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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Progress Party members serve homeless



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Dave Schneider, the Progress Party candidate for Student Body President, works alongside Fernando Figueroa, a Progress Party volunteer, to help serve meals at St. Francis House on Monday.

By **HANNAH WINSTON**
 Alligator Writer

Hairnet and latex gloves intact, Dave Schneider washed the trays that were handed to him through the small window in the St. Francis House kitchen.

To the shelter, he was just another helping hand. Only his fellow party members knew he would be on the Student Government ballot running for Student Body President in two weeks.

Schneider was one of 15 members of the Progress Party who worked at the shelter Monday morning handing out meals to Gainesville's homeless.

The third-year political science and history major said the Progress Party has a high emphasis on service. However, he said many students forget that UF is part of the greater Gainesville area and that they need to be involved outside of UF as well.

"SG is supposed to be this voice," he said. "You can't separate it from the Gainesville com-

munity."

He said he and the Progress Party want to bring service back to SG.

"Even though we're not in power now," he said, "we can make a difference."

"Activism goes beyond protests and holding signs."

Michael Morales
 Progress Party campaign manager

Michael Morales, the Progress Party campaign manager, said his party wants to get students involved to make that change.

"Activism goes beyond protests and holding signs," he said.

He said the Progress Party is attending as many student organization meetings as possible to see how they can make a difference in the Gainesville community.

A lot of the organizations are hesitant or think they can't talk with SG, he said. He and the Progress Party want to change that.

"It's not what SG is used to," Morales said. "But we can try."

Puzzle allows players to reduce state deficit

■ THE APPLICATION IS ON THE GRAHAM CENTER'S WEBSITE.

By **ALEXANDER KLAUSNER**
 Alligator Staff Writer

If you think eliminating a state budget deficit is easy, the Bob Graham Center for Public Service wants you to try it for yourself.

A new application on the center's website challenges the average person to take on the daunting task of eliminating Florida's \$3.6 billion deficit, the same task that Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida legislature will face in March.

Senate President Mike Haridopolos will announce the winner Thursday. Those who can successfully complete the puzzle can enter to win a free iPad.

"What we're trying to do is invite people to solve our budget crisis and to understand a little bit more about what are the main components of our Florida budget," said Ann Henderson, director of the Graham Center. "We are one of the states where our Constitution requires a balanced budget."

When the application is opened, users are greeted by a pie chart and a series of boxes where students can enter how much money they want to cut from each sector.

"If you try the application, you can quickly conclude that this is a lot a lot more difficult than you might think, and there is pain involved no matter what action you might take," Henderson said.

Henderson said she hopes that the challenge will have 2,000 entries by Thursday.

State News

Student Senate to vote on anti-gun resolution

By **HANNAH SWERDLOFF**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

If Florida Senate Bill 234 passes, licensed gun owners will be allowed to openly carry firearms at UF.

UF Student Senate President Ben Meyers, who represents the Unite Party, met with Sens. Brittnie Baker, Amanda Jones and Ingrid Tojanci on Friday to draft a resolution denouncing this bill. The judiciary committee reviewed the bill and will give it a favorable recommendation at the Senate meeting on Tuesday.

"It's a non-political issue," Meyers said. "I'm a Republican; I believe in gun rights. There's no reason why students should be going around carrying guns."



Meyers

The resolution lists recent instances of gun violence on college campuses, including ones at the University of Texas and Florida State University, and recommends that students become educated on weapon

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■ UF forward Alex Tyus (right) nearly jumped to the NBA after last season and has seemingly regressed in his senior year, scoring his fewest points per game since his freshman year. See Story, Page 14.



Louisiana police say woman allegedly hit boyfriend with frozen steak

HOUMA, La. — Police in the southern Louisiana city of Houma say a woman upset over her lack of freezer space allegedly hit her boyfriend in the face with a frozen beefsteak.

Police told The Courier newspaper that 47-year-old Edith Tassin was booked with aggravated battery against 51-year-old Jerry Voisin.

Authorities say she has since been re-

leased on bond.

Police say Voisin called police on Sunday evening and told them Tassin was trying to cool a mixed drink and became upset when it wouldn't fit in the freezer.

Police say Voisin was bleeding from the right side of his face when officers arrived.

Tassin had not been assigned a public defender as of Monday.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

UF Phi Beta Lambda Information Session
Today, 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 our state conference and how you can compete, be recognized and win prizes.

Theater Strike Force Show Supporting Florida Alternative Breaks
Today, 6:30 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
UF's premier improv and comedy sketch troupe will be performing a show in order to support the FAB Disaster Recovery Trip. Stop by for some laughs and to learn about FAB's Disaster Recovery Trip to Nashville, Tenn., over spring break.

Islam and Race: An American Perspective
Today, 6:45 p.m.
University Memorial Auditorium
Sherman Jackson, a professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies in Michigan, will speak about the issues regarding race in America and how the religion of Islam addresses these issues. In 2009, Jackson was named one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world and has also been recognized as one of the top-10 experts on Islam in America.

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 720 balloons in seven minutes and 20 seconds.

European Study Abroad Info Session
Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.
Turlington, Room 3312
Students interested in going to Krakow, Brussels or Salzburg this summer can come to the info session sponsored by the Center for European Studies and get all their questions answered. Free pizza will be served. Call 392-8902 for more details.

Connecting The Gator Nation
Wednesday, 5 p.m.
Emerson Alumni Hall
This event will provide students with a unique opportunity to build their network by connecting with UF alumni. It will provide them with training on getting the most out of networking, tips on

FORECAST

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how to best market yourself and networking experience to build your 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 email newstudentinfo@dso.ufl.edu.

SG Absentee Ballots

By Friday
Absentee ballots for the SG election can be requested at sg.ufl.edu/elections. Look under "For the Voter." The election will be held Feb. 22 and 23.

Women's Leadership Conference "Blueprint for Success" Registration

By Friday
The conference on Feb. 27 offers participants the opportunity to improve their leadership skills. With workshops and a graduate school panel, participants will discover the building blocks they need to become successful leaders in society. UF alumnus Diana Diaz, co-anchor for Miami News Channel 7, will be the keynote speaker.

Fourteenth Annual Medical College Forum

Saturday
Reitz Union
Students can learn about the medical school admission 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 helps the University Gospel Choir alleviate some costs for its annual spring break tour. For more information, contact the University Gospel Choir at universitygospelchoir.com or e-mail universitygospelchoir@gmail.com.

Indonesia Scholarship Information Session

Monday, 4:30 p.m.
Hub, Room 170
The Freeman Foundation is offering a fully funded, nine-week summer internship study abroad opportunity in Indonesia. Internship fields include economic development, public health, art, education and environmental protection. Interested American and Indonesian sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply.

Got something going on?

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NATIONAL

Scuffle over dog biscuit leads to arrest in Mont.

LIVINGSTON, Mont. — A Montana man who took exception to someone else giving his dog a biscuit faces a misdemeanor or assault charge.

The Livingston Enterprise reports one man had reached over a fence to give a dog a bone Thursday when the dog's owner grabbed him and threw him up against a garage.

Livingston Police Chief Darren Raney says the dog's owner believed the other man was trying to poison the dog. He was not.

The biscuit giver was not injured.

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Debate wall to encourage students to voice opinions

■ THE WALL WILL BE LOCATED IN PUGH HALL.

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
Alligator Writer

Civil debate at UF is going high-tech.

The Bob Graham Center for Public Service will begin test runs in February or March for its Great Civil Debate Wall, an interactive project that will encourage students, faculty and others to comment on controversial issues affecting day-to-day life.

The project should be officially installed in October, according to Ann Henderson, director of the center. It will use a wall in Pugh Hall to pose questions about pressing political issues, which people can then answer using an on-site multi-touch interface as well as associated electronic forums such as smart phones, Facebook, Twitter and e-mail.

For example, a student could vote on whether he or she approves of off-shore oil drilling in Florida and view others' responses. The student could answer anonymously or choose to include personal information.



Photo Illustrations: Special to the Alligator

These images represent what the Great Civil Debate Wall, an interactive project, will look like once it's constructed at Pugh Hall. The wall will be used to encourage students and faculty to voice their opinions on controversial issues.

"What we hope to be able to do when we ask questions like that is find where [people] might agree," Henderson said. "This is a way of practicing finding common ground."

The idea developed from the center's desire to create a project that would encourage civil debate, largely because Florida residents are not as engaged in civil issues as those of other states, she said.

The Great Civil Debate Wall is

one way in which the Bob Graham Center hopes to address the need for increased civility, Henderson said. It is one of several projects funded by the center's \$3 million grant from the Knight Foundation, although its final price tag has not been determined.

The center began work on the project about a year ago with Local Projects, a New York-based design firm.

"Our studio focuses on different

types of civil engagement and storytelling, so I think we're a natural partner for the project," said Jake Barton, Local Projects principal and founder.

The wall provides a unique opportunity to reach out and engage a diverse student body in discussions about controversial issues, he said.

When the project is completed, the Bob Graham Center Public Service Council will choose a new issue to explore each week. The council,

which is made up of undergraduate students receiving minors from the center, will monitor the week's responses and polling numbers and post the results to the center's web-site.

The wall at Pugh Hall will hopefully be only the first of the project, Henderson said.

Potential locations for future walls include Library West, Starbucks and other places at UF and throughout Gainesville.

Two UF swimmers arrested for shoplifting in Orlando

Police say they stole \$130 North Face jackets

By **KAT BEIN**
and **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Staff Writers

The two UF swimmers just wanted jackets, but they got handcuffs and misdemeanors instead.

Lily Ramirez, 20, and Daniela Victoria, 21, were in the

Nordstrom store at the Florida Mall in Orlando on Saturday and decided not to pay the \$130 for the North Face jackets they wanted, according to Orange County Jail records.

Unfortunately for them, loss prevention employees saw them walk out of the store on their security monitors and watched as the two put the jackets in

their car and returned to shopping.

An employee verified their Chevrolet Tahoe and found the jackets laying in plain sight. The employee stayed and watched the car until the swimmers came back to leave.

At that point, the employee flagged down a nearby police officer, who pulled the women over.

When he asked if they stole the jackets, they said yes, and he escorted them back to Nordstrom in handcuffs.

The car was towed and the women charged with petit theft. They've since been released.

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Student competes to enter Mongolian horse race

■ SPONSORS WOULD WAIVE THE \$9,800 ENTRY FEE.

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

In six months, more than two dozen horses and equestrians will pair up to take on 1,000 kilometers of rough Mongolian terrain.

For most, the Mongol Derby presents a daunting task. For 22-year-old UF anthropology senior Sallie Dehler, it represents a dream.

This just may be the year she reaches it.

Dehler has advanced to the top five in a competition to be sponsored as a competitor in the 10-day derby set for Aug. 6, which is dubbed as the longest and toughest horse race on the planet.

The Adventurists and Horse Hero, both companies of the derby, will sponsor one equestrian and waive the \$9,800 entry fee in exchange for the rider's documentation of his or her experience through video and blogging.

The finalists have submitted autobiographical videos that are posted on Horse Hero's website, trying to reel in as many votes as they can before this Saturday to become the winner, who will be announced next Monday.

Dehler first became intrigued with the derby when a friend e-mailed her a link to its website about a year ago.

Her interest in Mongolia grew when she heard her professor tell stories of the country during a two-month trip to Ethiopia last semester for an archeological dig.

"Horses have always been sort of a plaything to me," she said. "It'd be interesting to see a culture that really relies on them for a huge part of its life."

The Mongol Derby will present a change of pace for its competitors, as riders will compete on an array of different horses lent to them by local nomads that live along the race's route.

Dehler said competing on unfamiliar horses will present a major challenge.

"Horses are incredibly sensitive," she said. "Riding a brand new horse like this, a brand new one every day no less, will be difficult. Every horse has their own quirks."

Katy Willings, an Adventurist and the director of the Mongol Derby, said the path is a re-creation of a 13th-century horse messenger postal system.

Riders will change horses every 40 kilometers and there will be stations with Mongolian veterinarians ensuring the health of the horses, and local families preparing food for the racers.

"People have to be able to rely on the hospitality of total strangers," Willings said. "You share a meal with a family you don't share a language with."

She said that it's up to the racers

how they wish to allocate their time, whether it's resting with the nomads or continuing along the path that they will navigate on their own using only a map and GPS.

"It's quite a dangerous, risky event," she said. "You need a bit of luck with you to win. There really are so many things that could go wrong. It's them, the horse and

everything the course throws at them."

But Dehler is no stranger to adventure. She worked as a wrangler at a Wyoming ranch that had more than 200 horses, repelled down a 130-foot waterfall and led backpacking expeditions through Maine's White Mountains.

Despite all Dehler's experiences,

she said the feeling that washes over her when she's horseback riding is unmatched.

"It's very empowering and calming at the same time," she said. "I get a kind of focus with it that I don't get with many other things."

To vote for Dehler and see her contestant video, visit horsehero.com/mongolderby/finalists.



Special to the Alligator

Sallie Dehler, a UF senior anthropology major, will compete in a 10-day derby in August in Mongolia.

Woman makes most romantic bomb threat

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People are capable of doing many things for love. What Grace Guajardo did forced the evacuation of more than 300 people from a plane moments before takeoff.

Authorities say she phoned in a false bomb threat to keep her boyfriend from flying off to a new job.

"I'm sorry, but I did it for love," Guajardo said Monday after she was charged with making a false bomb threat.

Freed pending trial, she faces up to 61 days in jail if convicted. Prosecutors decided not to invoke the more severe anti-terrorism law after hearing the couple's story.

Her man, Rodrigo Gomez, had already boarded Iberia Flight 6830 for Madrid on Sunday, planning to take a months-long job as a cruise ship waiter.

Desperate that he was leaving, Guajardo admitted she called the airport from her cell phone demanding that authorities tell Gomez his father was gravely ill. When that didn't work, she called back, alleging there was a bomb on the plane, authorities

said.

The plane was already taxiing down the tarmac when pilots parked it in a remote location where the 312 people aboard were taken off and police with bomb-sniffing dogs meticulously searched the luggage. Meanwhile, records showed both calls were made from a cell phone that Gomez had left at home. Guajardo then confessed and was arrested Sunday.

She did succeed in getting Gomez to stay in Chile. The other 311 people were rescheduled for a Monday flight.

"Yes, I'm sorry for what I did, it wasn't the best thing to do, but at least he's here," Guajardo said outside court.

The couple informed the court that they have lived together for eight years and have three children. Gomez has often worked as a waiter on cruise ships, and was leaving home again after a year and a half in Santiago.

"I can't be angry, I have to support her. What she needs is love, nothing more," Gomez said, and they kissed again before the cameras.

Offbeat News

NATIONAL

Feds settle case of firing over Facebook comments

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Employers should think twice before trying to restrict workers from talking about their jobs on Facebook or other social media.

That's the message the government sent on Monday as it settled a closely watched lawsuit against a Connecticut ambulance company that fired an employee after she went on Facebook to criticize her boss.

The National Labor Relations Board sued the company last year, arguing the worker's negative comments were protected speech under federal labor laws. The company claimed it fired the emergency medical technician because of complaints about her work.

"The fact that they agreed to revise their rules is the most significant thing that comes out of this."

Jonathan Kreisberg
NLRB Regional Director

Under the settlement with the labor board, American Medical Response of Connecticut Inc. agreed to change its blogging and Internet policy that barred workers from disparaging the company or its supervisors. The company also will revise another policy that prohibited employees from depicting the company in any way over the Internet without permission.

Both policies interfered with longstanding legal protections that allow workers to discuss wages, hours and working conditions with co-workers, the board said.

"I think it certainly sends a message about

what the NLRB views the law to be," said Jonathan Kreisberg, the NLRB regional director in Hartford who approved the settlement.

"The fact that they agreed to revise their rules so that they're not so overly restrictive of the rights of employees to discuss their terms and conditions with others and with their fellow employees is the most significant thing that comes out of this," Kreisberg said.

Terms of a private settlement agreement between the employee, Dawnmarie Souza, and the company were not disclosed, but Kreisberg said the parties reached a financial settlement. Souza will not be returning to work there.

Souza declined a request for comment. A representative for American Medical Response did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Souza posted the Facebook comments in 2009 from her home computer, hours after her supervisor said a customer had complained about her work. The expletive-filled posting referred to her supervisor using the company's code for a psychiatric patient. Her remarks at the time drew supportive posts from colleagues.

Chuck Cohen, a labor and employment lawyer and former NLRB member during the Clinton administration, said the case will have employers around the country re-examining their Internet policies. But he warned that the case doesn't give employees free rein to discuss anything work-related on social media.

"The line can go over to disloyalty or disclosure of truly confidential information," Cohen said. "This is not without boundaries, but we just don't have a good sense yet of where the boundaries are."

INTERNATIONAL

Vietnam-era journalists see new dangers today

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Why does a photographer cover a war, putting himself in harm's way?

For adventure, by happenstance or to calm that front-page fever, answered an illustrious panel of photographers gathered in Paris, who covered the Vietnam War. Or more often than not, it's because it's in the blood.

Henri Huet, an AP photojournalist who lost his life in 1971, when the military helicopter he was riding in was gunned down over southern Laos, was one of those who "went to war like other people go to work," said Horst Faas, a Pulitzer Prize-winner who headed the Saigon bureau of The Associated Press from 1962 to 1974.

"Henri never considered himself a war photographer," said Faas, who was Huet's boss. But "he could really photograph the soul of a GI."

The comments were made Monday, as a group of Vietnam-era photojournalists gathered in Paris to launch an exhibit of Huet's wartime photographs 40 years after his death.

During the Vietnam era, helicopters were the bane of photographers at war, necessary evils that allowed them to move around but left them exposed to gunfire and breakdowns, the panel said.

Today, photojournalists face new perils and are unprotected by the technological advances that allow some print reporters to cover stories from a distance.

"There isn't a lens long enough that allows a photographer to sit at home and take a picture," said Russell Burrows, the son of famed Life photographer Larry Burrows, who was among those killed with Huet.

Richard Pyle, a former Saigon bureau chief for the AP during the war, said that today, "murder has become a primary cause of deaths among working journalists."

During the Vietnam War, there were no "embeds," journalists implanted with well-armed troops, like those who cover wars today from Iraq to Afghanistan. But neither were there snipers, police or troops targeting journalists — who are being killed today at a far greater rate.

The Paris-based World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers says 66 journalists and media workers were killed in 2010 because of their profession — with Mexico and Pakistan the deadliest countries. Journalists worldwide are "targeted for investigating organized crime, drug trafficking, corruption and other crimes," it said in a report last month.

Two journalists have died in recent weeks in uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. An Egyptian reporter from a state-run newspaper was shot by a sniper last week while photographing clashes from his balcony. In Tunisia, a French photographer died of his injuries after a tear gas canister struck him as police put down a peaceful demonstration in the capital.

Photographer Olivier Laban-Mattei said that despite the dangers, there is no shortage of candidates looking for a spot in conflict zones. Many are freelancers, with neither a paid plane ticket nor life insurance, he added.

Laban-Mattei, 33, was in Tunisia working beside Lucas Dolega of the EPA agency when his colleague was hit by a tear gas canister Jan. 14. He died three days later.

So why take such risks?

For Huet, the AP photographer who lost his life while flying over Laos, it was definitely

in the blood, his colleagues say.

Still, "Henri knew fear. Henri was afraid of getting killed. But he knew how to take care," said his former boss, Faas. It was helicopters that frightened him most.

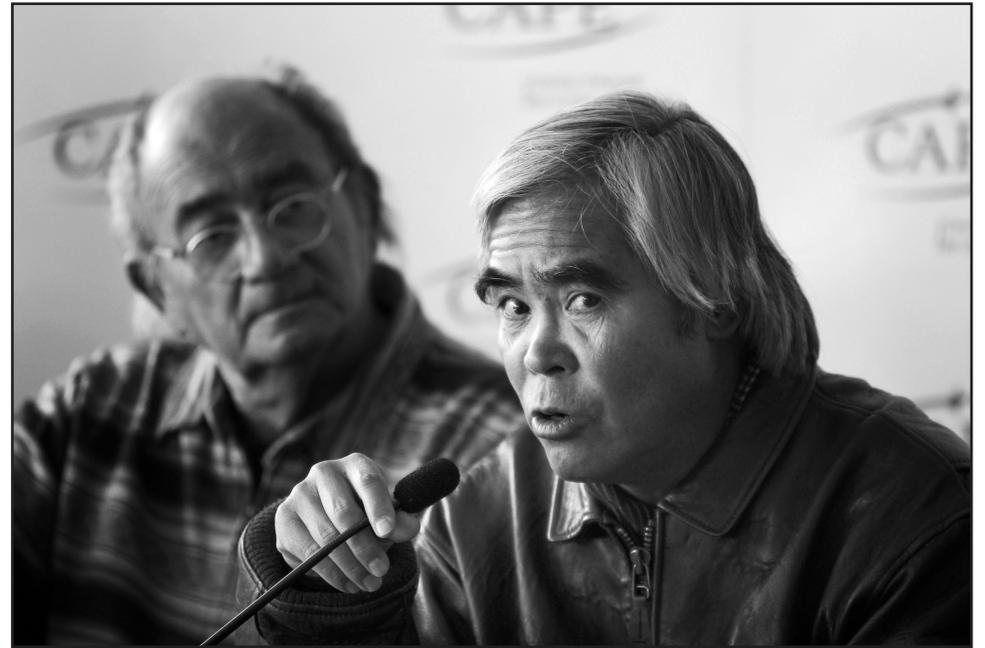
Nick Ut, photographer of the infamous shot of a young Vietnamese girl running naked down a road after a napalm attack, said he knew instantly that his photo would define the horrors of war for the world.

The dead and wounded were the grim fare

of wartime, but "I never saw a picture like that. Children. Naked," said Ut, who began working at the AP at the age of 15 on the advice of his older brother, a photographer killed in southwestern Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

"We know the job is very dangerous," he said. "But if you don't see the picture, you don't see the story."

The exhibit "Henri Huet, Vietnam" runs Wednesday through April 10 at the Maison Europeenne de la Photographie in Paris.



AP Photo

Associated Press photographer Nick Ut, right, speaks as photographer Christian Simoni, left, looks on during a Monday news conference at the Grand Palais CAPE in Paris.



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Christina Aguilera's mistakes while singing the national anthem at the Super Bowl made our stomachs sink.

Something sounded off about her cadence, but we weren't sure if the words really went in the order we thought.

Internet searches on the national anthem quickly surged by 20-fold, and Americans, having confirmed their suspicions of a botched patriotic song, turned back to their television sets to shake their heads in dismay.

Sure, we had to check the words, but she's a singer. How could she mess that up?

Cut her some slack. After all, the anthem's a bizarre song. Originally written as a poem, it was set to the music of a British drinking song and was established as the national anthem in 1931 — rather recently, given its origins during the War of 1812.

Beyond the strange background, spoken language has changed in the 200 years since the poem was written. For example, the line "o'er the land of the free" can be easily misheard as "or the land of the free" because we're singing words no longer used in regular conversation. The words are confusing, and so is the structure.

In fact, the anthem ends with a question, and, although the answer may be obvious, we've always wanted to tack an "indeed" on the end of the song.

Some things won't change: We'll still have our flag and pre-football ritual. And we'll still be making up words to the anthem.

Long Division

It seems counterintuitive that a school board would vote to undo a policy which led to better schools all over the district.

In Wake County, N.C., that's what's happening.

After the plan to integrate schools by income succeeded, five members of the nine-member board voted against what they saw as government interference.

They said the long bus rides needed to diversify schools were a detriment to students and that children needed the chance to attend more convenient neighborhood schools.

However, because of the disparity of wealth distribution by ethnicity, moving these kids back home is essentially re-segregating

them.

Such a move robs them of the ability to learn about people of other cultures, classes and backgrounds.

A diverse school environment is what breeds understanding, tolerant members of society who can collaborate with nearly anyone. This is the cornerstone of our workforce and our economy.

Besides, if education has to boil down to a debate between convenience and excellent schools, the choice should be clear.

Denying children the best possible schooling to simply to make a politically charged anti-government statement is unacceptable.

Here's to hoping this incident won't become a trend.

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Column

Lending a hand not a reality TV priority

Ah, reality TV. No other single entity, with the possible exception of McDonald's, has done more to glorify the atrocities of American society. We can thank reality TV for such gems as "The Real Housewives," "Teen Mom," and, of course, the ever-classy "Jersey Shore." For some reason, Americans cannot get enough of the binge drinking, drama causing, sad sacks of society who populate these shows. We know very well they are as far from reality as it gets.

Still, one area of reality TV has amused me for years, ever since I saw my first episode of "True Life: I'm Homeless." I was originally unable to look away from the destitute people living in their cars and eating out of Dumpsters, but it eventually dawned on me that these people were not alone; there was a whole camera crew following them around filming their pathetic lives.

The camera crew wasn't homeless. The show's producer wasn't homeless. How then, did these people follow around these homeless folks pawning off beer cans for pennies? Did the show's crew simply film these people and then bid them goodnight while they headed back to their comfortable homes, leaving the homeless under a bridge?

Similarly, what are the ethics behind drug abuse on TV? Documentary programs, such as "True Life" and "Intervention," routinely film folks abusing illegal drugs such as heroin and meth. TV viewers get a front row seat as addicts, young and old, bite a belt wrapped around their arm to inject who knows what and act like lunatics while a loyal film crew catches every moment.

I'm sorry, did everyone forget that these drugs are illegal?

These people are sitting here engaging in activities law enforcement officials spend countless hours and resources battling. And in these same documentaries, when women prostitute themselves to obtain the drugs, do producers



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just sit by and watch the subject ride away into untold possibilities of disease and danger?

The paradox is almost too much. As Americans sit by and watch homeless people freeze or drug addicts slip into oblivion, all for the benefit of our entertainment or, I suppose, dissuasion from doing it ourselves, the people

we are watching are actually suffering. It's something that is hardly ever noticed, but when one stops to think about it, what type of heartless people produce and film these shows? The documented are literally killing themselves right in front of a camera, and at night the crew goes home and sleeps in a comfortable bed, conscience clear of what they've seen that day.

Is it not an obvious reflex to want to help these people? Should we not film their miserable shack dwellings and then guide them into a shelter? Or encourage the drug users into rehab?

How inhumane are we to film prostitution, drug abuse, theft, or any array of illegal activities just for the benefit of television, only to leave the people as we found them?

I know nothing about the industry, but perhaps there is some sort of positive compensation. That theory isn't supported by the "True Life: Where Are They Now?" episode I saw the other day where the crew caught up with a mother and daughter still living in their car. How noble of them to again find and film people who are still in a desperate situation.

As crazy as America is, I think these types of shows exemplify how insincere the American TV industry is. We, the viewers who indulge in these shows, are not much better.

Laura Ellermeyer is a first-year finance major. Her column appears on Tuesdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Could you eat an entire pizza in one sitting if you were really hungry?

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Letters to the Editor

Teacher unions help the community

It would take a forum longer than a letter to the editor to correct the half-truths and mischaracterizations in Zack Smith's editorial about teacher unions.

Teacher unions have taken unpopular political positions in recent years? You mean positions such as securing funding at the state level for schools and higher education?

Or the stance that Tallahassee should stop meddling in education or calling for more standardized testing without allowing local school boards to make decisions appropriate for its own schools?

Teacher unions are important and effective not only in this advocacy for students, but also because educators with secure employment are better, more effective educators.

Moreover, the collective bargaining agreements negotiated among unions and school boards provide procedures for removing bad teachers. Everyone talks about bad, ineffective teachers, but no one ever talks about bad administrators who don't use these procedures to remove bad teachers.

Also, Smith must be living in a completely different universe if he thinks teacher unions have a monopoly on government in the state of Florida. The legislature has been unfriendly to education in this state for several years now by handing down more and more budget cuts, and with Gov. Rick Scott and the incoming legislature it will be more of the same and worse. Universities, high schools and elementary schools in this state cannot suffer more cuts and still provide quality education.

The teacher unions are one of the few groups taking a stand for Florida's students.

Jordan Dominy, Ph.D. student
Co-President of Graduate Assistants



Educators don't deserve so much criticism

Every weekday, my wife is responsible for educating more than 100 sixth-graders in an Alachua County public middle school.

For about \$30,000 a year, she spends her days teaching kids — many of whom have medical or behavioral problems or live in government subsidized housing — and her evenings and weekends drafting her lesson plans. She purchases her own school supplies, which often includes notebooks and pencils for students who cannot afford their own, and buys into a health care package which takes a substantial chunk of cash out of her biweekly paycheck.

Imagine my surprise when Zack Smith indicted her in the pages of the Alligator simply because she is a dues-paying member of the local teachers union.

Rather than criticize disinterested parents or clueless legislators, Smith heaps the blame on those individuals who choose to serve the public by educating our country's children and at the same time want to have some kind of power over their employment and the work environment.

It baffles me why anyone would criticize workers before turning a critical eye to their bosses, but it is particularly appalling to see Smith's broad condemnation of some of our society's most underpaid and under-appreciated civil servants.

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UWire

Oscar snubs inspire debates, love over film

When the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences released this year's list of Oscar nominations two weeks ago, the general response went something like this:

"The Oscars are crap. I mean, they didn't even nominate Christopher Nolan for 'Inception!' What were they thinking?"

What are they ever thinking?

With any awards show, you are bound to have some omissions and inclusions that make many people start to scratch their heads.

The Academy is no different.

Unfortunately, the Academy catches more grief than most due to the highly publicized nature of the awards and the reputation they carry.

These criticisms are not without merit.

To be fair, though, the Academy gets many things right with their nominations.

But when they goof, they goof big-time.

For many people, the headlining snub for the 83rd Academy Awards is the omission of Christopher Nolan from the list of five nominees for Achievement in Directing.

When I ask people what makes a director "good," most say that "vision" — however defined — is the number one trademark of a good director.

If they are correct, it is hard to argue with their outcry over Nolan's snub.

There were few movies or directors this year with better vision than "Inception."

Unfortunately, when I look at the Academy's list of nominees, almost all of them are the ones I would include as having such vision.

In my opinion, it is hard to see just which one is guilty of being the "most obviously undeserving" of the bunch.

I will admit I was shocked by Nolan's omission.

After all, his peers at the Directors Guild of America nominated him.

However, I guess in hindsight I should not have been too surprised.

But I must also keep in mind that Nolan was not nominated for "The Dark Knight" a few years ago.

(It is also thought that the film's Best Picture snub was the reason the Academy went to ten nominees for Best Picture last year.)

But do you want to know why the Academy's snubbing of "Inception" that makes even less sense?

Jordan Berry
UWire

It included omitting Lee Smith for Best Film

Editing.

Anyone who has seen "Inception" knows that the last half of the film is crafted with extreme intricacy and precision.

At one point, we witness four levels of the same narrative unfolding before us. It's mind-blowing.

Smith's absence is criminal.

You will not convince me otherwise.

But "Inception" is not the only film getting attention for its snubs.

The award for Best Actor is pretty much Colin Firth's to lose.

However, in terms of getting nominated, the most anguish was had for the fans of Robert Duvall in "Get Low," Ryan Gosling in "Blue Valentine," and even "Inception" star Leonardo DiCaprio.

Many feel that the spot for these three guys went to Javier Bardem for "Biutiful."

For my money, I would have Ryan Gosling take the place of Jeff Bridges.

This pains me greatly, as I am a huge fan of Mr. Bridges.

However, his work for "Crazy Heart" last year was much stronger.

(I am not saying that winning the previous year should hurt potential nominees, though.)

"The Social Network," despite dominating the Golden Globes, failed to see its best performer score a nod.

While Jesse Eisenberg gives one of the year's finest leading performances, Andrew Garfield was the actually the anchor of that movie.

I do not think he would beat out Christian Bale ("The Fighter"), Geoffrey Rush ("The King's Speech"), or Jeremy Renner ("The Town"), but he deserves a nomination.

I could go on about how "The Town" deserves a nod for Best Picture, but that could fill another whole column.

And I think that's the point with these Oscar snubs. They inspire passion about our attitudes toward film.

They are a reminder that what we love about individual films cannot be taken from us, even if they do not get the recognition they deserve.

Who cares in the end whether Christopher Nolan gets nominated for his films?

He should just keep 'em coming.

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UWire

Super Sunday an American holiday

In case you have been living under a rock, the Super Bowl was Sunday. I know, that's not exactly a news flash. Of course you knew the Super Bowl was on Sunday. How could you not know this? Even my mom, who hates football for taking up her few basic cable channels on Sundays, knew it was that day of the year.

It is everywhere.

It is unavoidable.

The Super Bowl has grown to become America's biggest unofficial holiday.

You can't turn on the TV without commercials reminding you to stock up for the big day with food and drinks, and heck, maybe even a new big-screen TV while you're at it. People you know who couldn't care less about the game or sport, host parties and now have an excuse to get a little tipsy on an additional day of the year. Grocery and department stores all have huge displays at their entrances prompting you to pick up stuff you might not have otherwise bought — especially if you are not going to watch the game.

But no, come on. You watched the game, right?

Because, although February already has one "official" holiday that women love — Valentine's Day — it now seems that football has grown to become such a beloved American pastime that Super Bowl Sunday has become the true "holiday" in February that is loved by most — including many women.

On the other hand, I think it's safe to say that Super Bowl Sunday is the only "holiday," albeit unofficial, that most men really get excited about.

What man doesn't love a full day of gluttony, beer drinking and football, while loudly and unapologetically rooting for his favorite team? And, being an athlete myself, I completely understand the nature

Sheryl Roadcap
UWire

of the beast, but I have to say, the phenomenal enterprise of the Super Bowl has gotten a little big for its britches.

When ESPN reported the NFL was charging people \$200 for a ticket just to watch the Super Bowl on a big-screen TV outside of the Cowboys Stadium, or that to simply park one-tenth of a mile from the stadium, it would cost you \$990, I couldn't believe it. But what topped that shocker was the fact that people quickly slurped up the 4,000-some tickets that were on sale with people still waiting in line just to be near the Super Bowl.

What in the world are people thinking?

Don't worry, if you were one of the 4,000 who paid to watch the game from outside, you received a Super Bowl XLV commemorative scarf as a souvenir, along with a performance by the Cowboys cheerleaders.

"Geesh, you'd think it was the coming of Christ," said someone close to me who heard this same information.

I hope you enjoyed the hoopla that lasted the entire week.

I hope Monday was not too rough of a day back to work after all the fun.

And most of all, I hope that if you wanted to spring a small fortune on the Super Bowl, you just bought a new TV and enjoyed it from the comfort of home surrounded by family and friends on your holiday.

I'm sure there is a Hallmark card for this by now, but regardless, happy belated Super Bowl Sunday from me to you.

Sheryl Roadcap is a student at Ohio State University.

ON CAMPUS

Organization sells kisses for wishes

By **SHELBY GREENE**

Alligator Contributing Writer

For those who are stumped on what to give their significant other for Valentine's Day, the UF Gators for Wish Kids club has a solution.

From now until Friday, the organization will hold Kisses for Wishes, a fundraiser in which students can pre-order valentines for friends or loved ones.

The valentines will be \$2 each and all proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida, an organization that grants wishes to children who have life-threatening medical conditions.

The valentines will consist of a homemade cookie and a sealed letter containing a poem mentioning the Make-A-Wish Foundation, said Lauren Vallario, the club's president. There will be one letter format for students to send to friends and one to send to romantic part-

ners, she said.

The club will have tables set up for pre-ordering valentines in the Reitz Union Colonnade and on Turlington Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Vallario said.

On Valentine's Day, the recipients will receive a text message and e-mail telling them they have a valentine waiting for them. They will be able to pick up their gift at the Reitz Colonnade from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., she said.

She said students can also choose to have a valentine mailed to a recipient out of the city for an additional fee to cover mailing costs.

Lauren Wills, the club's director for social media and advertising, said she thinks the event will be successful because it is a way for students to give gifts to their friends while giving back to the community at the same time.



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Nonstop Drip, Drop

Students huddle together at the Rinker Hall bus stop to take cover from the rain Monday. Temperatures dropped to 43 degrees and rain fell consistently throughout the day. Today is expected to be sunny with a high of 60 degrees.

The State Senate could pass a bill allowing guns on college campuses

GUNS, from page 1

safety rules to avoid firearm-related incidents.

If it passes, copies will be sent to state Sen. Steve Oelrich, state Rep. Greg Evers, Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon and Gov. Rick Scott. Meyers will also send it to other student senators in the state for support.

Baker, who prompted the resolution, said violence can happen anywhere and under many different circumstances.

The bill will start a chain reaction: Stu-

dents will arm themselves for protection, frightening other students and faculty who will then arm themselves, she said.

"We all know how discussions in Turlington or classes can become heated and out of hand. Think about the danger that carrying weapons would bring to those situations," she said.

Carly Wilson, student senator and president of College Republicans, opposes the resolution. College Republicans supports the bill in all areas, she said.

The Second Amendment should not stop when students enter campus. How-

ever, she said she does respect the senators who are concerned.

"I think that this is the kind of thing the Student Senate should be working on. We should be concerned with the bills of the Florida Legislature that are relevant on the UF campus," Wilson said.

On Campus

She plans on speaking out against the resolution by addressing the need of guns for safety.

The things heard on the news are tragedies and not the norm, she said. People want to feel safe in their own homes and

when they go on campus.

These guns are here for a purpose, she said.

"The idea is that now 50,000 students are going to be walking around with guns hanging from their belt loops. That's so unrealistic. The restrictions for the kids that carry are still in place," she said.

The resolution will most likely pass because senators will vote in the way that will best represent their constituents, Wilson said. The safer route is to approve it because the majority of students will feel more protected without guns on campus.

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Sharks bite fewer Floridians

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Writer

The economy has been said to kill businesses, but it may also be shrinking the number of Florida shark attacks.

UF's International Shark Attack File annual report, released Monday, said the number of shark attacks in the state has been decreasing for four years.

In 2007, 31 people were attacked. In 2010, 13 people were attacked.

George Burgess, a regu-

lar Discovery Channel guest expert and UF ichthyologist, thinks the economy and the BP oil spill are largely responsible for the decrease in attacks



Burgess

because they've kept people from going to the beach.

"You can directly tie these activities to the number of people in the water," he said.

According to the most re-

cent study by Visit Florida, a tourism marketing company, statewide tourism increased just 0.6 percent from July to September, as compared to the same months in 2009.

Burgess said the data on the attacks was strange this year.

Globally, there were 79 shark attacks in 2010. That's more than in previous years — almost as many as the all-time high of 80 in 2000.

Despite this, Florida's numbers continue to drop.

"This is an unusual year in Florida," Burgess said.

Running club holds 5K race for charity

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By **STYLIANA RESVANIS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students interested in running for a good cause might want to consider joining GatorSOLES, a new UF organization.

The club, whose motto is "Sweat, Overcome, Lead, Endure and Serve," aims to provide an atmosphere where students can workout, socialize and have fun while raising money for various charities.

The organization is taking its first step toward serving the

community by participating in the Gator Smiles Fifth Annual 5K Cupid Fun Run on Saturday.

Penelope Kallis, treasurer of GatorSOLES, said the proceeds will go toward providing cleft lip and palate surgeries to underprivileged children through Love Without Boundaries and to patients and families through the UF Craniofacial

Center. The club will participate in its second race on Feb. 26 and proceeds will fund the American Heart Association.

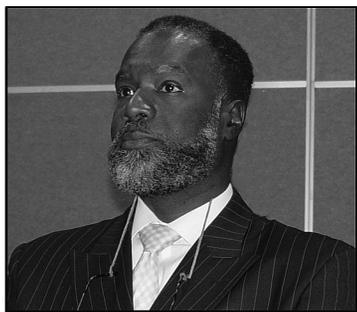
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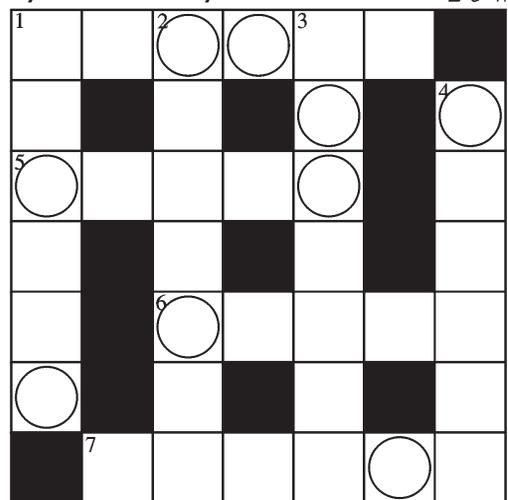
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 5. Straighten LNIGA
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 7. Bread component NGUTEL

DOWN

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Called upon for help RAYPDE
 2. First letter of a name TILIAIN
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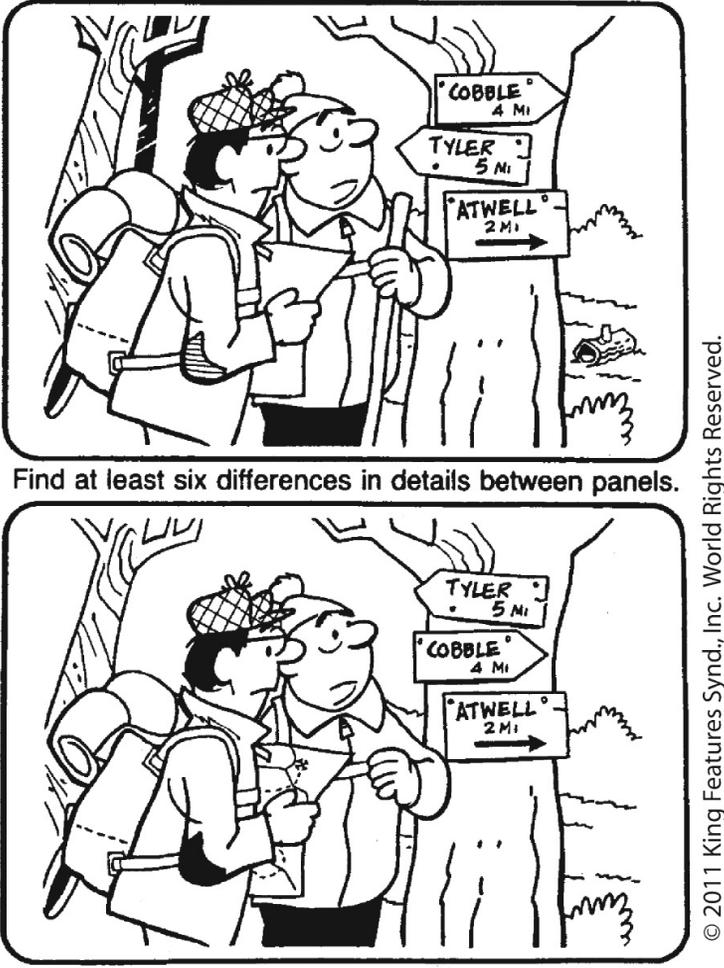
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 - 39 Pistol handle, and what 17-, 24-, 50- and 62-Across each have
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Tyus struggling with inconsistency

■ THE SENIOR'S NUMBERS HAVE REGRESSED THIS SEASON.

By **GREG LUCA**
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When Alex Tyus decided to withdraw his name from the NBA Draft and return to Florida following his junior season, his play was expected to take a considerable step forward.

Tyus averaged 11.8 points and tied for a team high with 6.9 rebounds per contest in 2009-10, but the forward appears to have taken a step back.

He is currently the only starter not averaging double figures in scoring, and his 8.8 points and 5.0 rebounds per game are his lowest since he was a freshman.

Although ESPN's Chad Ford and Andy Katz said last offseason that Tyus should return to school or risk going undrafted, his regression as a senior is noticeable to even his strongest supporters.

But performances like his second half against Kentucky on Saturday — when Tyus had eight points, three rebounds and two blocks — provide flashes of what he is truly capable of.

"That's the Alex we know," senior forward Chandler Parsons said. "That's the Alex we want to play for 40 minutes every game. He's a great player and he's helped us all year long, but the way he played in the second half was unbelievable."

Teammates, coaches and fans have seen what Tyus can do when he is at the top of his game, but there have been few signals to how well the senior will play on a given night.

Saturday's game proved to be a microcosm of his inconsistency.

Tyus scored six points in the first four

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Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Florida senior forward Alex Tyus has seemingly regressed in his fourth season after flirting with the idea of leaving for the NBA following his junior year.

Maddox adjusting to hot corner

By **JESSE SIMONTON**
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Coach Kevin O'Sullivan's baseball approach relies on good pitching supported by solid defense.

Enter Austin Maddox, a potential hindrance to this philosophy.

The sophomore slugger and reigning Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year is Florida's best returning hitter, but the third baseman also happens to be the weak link in the field at a position where balls are hit the hardest.

After he led the team in hits, home runs and RBIs, there is little concern over the possibility Maddox will experience a sophomore slump. Instead, questions linger whether he can man the hot corner for a full season.

A year after playing 29 games at third base and leading the team with 12 errors, Maddox has committed himself to getting in shape and developing as an infielder.

"He has been determined since the summer on to make himself the best defensive third basemen he can," O'Sullivan said. "His body has changed. He dedicated himself in the offseason to get better defensively, and he's done great so far."

Maddox started the season as Florida's designated hitter and backup first baseman during the 2010 campaign. But after Bryson Smith went down with a finger injury, Maddox moved to a position he had not played since the ninth grade.

Formerly a standout high school catcher, the experience was trial by fire for the Freshman All-American.

Overwhelmed and admittedly nervous, Maddox had three days to relearn the position before his debut against Florida Gulf Coast midway through the 2010 season.

O'Sullivan acknowledged Maddox was placed in a difficult situation, "but he handled it great," he said.

While his handling of the transition went well, his adaptation to his new position was mixed. In the 29 games he

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Baseball

UF SWIMMING

Beisel reveling in first-year success

By **MELISSA PENDER**
Alligator Writer

Watching Elizabeth Beisel fiercely take down the competition as she swims to first place in the 200-yard backstroke against Tennessee, it's hard to imagine her as a funny, sweet 18-year-old who loves to joke around with her teammates on the Florida

swimming and diving team.

But that's what makes Beisel special. One minute, she seems to be flying across the pool; the next, she is just another college freshman having fun with her friends.

Coach Gregg Troy said Beisel brings a lot of experience to the team, but what's more important is her attitude.

"She's very light, lots of

fun, lot of smiles, lot of giggles," he said. "[She] kind of cements the team together."

Beisel, a Rhode Island native, has plenty of reasons to smile.



Beisel

At 13, she was on the U.S. national team as one of the nation's top 40 swimmers. At 15, she placed fourth in the 200-meter individual medley and fifth in the 200-meter backstroke as the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic team in Beijing.

At 16, she won the bronze

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UF BASKETBALL NEWS

■ Senior Chandler Parsons was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week on Monday, and the Gators are now ranked No. 17 in the AP Poll.

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UF learning from ranked foes

■ THE GATORS WILL TAKE ON NO. 25 USF, NO. 5 UNC AND NO. 6 DUKE THIS WEEK.

By **THOMAS NASSIFF**
Alligator Writer

While some teams might be too highly ranked to start the season, the No. 2 Florida women's tennis team makes sure to earn its ranking.

The Gators (4-0) have a history of going out of their way to schedule highly ranked opponents, as exemplified by the team's upcoming schedule.

UF will take on No. 25 USF today at 5 p.m. at Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex before going on a tough road trip at No. 5 North Carolina and No. 6 Duke this weekend.

Last spring, the Gators had a similar schedule, playing an astounding 25 ranked teams throughout the course of the season.

Of those 25 matches, the Gators only lost twice — to No. 3 Northwestern and No. 12 UCLA both at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

After tearing through a tough conference schedule, UF made a deep run in the NCAA Tournament

before falling to No. 8 Stanford in the NCAA Finals.

This year's schedule has been no different, as the Gators already playing three ranked teams, but the team will face its first true challenges this week.

"We're playing teams who actually think they can beat us now," coach Roland Thornqvist said.

With his team taking on its first top-25 opponents this season, Thornqvist said his team would have to take care of the little things in order to come out unscathed.



Tennis

"When you're playing teams of this quality in the early season, the little things matter more and more," Thornqvist said.

Ultimately, he said, the Gators schedule these teams to find out how good they really are. Playing UNC and Duke will help Thornqvist's team get ready for the ITA National Indoor Championships, which kick off on Feb. 18.

Before that, though, the Gators will have to take care of business at home against the Bulls, who have only lost at then-No. 13 Georgia Tech.

"We've just got to take care of the Gators," Thornqvist said. "That's always the most important thing."

Sophomore hopes extra work, conditioning pay off

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played at third, Maddox was pulled for a defensive replacement 20 times.

Despite holding the lowest fielding percentage of any Gators regular a season ago, Maddox and O'Sullivan have gone full steam ahead with his newfound position.

With the help of UF trainers and Paul Chandler, the baseball strength and conditioning coordinator, Maddox has lost 10 to 15 pounds and improved his

flexibility, first-step quickness and agility.

The sophomore said he has taken over 100 ground balls every day since the summer.

"I've done a great job at changing my diet, and it's really paid off," he said. "I want to stay over there [third base]. I feel comfortable over there and I've gotten a lot better over there just working my butt off."

"He's worked awfully hard and deserves a lot of credit," O'Sullivan said. "We feel real comfortable with him right now."

Four-time SEC Swimmer of the Week aims to make 2012 Olympic team

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medal in the 200 back at the FINA (Fédération Internationale de Natation, or International Swimming Federation) World Championships in Rome. Last year at the Pan Pacific Championships, she took home two gold medals in the 400 IM and the 200 back.

Beisel said the Pan Pac is her favorite swimming memory to date.

"I had always been sort of second or third behind people, and

for me to finally go to the top for once was really cool," she said. "It was a great setup for coming into this year, too."

This year has brought her collegiate success in and out of the pool. She has earned a 3.7 GPA in addition to swimming top times, earning NCAA qualification in the 200 free, 500 free, 100 back, 200 back, 200 fly and the 200 and 400 IM. Beisel also helped her relay teams qualify in the 200 freestyle and 400 medley.

Beisel has earned the South-

"I'm just trying to enjoy it now, taking in the whole college experience."

Elizabeth Beisel
UF freshman swimmer

eastern Conference Female Swimmer of the Week honor four times, the most by a freshman in SEC history. She also won her third straight Rhode Island Female Athlete of the Year award on Jan. 31.

"It means so much to me that Rhode Island has been behind me the entire time," she said. "It's cool to see that they're still following not only me, but swimming as well."

Beisel was recently named to the 2011 FINA World Championship team along with teammates Conor Dwyer and Teresa Crippen. They will travel to Shanghai with Troy, who is an assistant coach for the team, in summer 2011.

She hopes to make the 2012 Olympic team and find success in

London, but she will first look to help her team succeed at the SEC Championships, hosted by Florida later this month. She will also reach for personal success at the NCAA Championships in March.

In the meantime, Beisel is just doing what she does best: training hard, striving for success and always having a good time.

"I'm just trying to enjoy it now, taking in the whole college experience," she said. "It's all really new to me. It's all sort of a cool experience."



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Senior forward's production relies on ability to hit first shot

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minutes of the second period. With 1:11 left, he capped off the night with a clutch turnaround jumper as Florida led by one.

The senior even displayed the physical attributes necessary to be a quality defender.

"He might be the fastest guy on the team just running from end to end," junior guard Erving Walker said. "He's quick, he's long and he's athletic, so we expect him to be there to guard guys like (Kentucky freshman Ter-

rence) Jones."

Tyus has occasionally shown flashes of greatness this season, but the senior has also played stretches like his first half against the Wildcats, in which he failed to score and grabbed just one rebound.

This trend has been present on a larger scale as well, as Tyus has scored 18 or more points in three games and failed to record more than two points in four contests.

According to coach Billy Donovan, the difference between Tyus' good days and his bad

days is simply his ability to make shots.

Gators frontcourt players have scored UF's first points 19 times in 23 games, and Donovan has been adamant that scoring inside early on is the key to opening up the outside.

Florida has consistently made an effort to get Tyus involved, finding him for a shot in the opening three minutes in all but four of his 22 starts.

Tyus has taken UF's first shot and scored the team's first points eight times, likely be-

cause of the effect this can have on his production. Tyus averages 11 points and 5.5 rebounds in games where he hits his first shot but just 6.1 points and 4.3 rebounds in games where he misses his opening look.

"You always feel like you're in the flow of the game when the ball is going in the basket," Donovan said. "That's an area that Alex has got to get better at, because he hasn't scored a lot, hasn't shot the ball but he's still athletic enough that he can do other things to really help the team."

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| <p>1  Florida (18-5, 7-2 SEC)
Which was nastier: Chandler Parsons' schoolyard, volleyball style spike on a poor former walk-on Saturday night, or the weather in America the last five days?</p> | <p>5  Tennessee (15-8, 5-3 SEC)
Went 1-1 this past week after a tough home loss in OT. On a lighter note, Phil Simms threatened to beat up Desmond Howard for talking trash about Simms' son and current Volunteers backup quarterback, Matt.</p> | <p>9  Mississippi State (12-10, 4-4 SEC)
Twitter strikes again! Ravern Johnson was suspended for publicly criticizing his coach. Renardo Sidney retweeted Johnson's comments without reprisal. Looks like Will Hill's Twitter-hackin' nemesis is up to no good again.</p> |
| <p>2  Kentucky (16-6, 4-4 SEC)
After two tough losses on the road this week, Wildcats fans were so depressed they left the O'Dome on Saturday night wondering which hotel Charlie Sheen was partying at.</p> | <p>6  Georgia (16-6, 5-4 SEC)
Despite not playing particularly well, coach Mark Fox's Hounds went 2-0 this week against West foes. That feat is comparable to beating the armless man in a fight in one of the "Monty Python" movies.</p> | <p>10  Arkansas (14-8, 4-5 SEC)
IUPUI has a higher RPI than the Razorbacks, and they have the third-highest RPI in their division at 108. In a related story, the West is terrible this year.</p> |
| <p>3  Alabama (15-7, 7-1 SEC)
Faster double take: the Tide's SEC record or Joan Rivers in a GoDaddy.com commercial?</p> | <p>7  Mississippi (15-8, 3-5 SEC)
If the Commodores are the model decent SEC team, the Rebels fall somewhere between average and terrible: one great player, one wild coach (watch out, taxi drivers), one lucky win.</p> | <p>11  LSU (10-13, 2-6 SEC)
Despite such a ravenous fan base, this is quite possibly the most boring team in the country in all the major conferences.</p> |
| <p>4  Vanderbilt (16-6, 4-4 SEC)
Quintessential decent SEC team: nice players, nice coach, no idea how good they really are.</p> | <p>8  South Carolina (13-8, 4-4 SEC)
Coach Darrin Horn easily could be misidentified for someone on NBC's "To Catch a Predator." With Devan Downey long gone, there's really nothing to say about this team.</p> | <p>12  Auburn (8-15, 1-8 SEC)
Somehow took Georgia to the brink, but lost in overtime. They're about as close to being a good team as Christina Aguilera was to actually singing the national anthem.</p> |

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