Dudley family. They could tour the Dudley farmhouse, which smells of antique wood and is filled with remnants of the Dudleys' past.

Volunteers shared stories of what life was like in the house. Three-year-old Jane Nelson held onto a corn husk volunteers

gave her to craft dolls or flowers out of as she explored the front yard.

Her mother, Cami Nelson, leaned down to ask her daughter what part of the tour had been her favorite. After thinking for a few moments, she yelled, "The horses!"

"It's amazing how many people show up when they think it's about to close."

Vada Horner
volunteer at Dudley Farm Historic State Park

This year was Nelson's first time participating in Plow Days. She said it was something fun for her and her friend to take their kids to on a Saturday afternoon.

Nelson and her children watched horse-drawn wagons till

the field, then visited with Vada Horner, 68, at the washing station.

Horner, a volunteer at the park for nine years, thinks it's important for children to see their heritage.

One of Horner's main concerns is Florida's budget cuts on state parks.

Out of Florida's 160 state parks, 53 have the potential to close. She said they will have to wait to hear from the governor about where they stand on the issue.

"It's amazing how many people show up when they think it's about to close," Horner said.

The Plow Days' blacksmith is the last stop for most visitors on the self-guided tour. Raymond Macatee, 70, has been welding for more than 60 years. He also told his audience about the possibility of the park closing.

"We need to preserve our history," Macatee said.

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1. Against which teams did brothers Bob and Ken Forsch throw their no-hitters in 1978 and 1979, respectively.
2. In 2010, Garrett Jones became the sixth Pittsburgh Pirate to homer twice on Opening Day. Name three of the first five to do it.
3. How many consecutive NFL seasons did LaDainian Tomlinson rush for at least 10 touchdowns?
4. Name the last Ivy League men's basketball team before Cornell in 2010 to win a game in the NCAA Tournament.
5. Who were the only teammates to each top 100 points during the 2009-10 NHL season?
6. When was the last time before 2010 that Spain's men's soccer team reached the semifinals of the World Cup?
7. How many different times did Sugar Ray Robinson hold the world middleweight boxing title?

Answers

1. Bob, with St. Louis, no-hit the Phillies in 1978; Ken (Houston) no-hit Atlanta in 1979.
2. Dale Long (1956), Richie Hebner (1974), Willie Stargell (1975), Andy Van Slyke (1990) and Xavier Nady (2008).
3. Nine (2001-09).
4. Princeton beat UNLV in 1998.
5. Washington's Alexander Ovechkin (109 points) and Nicklas Backstrom (101 points).
6. It was 1950.
7. Five different times between 1951 and 1960.

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- 17 New perspective
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- 23 Emissions watchdog org.
- 24 "Dites-": "South Pacific" song
- 25 "Doesn't bother me a bit"
- 34 Deathly white
- 35 Did electrical work
- 36 Roman peace
- 37 Inst. of learning
- 38 " the loneliest number": '60s song lyric
- 39 First name in jeans
- 40 Word after box or cable
- 41 Burst of growth
- 42 '90s candidate Ross
- 43 Listen very carefully
- 46 Section of L.A.?
- 47 Commercial suffix with Water
- 48 " Dei: lamb of God
- 51 Prophets
- 54 Barfly
- 57 How the poor live
- 60 Rivers, to Rosita
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- 62 Hummus holder
- 63 Grand Ole
- 64 Thrown weapon
- 65 Put in the overhead bin

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- 5 New York's Zee Bridge
- 6 "Dies": hymn
- 7 Boyish smile
- 8 " d'oeuvre
- 9 Seesaw complement
- 10 Knocks off
- 11 "Only Time" New Age singer
- 12 Pedal pushers
- 13 Soviet news source
- 18 "Come on, let's go for a ride!"
- 19 Bank robber "Pretty Boy" song
- 23 Barely made, with "out"
- 24 Lyon ladies: Abbr.
- 25 Civil rights org.
- 26 Acting award
- 27 Lamb Chop creator Lewis
- 28 Admit it
- 29 Flaming
- 30 Corn chip
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- 32 Really enjoy, as food
- 33 Some turnpike ramps
- 38 Magnum: great work
- 39 Onion relative
- 41 Smidgen
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- 44 Bumbling
- 45 Hubbub
- 48 Jackson 5 hairdo
- 49 Golf club part
- 50 American-born Jordanian queen
- 51 Piece of cake
- 52 Outskirts
- 53 Sicilian smoker
- 54 One of a deck's foursome
- 55 Maestro
- 56 Melting period
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- 59 Covert: spy missions

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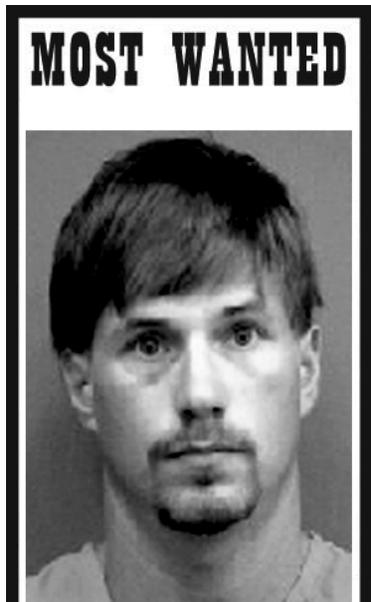
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UF tops UK as Knight falls short Record crowd fills O'Dome

By **GREG LUCA**
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After 39 minutes spent mostly as an onlooker, Kenny Boynton decided it was his time to step up and guard Kentucky freshman Brandon Knight.

The Wildcats' superstar had racked up a game-high 24 points working against Erving Walker and Scottie Wilbekin, and Boynton knew Knight would have the ball for the final possession.

With the Gators leading by two and 12.7 seconds remaining, Knight dribbled the length of the floor, came off a screen and took a three that fell just short, wrapping up a 70-68 win for Florida (18-5, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) in front of an O'Connell Center-record 12,633 fans Saturday.

"They just tried to isolate their best two players and they made some plays. We made some defensive stops. All in all, I think both teams played a great game and we were lucky to come out with the win."

Erving Walker
Florida junior guard

"[UF coaches] tried to switch us, but I said, 'I'm going to just guard him,'" Boynton said. "I just wanted to stay on him. I didn't want him to get an easy foul. ... I just wanted to stay on my feet."

Boynton spent the majority of the game guarding junior DeAndre Liggins, who finished with only four points.

While Liggins was hampered by foul trouble, Knight was taking control with 17 second-half points, and Boynton understood he had to stop his former AAU teammate and high school rival.

"I knew the type of player he is," Boynton said. "We just wanted to disrupt him, disrupt what he had going on."

Knight spent most of the second half playing two-on-two of-

fense with freshman teammate Terrence Jones, and the duo combined to score 42 points for Kentucky (16-6, 4-4 SEC).

The pairing sparked a 17-3 run that gave the Wildcats a one-point lead and set up the dramatic finish.

"They just tried to isolate their best two players, and they made

some plays," Walker said. "We made some defensive stops. All in all, I think both teams played a great game, and we were lucky to come out with the win."

The victory capped an excellent week for Florida, as it defeated both Vanderbilt and Kentucky — a pair of teams UF went 0-4 against a year ago.

The week was especially stellar for senior forward Chandler

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Matt Watts / Alligator

Sophomore guard Kenny Boynton shoots during Florida's 70-68 win over Kentucky on Saturday night in the O'Connell Center.

Florida suffers yet another close loss

By **MATT WATTS**
Alligator Writer

The Gators have had a season chock full of heartbreak — and it continued Sunday.

Down by double digits multiple times, including an 11-point deficit at halftime, the Gators rallied to tie the game at the end of regulation before eventually falling 103-97 to Vanderbilt (16-7, 7-3 Southeastern Conference) in double overtime.

The loss, Florida's fifth in its last seven, marks the 11th game this season decided by six points or less.

"It's not an option to hang your head," Florida coach Amanda Butler said. "Does it make it tougher when you (have) another loss, instead of another win, that you know one possession ... could have made it go the other way? Absolutely."

UF (14-11, 4-7 SEC) suffered a similar defeat three days ago against Ole Miss, and again it was freshman point guard Jaterra Bonds with the ball in her hands and the game on the line.

Coming out of a timeout with less than a minute to play, the Gators could not generate an open look. Nearing the end of the shot clock, Bonds put up an erratic driving layup that was easily blocked by Commodores forward Tiffany Clarke.

Butler continuously alternated between Bonds and freshman guard Brittany Shine on nearly every possession down the stretch — Bonds on defense, Shine on offense. However, Butler defended the decision to leave Bonds in for the final minutes.

"She saw a lane and she went to the rim," Butler said. "That's

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Women's Basketball

Gators boost Tournament résumé with strong week

After Florida wrapped up a big week with a 70-68 win over Kentucky on Saturday, reality set in for Billy Donovan.

A reporter was asking if the Gators felt like they had some breathing room in the Southeastern Conference East with only seven games left in the regular season, when Donovan interrupted, "How many more games left?"

Seven.

"Jeez," Donovan sighed.

With more than half the conference schedule in the books, all signs are pointing the Gators toward a better fate than the past three years of late-season collapses, disappointing losses and a complete



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inability to play with the elite teams in their own division.

UF is 7-2 in SEC play this season, a game and a half ahead

of second-place Tennessee, a half-game behind Alabama for the best record in the conference and very much in control of its own post-season destiny.

Florida could sweep Vanderbilt and Kentucky this year — something it hasn't done since 2005-06.

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alligatorSports Video Show

■ What do Chandler Parsons, Billy Donovan and ESPN's Rece Davis have in common with our writers? They're all in this week's show. Check it out on alligatorSports.org.

ONLINE

■ The No. 2 Gators women's tennis team easily swept No. 56 Florida International at home Sunday. Make sure to check out alligatorSports.org for a full story.

POLL RESULTS

Previous question:

Who do you think is the best player on the UF men's basketball team?

| | Percent (Votes) |
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| Parsons | 47% (36) |
| Walker | 29% (22) |
| Boynton | 9% (7) |
| Macklin | 8% (6) |
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Ray Shipman
Former Florida guard, on Twitter, referencing his previously printed derogatory remarks about UF



Brissett commits to Gators despite mother's wishes

■ THE FOUR-STAR QB MADE THE DECISION AT HIS BASKETBALL GAME.

By TOM GREEN

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PALM BEACH GARDENS — Jacoby Brissett stood at midcourt Friday night, hugging his mom, Lisa Brown, as he tried to fight back tears.

The four-star Palm Beach Gardens Dwyer High quarterback was moments removed from announcing the biggest decision of his life — a decision his mom didn't agree with.

In front of a packed Dwyer gymnasium, Brissett made known his long-anticipated col-

lege choice and announced he would attend Florida.

Brissett, the No. 3 dual-threat quarterback in the nation according to Rivals.com, picked Florida over Miami, Wisconsin and Washington. It wasn't an easy choice, as Brissett said he wrestled back and forth between UF and UM at least 25 times in the days leading up to Friday.

"I just had to follow my heart, and my heart lied at Florida," Brissett said.

Although Brissett made up his mind, he has not signed his national letter of intent with the Gators, but he plans on doing so today.

If his mom has anything to do with it, he will not be signing with Florida at all. Brown was pushing for her son to choose Miami and said she will continue to try to sway him until

the national letter of intent is signed and sent in.

"It was not my choice," Brown said. "I didn't like the way Florida handled the process. I was never able to meet the head coach. All the other coaches took the time to come and meet me. Will (Muschamp) never did. I never met him face to face. And I find that very disrespectful."



Recruiting

Brissett made his decision Thursday during school after he met with his coaches. But he didn't inform his mom until two hours before the announcement — in a text message.

Brown said Brissett informed her by text because he knew she would be hurt by the

decision.

"I love her no matter what," Brissett said. "But it came down to making the decision I felt was best for me. I can't please everybody. I'm hurt that I hurt my mom. ... I was crying with her before the game. She means the world to me."

Brissett's commitment to Florida gives the Gators 19 players in Muschamp's inaugural recruiting class, including two of the nation's top five quarterbacks.

Having Jeff Driskel, the nation's No. 1 overall quarterback, in the same class doesn't bother Brissett, who thrives on competition.

"[Driskel] will have to prove to me every day, every year that he's going to be better than me for him to win that starting spot," Brissett said.

UF GYMNASTICS

Caquatto joins all-arounders as Florida beats Alabama

By ALLISON BANKO

Alligator Writer

Just seconds before she made her all-around debut for the Gators, confusion rushed over freshman Mackenzie Caquatto.

Standing in her bejeweled black leotard, she waited patiently at the tip of the vault's runway.

The judges had paused, no gymnasts were performing and the meet was at a standstill.

Alabama gymnast, Becca Alexin, had gone onto bars before the signal, causing confusion amongst the judges and incurring a slight delay on the meet.

"I really didn't know what was going on," Caquatto said. "I didn't know if she finished her routine, if she fell, if someone got hurt because I didn't want to turn around and watch. I was just focused on my vault. [Assistant Coach] Adrian [Burde] told me, 'Just relax for a second,' but it was more than a second."

With the added time, it would've been easy for Caquatto's nerves to build. But they didn't — not one bit.

The freshman then flowed into vault, finishing with a solid 9.850, and she continued her breakout performances throughout the evening.

Caquatto moved on to bars and posted a 9.900, winning her first event title in college.

She didn't stop there. After sweeping balance beam and racking up another victory, Caquatto won

the all-around competition in her first attempt.

Out of the five all-around participants in the meet, the freshman snagged first place with a final point tally at 39.575, the highest ever for a Gator making her all-around debut.

"I'm speechless," Caquatto said. "I really didn't even know what my scores were. I wasn't really paying attention. I was just trying to stay focused on competing and cheering

on the team. The team made a huge score as well, and it was just awesome."

Collectively, the Gators posted a 197.550, reeling in a victory over No. 6 Alabama. The Crimson Tide scored a 195.450 and was said to be the Gators' toughest competition of the season, but the meet paved the way for a slew of personal victories for No. 1 Florida.

Maranda Smith's parents travel

from California to watch her perform, and Friday she served them up something extra special.

After a rough performance in her last competition, Smith stepped out against the Tide and matched her collegiate best on vault with a 9.950.

"I was so happy for Maranda," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "That was just probably one of the best vaults I've seen her do and just the enthusiasm that came through after

she knew she really stuck that landing, it really energized the team."

When it came to floor, Smith was stumble-free, performing her routine with ease. She earned a 9.925, far superior to last week's 9.300.

But Smith wasn't the only Gator who nailed her vault and floor routines.

After Marissa King stuck her blind landing on vault, her teammates rushed up to her and started chanting, "Ten! Ten! Ten!"

"I dreamt about it a lot," King said. "Every time I have done it, I've always done the half or something that just didn't really kick it. But [today], I stuck it dead. I finally got it, I stuck it."

Though King didn't grasp that perfect ten, she earned a 9.925, a collegiate best for the English gymnast.

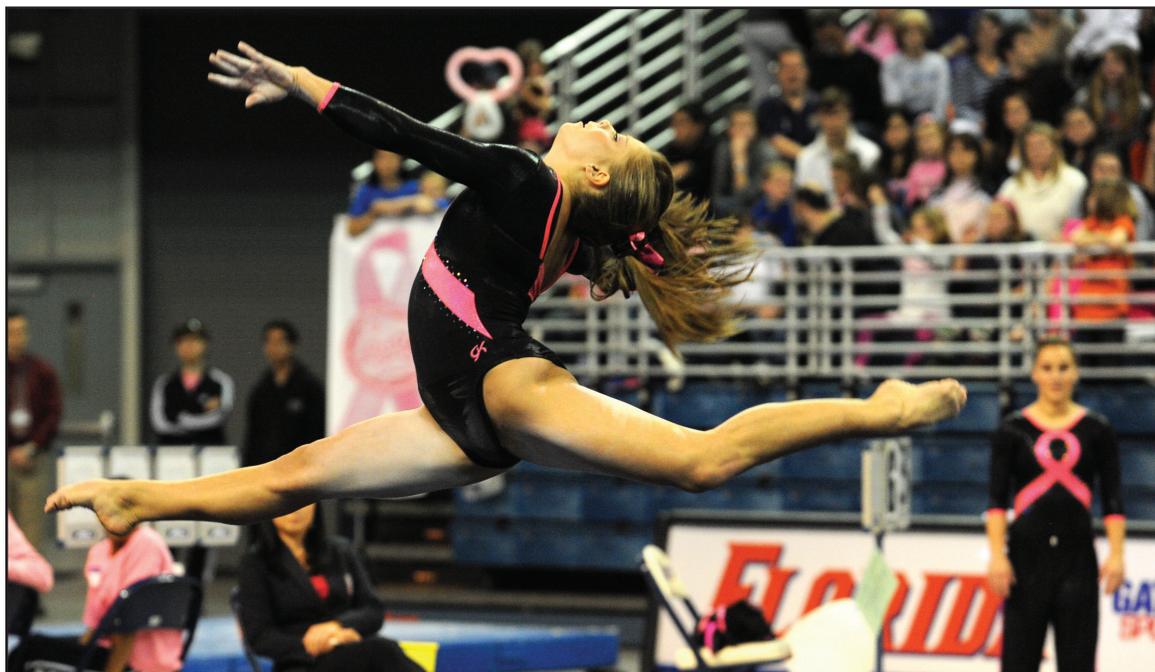
But on floor, King did see a 10 from one judge.

"I couldn't breathe for a second," she said. "I was like, 'Wow, really?'"

King's total ended up being a 9.975, a score she said she deserved because she lifted her foot up, which may have pushed her back that last couple of hundredths.

But King was noticeably ecstatic, thrilled to have been the cherry on top for Florida's stellar performance against Alabama.

"It was great going last up, just to leave our team on that final note that we are awesome and that we got an awesome team score this week," she said. "It just proves how great we are."



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Florida freshman Mackenzie Caquatto made her collegiate all-around debut Friday night with a first-place score of 39.575 as the Gators beat the Crimson Tide 197.550-195.450 in the O'Connell Center.

Shine's 19 pace team in loss

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what we needed at that time."

Bonds, who played only eight minutes in the first half, finished with seven points on 2-of-12 shooting.

For the second straight game, it was Shine's scoring that paced the Gators. She had nine of her 19 points in a three-minute span in the second half, and Butler said she is one of the team's most dynamic players on offense.

"There is a look that Shine gets in her eye, and it's inspiring," Butler said.

The progression of Shine and fel-

low guards Lanita Bartley and Deana Allen, who were both instrumental in Florida's charge, is indicative of the Gators' efforts of continued improvement, Butler said.

Allen scored a career-high 18 points and hit a three-pointer with 20 seconds remaining to give the Gators a chance in overtime. Bartley also notched a career-high 16 points with five steals, three assists and only one turnover.

"We're showing great signs of what we can be — and who we're going to become," Butler said. "We're just kind of ready for (the latter) to show itself."

Parsons leads UF with double-double

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Parsons, who recorded double-doubles in both wins. After scoring 18 points and grabbing 11 rebounds against the Commodores, he scored 17 points and recorded 12 rebounds Saturday.

Parsons also contributed a thunderous block and five assists without a turnover in a team-high 37 minutes, including all 20 of the second half.

"He had an incredible game," coach Billy Donovan said. "I don't know since I've been here if I've ever played a guy 20 minutes in the second half. ... I wanted to rest him, wanted to try to get him out of the game, but he was doing too many things."

Free-throw shooting was key in the win,

as neither team led by more than three in the final seven minutes.

After struggling from the charity stripe for much of the year, Florida hit 18 of its 22 attempts on Saturday, including a pair by

Walker with 1:51 remaining that gave the Gators a lead they would never relinquish.

"That was huge for us," Walker said. "I know we've been struggling at the line for weeks and weeks, but the one thing about competition is it changes each day."

"One day we could be up, one day we could be down, so we just got to keep focusing and take advantage of free points."



Men's Basketball

Hot Shots



1. Chandler Parsons, Sr.

Parsons was an easy selection for this week's top spot, as the senior forward led the team in points with 35 and rebounds with 23. Parsons not only scored, but also distributed, adding seven assists and just one turnover. The senior was a constant presence on the floor, playing a team-high 76 minutes between the two contests against Vanderbilt and Kentucky.



2. Kenny Boynton, So.

Boynton takes the second spot on our list after dropping 27 points between the two games. The sophomore shot just 4 of 14 from three, but made up for it by driving to the hoop and getting to the free-throw line. Boynton was 7 for 7 from the charity stripe last week and has now made 31 of his last 32, including 19 straight.



3. Erving Walker, Jr.

Walker was a third quality scoring option for UF, contributing 24 points last week. The junior shot just 6 of 23 between the two games but compensated for his poor percentage from the field by hitting 10 of 12 attempts from the line. Walker also contributed seven rebounds, two steals and a team-high nine assists.

Standings

1. Chandler Parsons
9 POINTS

2. Erving Walker
7 POINTS

3. Kenny Boynton
5 POINTS

4. Vernon Macklin
2 POINTS

5. Alex Tyus
1 POINT

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The Gators once again followed a quality victory with an even bigger win. They will be back in the AP Top 25 next week after spending the week at No. 23 in the USA Today/ESPN poll. (Which seemed a little too convenient, what with ESPN putting them in primetime twice last week.)

And analysts are already starting to pencil Florida's name on their early NCAA Tournament brackets. ESPN "Bracketology" expert Joe Lunardi had UF as a No. 5 seed even before it beat No. 10 Kentucky.

ESPN.com's Eamonn Brennan wrote after

Saturday's win, "Florida now appears to be an NCAA Tournament lock."

With six wins over top-50 RPI teams, it's hard to argue against Brennan's claim.

The Gators snuck into the Big Dance last year with a far less impressive résumé, and they are on track to add a regular-season conference title to the list — something they have only done once since 2001.

After Donovan paused to realize how little time is left in the season, he replied that he had no reason to feel comfortable with his team's standing, even with only seven games left.

For Donovan, last week wasn't the Gators'

biggest test. It's what they do now, with a slightly higher profile following some time in the national spotlight and a sense of entitlement after two important victories.

"Do we have the maturity level, as a team, to handle going forward from here?" Donovan said. "That has been our No. 1 problem, is these situations. We have not handled them well."

Donovan called Saturday's win a microcosm of the team's season: inconsistent, but resilient.

But this coming week isn't about resiliency, and that's what concerns Donovan. Florida could easily lose some of its momen-

tum by dropping a trap game Wednesday at South Carolina, the only SEC East team UF has not beaten.

"We can not do that right now. That's the worst thing that we can do, and I talked to them about it in the locker room after the game was over," Donovan said. "We have a great opportunity to make incredible growth and steps as a team."

The Gators have turned fumbling away late-season trap games into an art form the past few years, so Donovan has plenty of reasons to be concerned.

And he knows it's never too late for a season to fall apart. Even in seven games.

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UF ROUNDUP

Slilam's three-set victory sends UF to win over FSU

By **THOMAS NASSIFF**
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With the No. 7 Florida men's tennis team in danger of losing its first match of the season Sunday at No. 27 FSU, the Gators got a lift from an unsung hero.

After losing the doubles point and trading singles wins with the Seminoles (5-3), the match was tied 3-3 as junior Nassim Slilam battled FSU's Blake Davis on Court 4.

With the team result in his hands, Slilam's superior strength and conditioning proved to be the difference. He posted a 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory while Davis struggled with cramps late in the match.

Slilam's heroics propelled Florida to a 6-0 record for the second time under coach Andy Jackson and gave the Gators a gutsy 4-3 win at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee.

"I'm proud of Nassim. He worked very hard to prepare for this spring," Jackson said. "He made his guy tired, and across the board we all fought hard today."

Slilam, who often gets overshadowed by his doubles partner, senior Alexandre Lacroix, has yet to lose a singles match this year.

However, it was a day of many firsts for the Gators.

Things started on the wrong foot as Slilam and Lacroix failed to clinch the doubles point, falling 8-5 on Court 1. It was the first time Florida didn't claim the doubles point in the dual match season.

"To be a good team, sometimes you have to be able to win without getting the doubles point," Jackson said.

Lacroix, ranked No. 4 in singles, was upset by No. 42 Vahid Mirzadeh in three sets, while No. 52 Bob van Overbeek, riding an 11-game win streak, moved up to Court 2 and lost in three sets to No. 37 Clint Bowles.

"It was difficult for Alex. He might have gotten a little too caught up in getting the point for the team," Jackson said. "He almost wanted to win too much."

The Gators overcame those losses as sophomore Sekou Bangoura Jr. and Spencer Newman both posted straight-sets wins. Billy Federhofer won in three sets to set up Slilam's match-clinching victory.

"We took FSU's best shot," Jackson said, "and I'm very pleased to get through it with a victory."

The Gators also swept in-state rival Central Florida on Friday.

DEMPS, TAYLOR CLINCH NCAA SPOTS AT ELITE MEET: The Florida men's track and field team won the indoor national championship last season, but that doesn't concern Gators coach Mike Holloway anymore.

"We're not really trying to defend the 2010 title. We're trying to win the 2011 title," Holloway said. "If we worry about what happened in 2010, then we'll get lost in that shuffle. Our focus is not on what we did last year."



Demps

Three events into the season, Florida is well on its way, with five athletes already qualified for the national meet.

Sprinter Jeff Demps and jumper Christian Taylor were the latest to clinch spots at the NCAA meet in March, posting their qualifying marks at the Virginia Tech Elite Meet.

"This was a solid weekend for the Gators," Holloway said. "I am very pleased with our progress. We continue to take steps in the right direction, and that is something that is very important to me."

Demps, who was returning to action from a foot injury suffered during the football sea-

son, nearly recorded a personal-best time in the 60-meter dash, winning the event in 6.57 seconds.

Demps won the indoor national championship in the 60-meter dash last season.

"Nothing Jeff does surprises us anymore," Holloway said.

Taylor, who won the triple jump with a 16.61m/54-6 mark, has been equally impressive, dominating his events for quite some time.

The last triple jump event Taylor lost came before the 2009 Tyson Invitational.

"If you look at where Christian was this time last year, he is way ahead of the curve this year," Holloway said. "Christian has always been a very talented guy, but he has much better focus and drive this year."

In addition to Demps and Taylor, sprinters Tony McQuay (400-meter dash) and Leonardo Seymore (200-meter dash) won. Lanie Whitaker, who won the 400-meter dash last year at the Elite Meet, once again took first place in the event for the UF women's team.

Demps and Taylor join heptathlete Gray Horn and jumpers Omar Craddock and Will Claye as UF's other automatic qualifiers so far this season.

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