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The One Thing Missing

UF seniors aim to end careers with first national title

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN** | ALLIGATOR WRITER

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There are plenty of impressive numbers that describe the Florida softball team's Class of 2011.

Try 182-20, the record the group has compiled over the past three years.

Or 773, the number of games started — a total that includes no shortage of postseason experience for this battle-tested core.

Perhaps five, the team's preseason ranking — and the class' number of remaining players: Stephanie Brombacher, Kelsey Bruder, Megan Bush, Tiffany DeFelice and Aja Paculba.

But there is one number that stands out to the Gators' senior class.

Zero.

When the class came to Florida in 2008, the five players shared a common goal: to win a Women's College World Series championship.

They have come devastatingly close to achieving that goal, but the Gators fell inches short of capturing the title in 2009 when they lost to Washington in the WCWS finals.

For all the work the five seniors have done to establish Florida as a viable national powerhouse, zero remains their motivation.

And there is only one way for the seniors to be remembered as truly great.

"It would be a national championship banner on that wall right there," Bruder said, pointing to the outfield wall in Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

While the team finished the 2010 season 49-10, its worst record since 2007, there is plenty of optimism that these five can lead the Gators to the first WCWS title in school history.

Setting The Tone

Much of Florida's hope for this year has to do with the mix of personality and playing style each senior brings to the team.

Bruder, the self-described "loud one" of the group, keeps her less outgoing teammates engaged from her spot in the outfield.

"We're all very different and unique personalities, but we complement each other well," Bruder said.

Paculba and Bush set the tone another way — not with their vocal skills, but by setting an example for their teammates.

Yet even they fill vastly different roles on the field. Paculba, the leadoff hitter, makes an impact in all three phases of the game. Bush's power stroke has her 18 home runs away from surpassing Francesca Enea as the school's all-time leader.

Their approach contrasts with the pitcher-catcher duo of Brombacher and DeFelice, who round out the group with their high level of intensity.

"T [DeFelice] does a great job behind the plate directing everyone and being vocal in that playmaking sense," Bruder said.

Any differences in personalities, from loud and demonstrative to quiet and reserved, have been overshadowed by the collective work of the group — and their desire

to achieve the same goal.

"If you look at us individually, we're all different people, but I think we work well as a group," Brombacher said. "We don't all have to play with the same emotional levels, but we need to play together."

Making A Name

Although the Gators' seniors are now sharing the same path to success, they certainly didn't take identical tracks to get there.

While Paculba came in and established herself as a starter from day one, Bruder had to overcome some major struggles her freshman year.

After hitting only .133 in 37 games (10 starts), Bruder knew the only way to make the year-two jump was to get more playing time.

She gave coach Tim Walton a simple request: Give me more at-bats.

"Freshman year, I got maybe one at-bat

a game," she said. "But being able to see the pitcher three times and just gaining confidence, I told him in the beginning of the year, if you give me three at-bats, I'm definitely getting on with one of them."

"I could care less if I go out leading zero categories for a career. If we walk out with a national championship, that's all the proof I need."

—Stephanie Brombacher
Florida senior pitcher

Bruder has more than fulfilled that promise.

While establishing herself as a mainstay in the outfield, she has been just as reliable at the plate with batting averages of .369 and .367 over the past two seasons.

She currently holds the No. 1 spot in the team record book for career batting average (.343) and slugging percentage (.669).



Florida senior outfielder Kelsey Bruder worked her way into the Gators' lineup as a freshman and has since become a staple in the middle of UF's order. Bruder and her four classmates will be counted on to provide leadership for a young Gators team this season.

Gators to open regular season ranked fifth in national, SEC polls

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**
Alligator Writer

After advancing to the Women's College World Series for three consecutive seasons, the Gators are ranked No. 5 in the nation.

But even the national recognition isn't enough to earn the Gators respect in their own conference.

UF, which will officially kick off the 2011 campaign today in Clearwater, is predicted to finish fifth in the Southeastern Conference, third in the SEC East, according to a preseason poll by league coaches.

However, this may not be so much a reflection on the Gators but the quickly improving league as a whole.

"We're ranked No. 5 in the country, fifth in the SEC, so I think that's a little bit of irony but also just shows you exactly where we're at in the country as far as the league's concerned," coach Tim Walton

said.

The Gators will have plenty of chances to prove their doubters wrong when the SEC schedule begins, as they host No. 3 Alabama, No. 4 Georgia and No. 7 Tennessee at home this year.

"Preseason rankings are more of a compliment to what you've done in the past," Walton said. "I put zero stock in it. I can't even vote for myself."

But before Florida can concern itself with the improved competition of the SEC, the Gators must get through a demanding nonconference slate.

For the fifth time in his six years at Florida, Walton's team will once again have to start the journey to Oklahoma City on the road.

Coming off a 49-10 season in which they were eliminated in the quarterfinals of the WCWS, the Gators will begin their quest for a title as they

travel more than two hours to take part in the USF Wilson DeMarini Tournament.

The opportunity to play on the road for the opening series is actually beneficial for building chemistry, Walton said.

While playing away can be challenging, it allows him to control certain elements he can't at home, such as team meals and how players prepare for each game.

Players may also be paired with potential future roommates on the road, and having veterans to keep the young players grounded also helps maintain balance.

The team's opening-day doubleheader will begin against Marshall at 6 p.m.

The Gators will then face Florida Gulf Coast at 8 p.m. in the nightcap.

UF is also scheduled to play Long Island and NC State on Saturday before a matchup with South Florida on Sunday.



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Florida pitcher Stephanie Brombacher is one of the Gators' senior leaders and has racked up plenty of individual accolades, but her priority in 2011 is a national championship.

She also ranks third in on-base percentage (.429).

But the sight of her name in the record books doesn't compare to being part of a championship team.

"Personal accolades don't mean much if you can't win," Bruder said.

Bruder won't have to campaign for at-bats like she did her freshman year, but she will have another obstacle to overcome in her final season. With the graduation of Enea, the senior will shift from right to left field.

Walton said he has no doubts about her ability to adjust to being the full-time left fielder. He said Bruder's superior athleticism, strong throwing arm and competitive attitude make her a more than capable replacement.

But Bruder, one of the team's strongest leaders, does not want the spotlight on herself or any individual's accomplishments. Instead, she wants to continue improving the Florida softball program's reputation — something she and her classmates have already helped accomplish in their first three years.

"I just want to continue to build into one of those great programs that you've heard of in the Pac-10," she said. "If we can continue

to form that reputation and keep getting great recruits, then we'll be able to build into the legacies that the Pac-10 already have."

Showing The Way

Perhaps no one embodies the seniors' team-first attitude like Paculba.

While her quiet and focused approach may not draw the spotlight, she has let her play do the talking.

The reserved second baseman has started all 202 games of the senior class's run and has been a steady force at the plate, in the field and on the basepaths.

Her .341 career batting average ranks second in school history, and she boasts a stellar 58 stolen bases to go along with a .968 fielding percentage.

Quiet, calm and composed in her play, Paculba is the definitive leader by example for her less experienced teammates.

"It's about guiding the younger players, but not really taking them out of their zone or how they like to play," Brombacher said.

For a team that will rely on young players like Brittany Schutte and freshmen Kasey Fagan and Cheyenne Coyle, having veterans who make it a point to be examples of how to do things right, both on and off the field, is crucial.

Schutte, who contributed immediately as a freshman last season, can attest to the stability and guidance the seniors provide.

"There's quite a bit of them so they all know what to expect and they keep us pretty engaged," Schutte said.

Yet, even with the experience and leadership they bring to the team, the seniors also benefit from the younger players.

While winning never becomes routine, there is an expectation to do so, Brombacher said.

That expectation of consistency isn't as engrained in the new players, so that allows them to play with more energy and blends well with the older players.

"They play with a little bit more excitement than some of the seniors because they are excited as opposed to the business-like mentality of our senior group," Walton said.

Even though the senior class has won two SEC titles and rewritten the record books, the lure of winning a national championship is the driving force behind all their hard work.

"It's definitely bittersweet when you get to the World Series, but you don't get to take the big trophy home," Bruder said. "We're definitely looking to do that this year, and with the additions that we've gotten in our freshman class, we definitely think we're better than ever."

To them, just getting to the tournament isn't enough.

Making it to the finals doesn't suffice. Home runs and batting averages are simply meaningless numbers.

The only number they care about is zero. And if they have anything to say about it, 2011 will be the year the outfield wall at Pressly Stadium receives its final touch.

"I could care less if I go out leading zero categories for a career," Brombacher said. "If we walk out with a national championship that's all the proof I need."

USA Today/NFCA Top 25

1. UCLA
2. Arizona
3. Georgia
4. Tennessee
5. Florida

SEC Preseason Poll

1. Alabama
2. Tennessee
3. Georgia
4. LSU
5. Florida



Walton



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State Senate president talks budget cuts

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
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Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos can't foresee all the twists that the state legislative session will take this year.

But he does know this: The state's wallet is about to get \$3.6 billion lighter.

The state senator stressed the importance of budget cuts throughout his presentation at Pugh Hall on Thursday night. The event, hosted by the Bob Graham Center for Public Service, encouraged people to submit questions to Haridopolos in person and online.

"We're not going to raise taxes, we can't afford it, and people can't afford it."

Mike Haridopolos
 Florida Senate President

Faced with questions about Gov. Rick Scott's proposed budget cuts, the future of Florida students and tax breaks for state businesses, Haridopolos, who is also a lecturer at UF, ensured the audience that the budget will shrink no matter where the deepest cuts are made.

In a later interview, Haridopolos said both Republicans and Democrats in the state Senate are cautious of Scott's proposal.

"The details are the key," he said. "Where we find common ground is we're going to spend \$3.6 billion less."

While budget cuts are the legislature's first priority, tax relief may be up for discussion after state spending is slashed, he said.

"We're not going to raise taxes," he said. "We can't afford it, and people can't afford it."

Haridopolos also responded to questions about potential cuts to the state's education system. Earlier this week, Gov. Scott released his budget proposal, which called for the state to trim education spending by \$3.3 billion.

He argued that a quality education system does not exclu-

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Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos answers questions from the audience after his presentation in Pugh Hall on Thursday night.

Police say student forced himself on ex-girlfriend

■ **THEY BROKE UP TWO MONTHS AGO BUT STILL LIVED TOGETHER.**

By **KAT BEIN**
 Alligator Staff Writer

A UF student was arrested and charged with sexual assault after forcing himself upon his ex-girlfriend in the shower Wednesday.

Chase Corbin, a 20-year-old economics major at UF, broke up with his girlfriend about two months ago, but continued living with her out of convenience, according to a Gainesville Police report.

While she showered, Corbin went

into her room and started going through her calls and text messages.

He got angry and started yelling at her through her locked bathroom door, then kicked it open, demanding to know whom she had been seeing.

After the two argued, police say Corbin took off his clothes, got in the shower and forced her to have sex with him.

Corbin was arrested a few hours later and charged with sexual battery. His bond is set at \$120,000.



Corbin

Block tuition on ballot

By **HANNAH WINSTON**
 Alligator Writer

Though the Unite Party and Progress Party will be battling for office at the end of this month, they both agree that fighting against the implementation of block tuition is a top priority.

UF students will have the chance to voice their opinions on the issue during the Student Government elections on Feb. 22 and 23.

If implemented, block tuition would mean full-time students are charged a flat rate for 15 credit hours, no mat-

ter the actual number of credit hours taken.

Supervisor of Elections Amanda Griffin said the block tuition referendum is the only question on the ballot.

"I think that the opinion of the Student Body is already known, and it's great that it's on the ballot," said Ben Meyers, the Unite Party candidate for Student Body president.

Meyers said he has long opposed block tuition and believes the Unite Par-

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Student Government

■ **Florida senior forward Chandler Parsons (right) has stepped up his game since putting aside all the lofty preseason expectations that distracted him earlier this year. See Story, Page 13.**



German shepherd in Oregon to get stem cells to help heal hip

MEDFORD, Ore. — A former Oregon military dog that did two tours of duty sniffing out bombs in Iraq is going to receive stem cell therapy to treat osteoarthritis in his hips.

The Mail Tribune reports the 80-pound German shepherd named Basco was adopted in November by Debbie Richter in Medford after he was discharged by the military.

Hip problems such as arthritis can lead to early death for larger dogs, and surgery options such as hip replacement have a limited

chance of success for an older dog like Basco, who is 7.

While researching alternatives, Richter says she found MediVet-America, which offers a stem cell treatment for joint problems in dogs and horses using the animal's own stem cells to regenerate damaged tissue.

An Oregon State University veterinarian will perform the procedure.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

African Student Union Speed

Dating
Today, 6:30 p.m.
Graham Gallery
ASU is having a Valentine's Day speed dating social. The first half of the event will be marked by a mix and mingle where there will be light refreshments. The second portion will be the speed dating part.

SG Absentee Ballots

By today
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 today
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 alumna 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.

Tradition Keepers

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Heavener Complex
Students can show their UF school spirit and UF pride by documenting their participation in UF traditions. The group will be completing tasks found in the "F" Book.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
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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.

RUB Entertainment Presents The Love Game

Monday, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Visitors can participate in RUB's own version of "The Dating Game." Contestants of the game will win special prizes to share with each other.

Get Your Mind Right

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Ustler Hall, 2nd floor
This Black Woman's Image Initiative Session will address the importance of psychological issues, how to go about seeking help,

recognizing symptoms, and how to become healthy inside and out.

PEM Debate on Health Care Legislation

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 276
Pre-med AMSA's Politics and Ethics in Medicine is having its first debate on health care reform, specifically whether the United States should adopt a single-payer system. E-mail pem@ufpremed.org to RSVP.

RUB Entertainment Local Brew Series

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
RUB Entertainment presents The Righteous Kind with locals Pseudo Kids and The Footlights for free. For more information about the Local Brew series, as well as other events, become a fan of RUB Entertainment on Facebook and follow rubentertain on Twitter.

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Egypt's Mubarak won't quit, but gives power to VP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — Egypt's Hosni Mubarak refused to step down or leave the country and instead handed most of his powers to his vice president Thursday, enraging protesters who warned the country could explode in violence and pleaded for the military to take action to push him out.

The rapidly moving events raised the question of whether a rift had opened between Mubarak and the military command over the spiraling mass uprising demanding the president go.

Hours earlier, a council of the military's top generals announced it had stepped in to secure the country, and a senior commander announced to protesters in Tahrir Square that all their demands would soon be met, raising cries of victory that Mubarak was on his way out.

Several hundred thousand had packed into Tahrir Square, ecstatic with expectation that Mubarak would announce his resignation in his nighttime address.

Instead, they watched in shocked silence as he spoke, holding their foreheads

in anger and disbelief.

Some broke into tears. Others waved their shoes in the air in contempt. After the speech, they broke into chants of "Leave, leave, leave."

Organizers called for even larger protests on Friday.

After Mubarak's speech, around 2,000 marched on the state television headquarters several blocks away from Tahrir, guarded by the military with barbed wire and tanks.

"They are the liars," the crowd shouted, pointing at the building, chanting, "We won't leave, they will leave."

Hundreds more massed outside Mubarak's main administrative palace, Oruba, miles away from Tahrir in the Cairo district of Heliopolis, the first time protesters have marched on it, according to witnesses and TV reports.

The residence where Mubarak normally stays when he is in Cairo is inside the palace, though it was not known if he was there.

Prominent reform advocate, Nobel Peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, whose

supporters were among the organizers of the 17-day-old wave of protests, issued a Tweet warning, "Egypt will explode."

"The army must save the country now," ElBaradei said. "I call on the Egyptian army to immediately interfere to rescue Egypt. The credibility of the army is on the line."

Hours before Mubarak's speech, the military made moves that had all the markings of a coup.

The military's Supreme Council, which is headed by Defense Minister Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, announced on state TV that it was in permanent session, a status that it takes only in times of war.

It said it was exploring "what measures and arrangements could be made to safeguard the nation, its achievements and the ambitions of its great people."

That suggested Tantawi and his generals were now in charge of the country.

But there was no immediate reaction

from the military following Mubarak's speech, and their position remained ambiguous.

President Barack Obama appeared dismayed by Mubarak's announcement.

He said in a statement that it was not clear that an "immediate, meaningful" transition to democracy was taking place and warned that too many Egyptians are not convinced that the government is serious about making genuine change.

"The Egyptian government must put forward a credible, concrete and unequivocal path toward genuine democracy, and they have not yet seized that opportunity," Obama said.

Even after delegating authority to his vice president, Mubarak retains his powers to request constitutional amendments and dissolve parliament or the Cabinet.

The constitution allows the president to transfer his other authorities if he is unable to carry out his duties "due to any temporary obstacle."

"I saw fit to delegate the authorities of the president to the vice president, as dictated in the constitution," he said.



Mubarak

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That's a huge wiener!

Einstein Bros. Bagels employee Snyder Choute takes a break to take a picture of the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile parked outside of the Hub on Thursday afternoon.

Voter registration deadline is Monday

■ THE FORMS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE.

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Writer

If you want to have a say in who will make decisions for Gainesville, you need to register to vote in Alachua County by Monday.

Registration forms should be postmarked by Monday or dropped in the Supervisor of Elections mailbox by midnight Monday for you to be eligible to vote in the March 15 city election.

"Sometimes students feel that [an election] doesn't have an impact on them," said Pam Carpenter, supervisor of elections. "But some of them end up staying in Gainesville and making it their permanent home, so it does affect them."

As of Thursday, there were 151,702 registered voters in Alachua County.

Carpenter said about 10,000 people voted in the election last

March, accounting for 14 percent of the county's registered voters at the time.

There are three ways to register. One option is to fill out and print an online registration form.

Another option is to download the registration form from the supervisor's website. Interested residents can go to elections.alachua.fl.us for more information.

Potential voters will have to write the information instead of typing it in.

A third option, which may appeal to those who don't have a computer, is to pick up a registration form at 185 locations around the county, including several Publix supermarkets, UF locations and Gainesville schools.

"You have the opportunity to select who you want to represent you from the ground up," Carpenter said.



Carpenter

ON CAMPUS

Art show displays research

By **NICOLE DECK**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The third annual "Elegance of Science" art contest, which showcases research being done at UF in an artistic format, is being held this month.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni are eligible to submit art. A panel of judges will award undetermined prizes for first, second and third place in addition to a \$200 alumni prize courtesy of the UF Alumni Association.

A maximum of five submissions are allowed per contestant, and artwork is limited to two-dimensional images in JPEG format with a resolution of about 800 by 600 pixels. Artists must also send a paragraph narrative explaining the art.

The contest began as a fun way to bridge the gap between the UF science community and the libraries, said Joe

Baca, library associate at the Marston Science Library and coordinator of the contest.

According to Baca, the judges are looking for images that are created in the pursuit of research at UF. Entries from any and all disciplines are accepted as long as they're science related.

Selection criteria include artistic or scientific merit, degree to which the entry puts a new perspective on either science or art, success in translating between artistic and scientific vocabularies and creativity of approach.

Some past entries have included cells under a microscope, close-ups of flowers, animals, wood and leaves, kaleidoscope-like images and water.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Health Science Center Library, the Architecture & Fine Arts Library and the UF Alumni Association.

Students chalk for love

By **KELLEY DAVIS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

About 100 UF students will meet on Turlington Plaza Sunday afternoon to chalk up the campus with inspirational messages and Bible verses to show love to those who need it most on Valentine's Day.

Lacey Duncan, a UF junior, plans to participate in the event, which will run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Duncan sees the event as a good way to give encouragement to those who will be lonely or have low self-esteem on Valentine's Day.

"I believe knowing that God, whose love is much greater than any boyfriend or girlfriend, loves you is the best encouragement if you are lonely," Duncan said.

While the main idea is to write Bible verses, students also plan to write simple messages like "you are special," "you are loved" and "you are beautiful" all over the campus.

Realizing you have friends and family and being with them can help relieve the feelings of loneliness and depression on

Valentine's Day, said Manuel Lopez, an intern with the UF Counseling Center.

To cope with depression on Valentine's Day, Lopez advises students not to sit at home alone, but to go out and find other friends that are single and stick together.

"I would imagine walking around and seeing positive messages would be very helpful to those with low self-esteem on Valentine's Day," Lopez said.

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Student DJ defies gender stereotypes

■ SHE LEARNED HOW TO DJ IN AUSTRALIA.

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

When Kayla Radics goes to work, she knows people will stare. She can feel the eyes sizing her up as she puts on her headphones and starts her computer. They're locked on her every move, waiting for her to screw up or show weakness.

She is a female disc jockey who goes by "Whiskey Business."

Radics, a 22-year-old accounting and international business major at UF, got her start about two years ago when she worked as bar manager at Ambar nightclub in Australia.

One night, after watching a big-name DJ perform, she went up into the booth to compliment the man. She ended up getting a free lesson.

After that, she was hooked.

Soon after, she came back to Florida, bought some turntables and has been spinning ever since. She

even got a bass clef tattooed on her wrist to symbolize the new love of her life.

"Playing music is the only time that my head is clear," she said.

But living the life of a DJ hasn't been easy for Radics. As a woman in a male-dominated industry, she has to take a lot of flak from her peers.

Perceived gender roles only make the job harder. Some promoters, Radics said, just want a pretty face. She believes they don't understand the art behind it.

She said promoters often approach her while she's playing to recruit her for other events, but when she follows up with them, all they're interested in is hooking up. In terms of professional work, there is none.

And some people are just plain mean. One night when Radics showed up to play a dub set, the resident DJ realized she was a woman. He then turned to the guy next to him and started making jokes right in her face.

He made her play the opening set and turned off all the computer



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UF student Kayla Radics plays some tunes in her home studio to prepare for upcoming gigs. You can see Radics, or Whiskey Business, open up for 12th Planet on Wednesday at Spannk nightclub.

monitors so she couldn't see what she was doing. He sat there laughing for a while, then kicked her off

and turned the monitors back on for everyone else.

But the struggle pays off. Radics

will open for the dubstep dynamo 12th Planet at Spannk, 21 SW Second St., on Wednesday.

Florida faces a \$3.6 billion deficit

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sively rely on the amount of funding, but how it is used. Florida spends almost \$7,000 per student, Haridopolos said, and the state should direct that money into classrooms to support teachers.

Daniel Sibol, a UF freshman, expressed concern over the senator's comments on education reform. While Haridopolos discussed the importance of causing change from the bottom up for health care, Sibol said his education recommendations would embrace a top-down mentality rather than welcome teachers as important players in the decision-making process.

Haridopolos also advocated pension re-

form for state employees to ensure that Floridians aren't burdened with those expenses, as well as Medicaid reform similar in spirit to the national welfare reforms made in the mid-1990s.

Eden Joyner, a third-year political science and public relations major, submitted a question asking for Haridopolos' stance on a bill supporting students' right to carry guns on college campuses.

He didn't explicitly support the bill but admitted his sympathy as a National Rifle Association member toward the right for citizens to carry weapons.

He suggested students visit Tallahassee to testify before state legislators or protest to voice their concerns about the measure.

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ty stands unanimously against it, too.

He said the next step, if students vote against the implementation, is to bring the votes to administration to show that students at UF stand together in opposition.

Griffin said that the referendum question was approved by the SG Supreme Court a couple of weeks ago.

Students for a Democratic Society, a group of student activists, submitted the question with a petition signed by 1,511 students.

According to SG election codes, a petition securing signature from no less than 2 percent of the Student Body, or 1,000 signatures for the 50,000 students at UF, is needed for a question to be put

on the ballot.

Dave Schneider, a member of the group and the Progress Party candidate for Student Body president, said that he feels the ballot question is the next step to make administration hear the students' voices.

Student Government

"I feel very, very strongly that the only way we will ever get rid of block tuition is to get the Student Body to fight and get involved," he said.

He said that it is the biggest issue students are dealing with now at UF and that they have a right to let administration know their opinion.

"It will always be the students who will really have the power to make change on campus," he said.

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Editorial

Love is in the air — or is it those droplets of water that can't decide if they're rain or fog? Either way, Valentine's Day is Monday.

Whether you're looking forward to cuddling or bouts of self-loathing, buying cards or complaining about the commercialization of human emotion, we've got something to match your mood. Settle in for the even-with-all-your-angry-letters-we-know-you-still-love-us edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Various news outlets and the president himself got us to turn our eyes back to Egypt on Thursday. The Egyptian president was expected to step down from his office; instead, he tried to placate protesters wound up on two weeks of ire by making small concessions of power. We favor compromise in many cases, but this isn't one of them. We're chucking a we-thought-we-were-bad-at-taking-a-hint **DART** to **Hosni Mubarak**. Talk about a bait and switch.

Detroit's government is also letting its citizens down — but we're not focusing on any political problems. Instead, we're disappointed about the city's lack of a RoboCop statue.

Detroit was rumored to be considering the monument, but Mayor Dave Bing shot down the idea via Twitter. We don't care.

We're giving a galvanized steel you-almost-made-us-want-to-visit-the-city-we-most-associate-with-tangible-hopelessness **LAUREL** to donors for a privately purchased **RoboCop statue**. Their prime directive: making public art awesome.

If you're like us and consider playing the air guitar whenever a great song comes on, sit down. We've got some bad news for you.

Collegiate rights of passage vary for each generation, but when we look back, one of ours consisted of fumbling with a plastic guitar-shaped controller, furiously hitting colored buttons with the left hand and clicking a lever with the right.

That's why we felt a little empty when we heard one of our favorite video game series was ending. For reviving an interest in classic rock and letting us to play in the pretend spotlight, we're handing a hold-on-while-we-grab-our-lighters **LAUREL** to "Guitar Hero" creator **Activision**. Thanks for giving us another reason to laugh at ourselves and our friends.

Of course, Gainesville's preferred way of getting people to giggle at one another is the bottle. But our drinking problem could be worse: we could be living in Scotland, where the BrewDog firm has created the latest ridiculously expensive beverage.

For inventing a beverage that comes in an 11-ounce bottle but can push you over the legal limit in a gulp, we're throwing an it's-a-red-flag-when-your-beer-needs-a-resealable-cap **DART** at **Sink the Bismarck beer**. They get props for the name, though.

Although the debate is heated and will continue for a while, we'd like to give a thanks-for-banding-together-on-an-issue **LAUREL** to **UF Student Senate** for voting to oppose Florida Senate Bill 234. While we understand the argument for Second Amendment rights, we are worried that the presence of legally obtained firearms on campus would lead to those guns falling into the wrong hands more frequently.

That's your weekly rundown. Go enjoy some chocolate and whatever those candy hearts are made of.

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Column

Fear halts crime prevention measures

These days, the talk is all about prevention. Whether it is AIDS, crime, terrorism or obesity, there is always someone lamenting how we live in a society that reacts to problems we face instead of taking measures to prevent them from happening in the first place.

There is nearly universal agreement that prevention rather than reaction would be ideal. And many officials and ordinary citizens across the country feel strongly enough about the importance of prevention to raise ideas and propose measures that would help solve many of the problems faced by society.

Unfortunately, when it comes to actually implementing such ideas, political ideology and personal bias inevitably cloud the issues and get in the way of changing the status quo.

This week, the U.S. Congress failed to extend a provision of the Patriot Act that was designed to monitor and conduct surveillance on "lone wolf" foreign terror suspects. This was a measure that was considered very important to the U.S. intelligence community, and we will never know how many acts of terror were prevented by its passage.

And yet now, because partisan politics was the order of the day, this prevention technique has been repealed. Another example is that of the constant debate over abstinence education in schools.

Research and common sense both point to the fallacy of stimulating teenagers' sexual appetites during the most vulnerable and hormone-crazed part of their lives, yet many seem to think that to promote abstinence would somehow destroy society as we know it. And thus, the one step that would take us closest to teen pregnancy prevention is foiled.

Finally, consider the legislation currently before the Florida Senate regarding legalization of firearms on state campuses.

Many emotionally charged debates have raged over the

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past couple of weeks, during which the main issue has been muddied by both sides of the argument.

Some claim that students need the ability to draw a gun on a potential assailant, while others make the case that all this brandishing will result in accidental shootings.

Yet both sides fail to see that this is not necessarily an issue of safety

but one of crime prevention. The main issue is that the mere presence of guns would prevent most violent crimes from being attempted because would-be perpetrators would know that there is always the chance of coming face-to-face with a gun carrier intent on stopping the crime.

There is a reason that schools are the most common choice for violent, armed attacks. Very rarely does one hear about a shooting in a workplace or a county fair because there is always the chance that an armed, law-abiding citizen could save the day.

Thirty years ago, when frat houses, dorms and pickup trucks on campuses across the fruited plain were known to contain large quantities of legal firearms, school shootings were not a problem. Only when the right to bear arms was infringed upon and guns were banned from campuses was open season declared for a madman to enter a university and take his vengeance on society.

And now, when we are faced with a real opportunity to implement a proven measure of crime prevention, politics and peoples' irrational fear of firearms comes to the aid of perpetrators.

Unless lawmakers begin to boldly step outside political lines and turn the widespread talk into actual action, the only thing that will be prevented is prevention itself.

Bob Minchin is a fourth-year electrical engineering major. His column appears on Fridays.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think Detroit should install a RoboCop statue?

Thursday's question: Do you think Gainesville is a romantic city?

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Guest column

Media coverage of SG candidates' actions understandable

I would like to address two columns that were published Wednesday and Thursday critiquing the Alligator for covering the various events of the Progress Party and Dave Schneider.

The common point that each brought up was that there are members of the UF community who volunteer, and they aren't given the front page of the newspaper, so why should the Progress Party and Dave Schneider get all the attention?

I would first like to say that I respect and openly admire those active members of the UF community — it's because of you that our campus is as alive and inviting as it is. The second point I would like to bring up is that these esteemed members of our Student Body aren't currently running for Student Government.

If we were to look at UF as a microcosm of the United States and draw a parallel between the two, we could observe this similarity: There are hundreds of people in both environments

Michela Martinazzi
Speaking Out

John Doe may go out every day and volunteer at the local hospital, but it's when the political candidates volunteer that the cameras start flashing and the reporters start gathering.

It doesn't mean that John Doe's efforts are pointless and should go forgotten; it simply means that John Doe isn't trying to obtain a seat of power and isn't looking for the overwhelming responsibility of running our country. The people of the United States don't need to decide whether John Doe is a good choice to represent them, but they need to decide which politician is going to represent them.

A more crass example would compare the average working man with the politician and how society deals with their respective extramarital affairs. If John Doe had an affair somewhere

who volunteer and help out. However, if we look at the U.S., the only people who get due attention are politicians.

in Alabama, we wouldn't even bat an eyelash — we wouldn't even care. However, why did the whole nation go into an uproar when they caught wind of John Edward's, Eliot Spitzer's and, the most infamous of all, President Clinton's affairs?

The simple answer is because these are men in power and these are the men whom we trust with the future our nation. When they fall, we do too. When they are dishonest, America is, too.

This brings me back to our immediate environment and the current political elections.

The Alligator should publish the events that the Progress Party and the Unite Party partake in because their actions are the catalysts that help the Student Body decide who is going to run our government.

If there are some students who are upset because they feel one party is getting more attention than the other, my advice is that the party in the shadows needs to step up its game.

Guest column

Governor trying to streamline, not derail Florida education

Morgan Watkins' subtle and professor Matheny's not-so-subtle denouncements of Gov. Scott's proposed cuts to education on the front page of Wednesday's Alligator are, in a word, wrong.

As a student, I am always in support of improved education, especially in a state that, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, has performed consistently at or below the national average. However, I do not submit to the naive belief that tax dollars allocated to education are directly correlated to the teaching of our state's youth. In fact, I would contend that the bloated bureaucracies that plague public education across the U.S. utilize their funding so poorly that continuing to feed them money only contributes to the steady decline in the quality of our nation's learning relative to the rest of the world.

The simple fact is that it is folly to have faith in the government's effectiveness in providing any public good. The miserable service at the

Department of Motor Vehicles, the inefficiency of the U.S. Postal Service and the embarrassingly low profitability of Amtrak are all testaments to this fact. Education, however, is a special case, as we place much hope for the future success of our nation on the enlightenment of its youth. Thus, many are keen to increase education funding in the hope that we will make the future better.

The problem of poor education is not limited to the state of Florida. It is endemic, plaguing the overwhelming majority of school districts in the States. The most significant culprits are the teachers unions, which have made the process of improving education impossibly difficult, prioritizing members over students.

Public worker unions seem an oddity in and of themselves, but the ways in which they have stood in the way of education reform move beyond the crimes of inefficiency and into the realm of actively harming students.

A prime example is the unions' recalcitrant

Sam Kowalczyk
Speaking Out

opposition to the attempt to introduce private school vouchers in Florida. Ignoring a wildly successful, very similar program that has been in place in New Zealand since the 1970s, the Florida Opportunity Scholarship Program was challenged in the courts and shot down in 2006, due in no small part to unions lobbying against it since 1999.

In fact, when considering New Zealand, one finds an astonishing disparity between education quality and funding that is essentially the inverse of that in America. Funding per student in New Zealand was ranked significantly below the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development mean, and yet the U.N. Human Development Index shows that its education is tied for the very best with Denmark, Finland and Australia. The success of the voucher system in New Zealand is universally accepted and is often cited as an argument in

favor of implementation in America, much to the irritation of teachers unions.

The point here is that increased education funding simply does not translate to an increase in the quality of education, and taking up arms over a decrease in that funding is not the most appropriate response. Matheny's stated faith in the merits of increased spending exposes his desire for government expansion, despite evidence against government's role in education.

His remark comparing Gov. Scott to an aspiring dictator of a Third World country is, reckless hyperbole aside, a contradiction. The oppression that the citizens of these "Third World state[s]" experience is due to governments with the hubris to believe that they can do everything. It is ironic, then, that Gov. Scott's efforts to scale back the government's corrupting reach, especially in an area so vital as education, inspire allusions to totalitarianism.

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2/1- 1000 sq ft- \$629
Great Location - Butler Plaza
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• From \$360/person!
• Available NOW and August!
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1 & 2 BR - MOVE IN TODAY!
• 1/1 from \$579 * 2/1.5 from \$649
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Private, Secure, Guaranteed. 60 sec to UF.
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Free Tanning, Pool, Gym
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Washer/Dryer in Every Apartment
1/1's from \$719 2/2's from \$839
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500 sq ft \$479 Close to UF and Shands
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No Move-In Fees
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352.367.9910
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2/2 Townhomes & 3/3 Flats
Individual Leases, Steps to Campus
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Furnished Units Available
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Unlimited Utilities! Call 372-7111
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Starting at \$409 per person!
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Across from UF
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MOVE-IN SPECIAL
1BR STARTING AT \$499.
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· 2/2 from \$669 * 3/2 from \$779
· Pools * Cardio * Tanning
· Washer/Dryers * HUGE Floor Plans!
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1 BR Loft Style
starting at \$495 mo.
M-F 10-2 Sat. by appt.
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Near Law School, Shopping, Restaurants
Free UF Parking!
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2.1 bedroom Apartment
>From \$550/mo; 1 mo free for
UF students
on yr lease
Walk to Campus
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1.1 Townhomes
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Walk to Campus
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SUN BAY and Sun Key
1.1 bedroom Apartment
(Not just a room!) 1mo free for UF students
>From \$475 mo; Walk to Campus
No other offers apply
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PET'S PARADISE
\$390 - \$650. No app or pet fee. 1 & 2BR,
privacy fenced. SW. 352-331-2099 2-16-
10-40-2

\$500-\$600 clean, spacious PRIVATE, apt.
for calm, stable, mature person in quiet area,
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bus. 1825-1826 NW 10th st. 352-376-0080,
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10-70-2

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Pine Rush Villas
NO PET/ALARM FEES
Pet Friendly No Wgt Limits
1/1 *\$439
2/1 *\$558
Near UF and Oaks Mall
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4-20-10-70-2

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2BR/1BA apt \$500 mo; No Dep, No Fee's
UF or SF Full-Time Students
Bike to Campus, Walk to Starbucks
Tommy 352-339-1965
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Greenwich Green
2/2 for \$799
Patio and Storage Closet
Call 352-372-8100
4-20-10-70-1

Spacious 1, 2, & 3br starting at \$495. Many
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W/D hook-ups, verticals, CH/AC. Near bus
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Newly remodeled 2 & 3 BDs
Quiet neighborhood. Lots of upgrades.
Free 32" HD Plasma TV for new Sec 8 lease.
Must see! Call 332-7700 2-24-11-35-2

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2/2 Walk to UF, Shands, VA & Pharm School.
Tile floor, W/D in unit. Avail fall. Reasonable
rates. 239-250-6149 2-28-11-36-2



----- Near UF -----
gainesvillestudentrentals.com
●5/3 house 630 nw 36 street \$1800
●4/3 house 3514 nw 7 place \$1500
●3/2 house 1534 nw 54 drive \$1300
●4/2 house 929 nw 22 street \$1500
●4/2 house 610 nw 34 terrace \$1400
●2/1 apt 2nd floor 204 nw 18 st \$1200
●2/1 apt 1st floor 204 nw 18 st \$1100
●2/2 apt 2515 sw 35 place \$1200
2-18-11-20-2

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4-20-66-2

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1BR/1BA \$550
1 year lease, SD, NS, NP
Call/Text 352-870-7256
gvl32601@gmail.com 2-28-11-33-2

Available Aug 1st. 4BR/2BA very nice house.
Quiet area between UF and Santa Fe. Game
room, W/D provided. Fenced backyard, pets
ok. 1330 NW 39th St. \$1200/mo. Call 352-
339-2342 gainvillequalityrentalhouses.com
2-15-11-24-2

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Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, fireplace,
large rooms. 2108 NW 8th Ct. \$1575/mo
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2-15-11-19-2

AVAILABLE AUG 1st. 4BR/2BA modern
house, large lot, nice trees. W/D provided,
fireplace, fenced yard, 1-car garage, back
deck 2606 NW 34th St. \$1400/mo. 352-339-
2342 gainvillequalityrentalhouses.com
2-15-11-19-2

TOWNHOUSE - 2BR/1.5BA, W/D hook-up,
pvt backyard, new carpet, tiles, just painted.
Extra clean. \$625/mo + sec. 2627 SW 38th
Place. Available now. 941-204-1304 or 352-
215-3160 2-17-11-20-2

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Water, sewer, garbage provided.
Updated units, private courtyards, RTS stop
1BR \$410, 2 BR \$500. 352-335-0420 2-28-
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2-28-11-25-2

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3 & 4BR HOUSES from \$1375/mo. Free off-
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Rent directly from owner. Special terms
avail. dalyproperties.com or 359-3341 4-1-
11-42-2

Walk to UF-2/2.5 bath townhouse avail now
or fall. Also houses near UF available for
Fall. www.forrentgainesville.com or call Todd
at 352-514-4915 3-17-11-30-2

1BR/1BA NW. \$475/mo.
Available now. Pets ok.
Call 352-359-1644 or 352-332-8481 2-28-
11-20-2

AVAILABLE AUG 1st. 4BR/2BA, large living
room & bedrooms, washer/dryer provided.
15 min bike to campus, privacy fenced back-
yard. Pet ok. 2100 NW 8th Ct. \$1400/mo.
339-2342 gainvillequalityrentalhouses.com
2-15-11-9-2



Worship Guide

Christian &
Missionary Alliance

New Life Community
Chapel

New Life Community Chapel
Westside Park Rec. Center
Sundays at 10:30 AM www.
newlifecommunitychapel.org
phone:(352)214-4462

Episcopal

Chapel of the Incarnation

All are Welcome!
1522 W. University Ave.
Communion: 5:30pm Wed.
+ Sun. Morning Prayer: 8:30
weekdays ufchapelhouse.com
for more info

Jewish

Chabad Lubavitch
Jewish Student Center

Your home away from home
Friday Night Live!
Services & Shabbat Dinner.
7:30pm Fall/Spring
352-336-5877
2021 NW 5th Ave
(5 blocks north of the stadium)
www.JewishGator.com

Lutheran

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

1700 NW 34th St.
Gainesville, FL 32653
Phone: 352-376-9940
Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
You are always welcome!

Methodist

Gator Wesley Center

United Method Campus Min.
www.gatorwesley.com
Worship - Sundays @ 11a.m.
Bible Study Wednesdays @
7pm
1380 W. University Ave

Grace United Methodist

Sunday Worship 8, 9 & 10:45
9325 W. Newberry RD.
352-332-8770 gracefl.org
cnaylor@gracefl.org
www.gracepassport.org

Mt. Pleasant United
Methodist Church

"Commit thy way unto the Lord"
Worship Services Sundays-9am.
Sunday School-11:00 am
Bible Study Tues. - Noon & 6pm
630 NW 2nd St
Gainesville, Fla 32601
352-372-4872
Rev. Geraldine McClellan, Pastor
Transportation Available

Trinity United Methodist
Contemporary

"Trinity United Methodist Con-
temporary: Fridays at 6:35pm,
Sundays at 8:15, 9:40, and
11am. 4000 NW 53rd Ave.
376.6615
www.TrinityGNV.org

Methodist

Wesley United
Methodist Church

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship (blended) 10:45am
Potato bake 1st Sunday of each
month.
826 NW 23rd Ave

Non-Denominational

Glen Springs

Glen Springs Church of Christ
Experience a loving spiritual
family filled with grace and
God's word.
Please join us on Sundays,
College Bible Class: 9:00am
Worship Assembly: 10:00am
and Wednesday Evenings Col-
lege Bible Class:7:30pm For
more Info, Call 352.378.8031
or www.knowmyJesus.com

University City Church
of Christ

Gators for Christ campus
ministry college group meets at
University City church on Sun-
days at 9am and Wednesdays
at 7pm - practical application
from God's word, plus service
projects, large group events,
free meals, and much more...
(directions and events calendar
at www.gatorsforchrist.org)

Presbyterian

Covenant Presbyterian
Church

1001 NW 98th Street
"Loving God by Serving Oth-
ers" www.covenantpresby-
terianchurch.org - covenant-
presb580@bellsouth.net
Sunday Worship 10:00am
Small Group Bible Studies on
Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays

First Presbyterian
Church

Sunday Worship: 8:30 &
10:55am
College Ministry
Trajectory Wednesday Nights:
7:30pm - Discipleship Studies,
recreational activities, Missions
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Summer Place
One Bedroom *\$439
Pet friendly No weight limit
Close to main postal facility & shopping.
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4-20-11-49-2

Condominiums 2 & 4 Bedrooms now or summer and fall. Popular locations such as CountrySide, Southwest and Shands area. Call for details Bristol Park Realty 352 367 2669 Bristolparkrealty.com 3-14-11-21-2

Duplex, Duckpond, CHA, carport, carpets, ceiling fans, quiet, trees, large yard, \$700mo, 920 NE 6th Ave., 376 0080; 284 3873. postj@bellsouth.net 2-18-11-10-2

3/2 Available Fall!
4 Blocks to UF
48 Hour Special
352-371-7777 3-4-11-20-2

\$360-rooms available in beautiful 4/4 condo in SW Gville. Incl. cable and internet. 5 mins from UF and Butler Plaza. Walk-in closets, W/D included, furnished common area. 352.514.3398. 2-28-15-2

Quality Houses Available Aug 1st.
Walk/Bike to campus 352-339-2342
www.gainvillequalityrentalhouses.com
2-15-11-4-2

Cozy, Private and Close to Campus!
2-Bedroom Apartments available for rent immediately!!! Close to Butler Plaza, UF and bus routes.Short leases available.
For more info, please call 786-512-0628
2-15-5-2

The Price You Want, The Convenience You Need! \$650 - 2BR/2BA apartment walking distance of UF, shopping center and bus routes. Open Floor Plan - Small Pets allowed. Available for rent immediately 352.262.2828 2-15-11-5-2

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920 SW Depot Ave apt. 15. Great location and great price. Pets allowed. Parking and laundry. campizano@yahoo.com 2-16-5-2

MERRILL MANAGEMENT INC.
825 NW 13th Street
352-372-1494 x10
www.merrillmanagement.com

ST. CROIX APTS:
\$475 per Month 2BR 1BA Apts
3 BLKS TO UF! 840 Sq. Ft.
Large Rooms, Plenty of
Parking, Central H & Air, Laundry Fac.
Carpet, Pets Allowed. 829 Sw 5th Avenue.

CIRCE APTS:
2BR 1BA Apt 3 BLKS TO UF
New Carpet \$450/Mo \$600 Deposit
Window A/C, Nat Gas Ht.
216 SW 12th Street.

EFFECIENCY -2 Rooms(not bedrooms)
Shared Bathroom, Window A/C
Carpet, Across from UF Stadium
1830 NW 1st Avenue \$295/Mo, \$300
Deposit

GRAD II Apts
1BR 1BA 1BLK TO UF
Central H & Air, Laundry
On site. \$500/Mo
1236 Sw 4th Avenue \$600 Deposit
2-11-11-1-2

2 For Rent unfurnished

3BR APTS 1/2 block to Tigert Hall. 1227 SW 4th Ave. 2-story brick quad, w/ 3BR apts available. Convenient, clean, & energy efficient. 3BRs for \$1350/mo. August 1st. Call 352-514-5060 for appointment 2-17-11-5-2

Eff Barn Apt, Newberry & 143rd area, 14 Ac prop, A/C&Heat, well water, loft queen, shower bath, microwave, full size fridge, TV, washer/dryer \$400 954-610-0006 Horse Board Stall or Field Extra 3-3-11-15-2

FALL RENTAL
4,5,6+ Bdrm Houses for Rent
Call Eric @ 352-682-7424
Ask abt Family Discounts
Immediate Move-In Available
2-17-11-5-2

4 Roommates

Roommate Matching HERE
Oxford Manor 377-2777
The Landings 336-3838
The Laurels 335-4455
Greenwich Green 372-8100
Hidden Lake 374-3866
4-20-70-4

Call now, Share 4BR/4BA 1st floor, furnished condo at Countryside. 1 mi to UF. Incl utils, W/D, internet, cable TV, great parking & pool. 2 rooms avail immed. \$395/mo/rm 1-386-672-6969 or 1-386-295-7929 2-28-10-82-4

Roommate wanted. \$425/mo 4/2 2 blocks from campus. 814-440-3325 or jfidorra@hotmail.com 3-2-11-30-4

Gated 4BR/4BA Countryside condo, pool-side, own BD & BA, W/D, cable, hi-speed internet, early stop on UF bus rte. Utills included. \$350/mo. No deposit required. 863-634-1893. Available immediately. 2-14-10-4

1 or 2 male roommates needed. 2BRs avail in 3BR/2BA house. Close to UF campus, on bus route, large fenced-in backyard. Cent H/AC, pets welcome. \$400/mo + elec. Call 561-706-5378 2-15-11-10-4

4 Roommates

Looking for roommate in a 3/3 apartment in Hidden Lake. Current roommates are easy to get along with. Pet-friendly. Easy bus routes to campus. Nice pool and gym with free tanning \$440/mo. Contact (352) 346-5459 2-18-8-4

Female seeks roommate for furnished house in Starke on SR 100. \$350/mo + \$100 dep. 305-972-7849 cell. Call day or night. 2-17-11-5-4

5 Real Estate

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4-20-70-5

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2Bed/3 Full Baths + Office. Granite Counters, 2 Direct Bus Stops to UF.
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4-20-70-5

WALK TO UF & DOWNTOWN!
THE PALMS - New Ultra-Luxury Condos.
Granite, Huge Closets, Pool, Call Eric Leightman, University Realty 352-219-2879
4-20-70-5

Own 20 Acres Only \$129/mo. \$13,900 near growing El Paso, Texas (safest city in America!) Low down, no credit checks, owner financing. Free map/pictures (866)485-4364 www.sunsetranches.com 2-11-1-5

6 Furnishings

BED - QUEEN - \$120 ORTHOPEDIC
Pillow-top, mattress & box. Name brand, new, still in plastic. Call 352-372-7490 will deliver. 4-20-10-70-6

6 Furnishings

BED - FULL SIZE - \$100 ORTHOPEDIC
Pillow-top mattress & box. New, unused, still in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver. Call 352-377-9846 4-20-10-70-6

MICROFIBER SOFA & LOVESEAT - \$400
Brand new still packaged w/warranty. Must sell. Can deliver. Retail \$1600. 352-372-7490 4-20-10-70-6

BED - KING - \$200 PILLOWTOP
mattress & box springs. Orthopedic rated. Name brand, new, never been used, in plastic with warranty. Call 352-372-8588. Can deliver. 4-20-70-6

BEDROOM SET. 7pc Cherry, Queen/ king bed, dresser w/mirror, 2 nightstands, chests avail. Dovetail const. New, in boxes. Can deliver. Retail \$4500, must sell, sacrifice \$850 (352) 372-7490 4-20-70-6

SOFA & LOVESEAT 100% Italian leather. Brand new in plastic w/warranty. Retail \$1800. Sacrifice \$700. Call 352-377-9846 4-20-70-6

FUTON Solid oak mission-style frame w/ mattress. New, in box. \$160 332-9899

DINETTE SET 5pc \$120 Brand new in box. Never used. 352-377-9846 4-20-70-6

BEDS - ALL BRAND NEW
Full \$100 Queen \$125 King \$200
Orthopedic pillow-top sets. Brand name matching sets not used or refurbished. Still in plastic, direct from factory! 352-333-7516. 4-20-70-6

6 Furnishings

BED- QUEEN New orthopedic pillowtop mattress and boxspring set. Brand name, brand new, still in plastic with warranty. Can deliver. \$130 352-377-9846. 4-20-70-6

BEDROOM SET- \$300 BRAND NEW
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7 Computers

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4-20-10-70-7

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Network specialists
We buy computers and laptops
Working and Non-working
378-4009, 607 NW 13th Street
4-20-10-70-7

9 Bicycles

In the market for a new set of wheels or just looking to add a second to that collection? Want personalized handlebars or a fitted seat? Check in the Alligator Classifieds

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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- 5 Little pieces, idiomatically
- 10 Benevolent group
- 14 Great Plains tribe
- 15 "Amazing!"
- 16 House leader during Bill's presidency
- 17 Soundly defeat by cheating?
- 20 Henri's health
- 21 Critical
- 22 LummoX
- 24 Maker of the LX 150 scooter
- 25 Gloomy Cuban?
- 32 Photo finish?
- 33 Birthplace of seven presidents
- 34 Drive off
- 35 Ardor
- 37 Grade that describes this puzzle's theme
- 40 "James and the Giant Peach" writer
- 41 Iroquois enemies
- 43 Start of a Durante refrain
- 45 Olympics participant since 1992, to the IOC
- 46 Discerning pub competitor?
- 50 Cheerios
- 51 Music store section
- 52 Martyred first bishop of Paris
- 55 Notable early student of Bela
- 59 What loving couples exchange?
- 63 ___ à feu: French gun
- 64 Carnival dance
- 65 Unite after a break, in a way
- 66 Caring
- 67 Magazine for horse owners
- 68 Sherpa's sighting

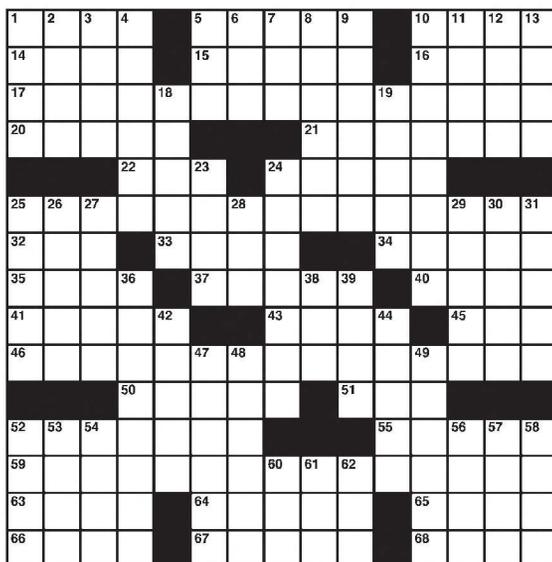
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- 5 Head-slapper's cry
- 6 Scoreboard initials
- 7 "How adorable!"
- 8 Big name in dairy
- 9 Sports logo since 1972
- 10 Like cameos
- 11 Lascivious
- 12 Title river in a 1957 film that won seven Oscars
- 13 Eyelid malady
- 18 Latin lover's declaration
- 19 Stock term
- 23 Saudi royal name
- 24 Talking Heads song "Sax and ___"
- 25 Missed out, maybe
- 26 Met tragedy, perhaps?
- 27 It merged with Piedmont in 1989
- 28 Playful bite
- 29 Swiftly
- 30 Jacket style popular with '60s rockers
- 31 Words that lead to nothing?
- 36 Educated

- 38 Game based on crazy eights
- 39 Card in 38-Down
- 42 Meager
- 44 Words after play or for
- 47 Idle
- 48 Where GOOG is traded
- 49 Canine mascot of the National Fire Protection Association
- 52 Badlands Natl. Park site
- 53 Dustin's "Tootsie" costar
- 54 Denounce
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- 57 Down but not out
- 58 Piedmont wine region
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UF LACROSSE

Gators anxious to avenge previous loss to Tar Heels

By **JOHN BOOTHE**
Alligator Writer

When she paces the sidelines Saturday against No. 3 North Carolina, coach Amanda O'Leary will do so knowing her team won't react the same way it did last year.

Something goes wrong: a goal, a turnover or a penalty. Her players' heads begin to drop, their sticks start to fall to their side, and all O'Leary can think is, "Oh, crap. You know this is not going to be good."

Florida played one of its best halves of lacrosse last year on the road against then-No. 4 UNC. Down only two goals at the half, the upstart Gators looked like they had a chance to grab a marquee win against a ranked opponent for the first time in school history.

Then, the Tar Heels scored. And then scored again.

Soon, a 6-4 game ballooned into an 18-5 blowout, leaving the Gators to wonder how long it would take them to gain enough composure to compete in big games.

O'Leary believes this team is different from the one that went 10-8 a year ago and had a losing record on the road. The Gators played last weekend in an exhibition tournament in Chapel Hill, N.C., and though they didn't get an early shot at the Tar Heels, the coach said she

saw something new in her players. "It didn't snowball to the effect of last year where once we gave up

one goal, we gave up five," O'Leary said. "There's a whole lot of things that are involved in the maturation

process of our team. One of the biggest things that I saw coming out of the weekend is that they have con-

fidence in each other."

With only one upperclassman on the roster, junior transfer Caroline Cochran, the Gators don't have traditional leadership roles from older players. The team's core is made up of 16 sophomores who all saw action last season.

In the buildup to this season sophomore midfielder Brittany Dashiell said the Gators have become a leadership-by-committee group that has used last year's shortcomings as motivation.

"We're just really excited to get revenge on them, especially after losing last year," Dashiell said. "And I think this year we have a lot more experience and are preparing differently."

During a film session Thursday to prepare for the Tar Heels, the Gators reviewed some of the problems they had early last season.

Last year's starting goal keeper for Florida, sophomore Cara Canington, noticed a marketable change in the team's play from a highly frenetic, attacking style to a more matured, balanced offensive approach.

By playing within themselves this season, the Gators should be able to cut down on the staple of every young team: turnovers.

O'Leary said they crippled the

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UF coach Amanda O'Leary (second from right) believes this season's team, which will open its schedule Saturday against North Carolina, is different than the first-year squad that struggled with turnovers.

Parsons' recently improved play sparked by clear mind

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By **GREG LUCA**
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For Chandler Parsons, the key to stuffing the stat sheet appears to be clearing his head.

The senior forward entered the season surrounded by hype, and his game suffered under the weight of all the expectations.

But now, Parsons has unclouded his mind, and the results have been staggering. He has recorded a double-double in three straight games and will have a chance to extend that streak when No. 17 Florida (19-5, 8-2 Southeastern Conference) faces Tennessee (15-9, 5-4 SEC) on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the O'Connell Center.

"You hear all that stuff, and you try to block it out and not listen to it, but maybe it did get to my head a little bit," Parsons said. "But I know I'm doing my best to block out all that stuff, even right now."

Parsons was a Preseason First-Team All-SEC selection, and there were even some rumblings that he would contend for SEC Player of the Year.



Parsons

The expectations many placed on the senior were boosted even further by his personality, as people fell in love with the architect of last season's two memorable buzzer-beaters.

Parsons even received attention from the national media, as he appeared in ESPN's top

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Florida jumpers thrive under esteemed coach

By **JOE MORGAN**
Alligator Writer

For Will Claye, Omar Craddock and Christian Taylor, qualifying for the NCAA meet at season's end isn't a big deal — it's expected.

It comes with the territory when working with a jumps coach like Dick Booth.

Booth, currently in his second season with the Gators, has coached 47 individual national champions, 142 All-Americans and 11 Olympians since starting his career at Arkansas in 1978.

"I've been fortunate enough throughout my career to have that opportunity (to coach talented athletes), but maybe not a better group than this," Booth said. "These guys could be historical in what they accomplish as a group."



Track

One of those national titles belongs to Taylor, who won the triple jump at the NCAA Indoor Championships under Booth's tutelage last season.

"He's great because he's some-

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UF FOOTBALL NEWS

■ The Southeastern Conference announced its 2010 Fall Academic Honor Roll on Wednesday, and 19 Gators were listed based on grades from the previous three semesters.

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POLL QUESTION

Today's question: Which Florida spring sport's opening day are you most excited for?

UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tennessee pulls away from Florida for blowout victory

By **MATT WATTS**
Alligator Writer

The Gators knew the first step to upsetting a top-five team was to play their ugly brand of basketball.

It wasn't enough.

Florida held the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer in check, but it couldn't do enough offensively as Tennessee ran away with a 61-39 victory in Knoxville, Tenn., on Thursday.

Florida (14-12, 4-8 SEC) shot 25

percent from the floor, including 4 for 20 from beyond the arc. UF had a number of open looks, especially early, but struggled to knock them down.

Tennessee (23-2, 11-0 SEC) also started cold, shooting 9 of 27 in the first half, but Florida couldn't capitalize.

After pulling within four with just more than seven minutes to go in the first half, the Gators went cold.

They scored four points over the next 11 minutes, including

zero in the first four minutes of the second half, and Tennessee responded with a 21-4 run that put the game out of reach.



Butler

"We started the second half as if we didn't expect them to try and come out and make a statement," coach Amanda Butler said. "I felt like that was the difference in the ball game."

Entering the contest, Butler talked about valuing every possession and paying attention to detail.

Florida, down by nine at the break, kept it relatively close by limiting turnovers and preventing easy points in transition.

But UF fell apart in the second half.

The Gators turned it over 16 times in the final 20 minutes, allowing the Volunteers to beat them over the top for easy scores.

"I'm just really disappointed in our second half and our lack of

ability to sustain the focus that we needed to execute the game plan," Butler said.

Guards Deana Allen and Jatterra Bonds combined for 10 of the Gators' 24 giveaways and shot 5 of 22 from the floor. Bonds led the team in scoring (10 points) and rebounding (six). She played 32 minutes after starter Lanita Bartley got into foul trouble early.

"We didn't even come close to what we needed to do," Butler said. "You're not going to beat anybody in this league with 24 turnovers."

Gators look to new leaders

■ **BOB VAN OVERBEEK HAS TAKEN ON AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR THE GATORS.**

By **THOMAS NASSIFF**
Alligator Writer

Leadership is crucial in all college sports, whether it comes from an experienced senior or an emerging young star.

It is an essential quality for teams formed of players ranging in age from 18 to 22, and the youth of the No. 7 Florida men's tennis team has made its leaders invaluable to the program.

While most people view senior Alexandre Lacroix as the team's emotional leader, younger players have begun to take on an increased role.

That includes sophomore Bob van Overbeek, a Boca Raton native who came to UF as a blue-chip recruit ranked seventh overall by tennisrecruiting.net.

During his freshman spring, van Overbeek played singles on Court 4 and racked up a 9-1 record in the Southeastern Conference en route to being named to the SEC All-Freshman team.

Heading into the 2010-11 campaign, van Overbeek received his first singles ranking as the No. 52 player in the nation when dual match play started in January.

As a sophomore, van Overbeek has been asked to do much more for his team. His work ethic over winter break helped him come into the spring season with a booming serve, which he rode to an 11-game singles win streak.

"Coming into this year, I knew I was going to have a little more responsibility," van Overbeek said. "We only have one senior and one junior, so Sekou [Bangoura Jr.] and Nassim [Slilam] knew we were going to be asked to do a little more."

Van Overbeek's streak came to an end Sunday at FSU, as he moved up to Court 2 for the first time and fell to No. 37 Clint Bowles.

The move up to Court 2 was a big step for van Overbeek, who said he and fellow sophomore Bangoura would be switching between Courts 2 and 3 for most of the season.

It's van Overbeek's work ethic and selfless mentality that give him an edge in competition and make him a strong fit for a leadership role. He will be called upon this weekend as the Gators travel to face No. 16 Illinois on Saturday.

"The main goal, no matter what court I'm playing on or who I'm playing against, is just to get as many individual wins as possible to help the team," van Overbeek said.

"I'm not as worried about my own ranking, but getting wins for the team is the most important thing."

UF to host home meet

By **ALEX PECKHAM**
Alligator Writer

After losing its top two golfers from last season, the Florida men's golf team wasn't expected to compete on a national level this year.

With the team relying on sophomores who saw little action during their first year in Gainesville, expectations were low.

But Tyler McCumber, Phillip Choi and Tommy Mou helped the Gators earn a No. 3 national ranking and the top spot on the leaderboard at the JU Invitational two weeks ago.

The Gators will face a much stronger field at this weekend's Gator Invitational than they did at the JU Invitational.

UF's stiffest competition will come from rival Florida State and Southeastern Conference foes No. 8 LSU and No. 10 Auburn, two of the three teams that have beaten Florida

since the fall season began.

McCumber and Choi finished in the top eight, while Mou rebounded from early struggles to come in 19th.

The trio has earned the confidence of Florida coach Buddy Alexander, who said that he hasn't been all that surprised by their emergence.

"The biggest jump in improvement is usually between the freshman and sophomore year," Alexander said. "They figure out time management and how to work on their games."

"That's when their maturation process really evolves the most."

Choi, McCumber and Mou, along with seniors Bank Vongvanij and Andres Echavarria, will be favored to win their home tournament, which starts at 8 a.m. on the Mark Bostick Golf Course, for the eighth straight year.



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Just Warming Up

Climate, facilities help ignite UF's recruiting

By JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Writer

Asking members of the Gators lacrosse team why they chose to come to Florida is like trying to make small talk with a stranger.

The conversation always starts with the weather.

One of the biggest advantages for No. 17 Florida, a growing, second-year program, is the fact it is one of only a handful of teams in Division-I lacrosse that doesn't have to deal with snowfall every year.

Recruits are sold on the fact they can practice and play outside during the winter when their families and friends up north are still shoveling driveways.

Caroline Cochran wasn't initially recruited by Florida out of her high school in Maryland. The No. 15 recruit in the nation, according to Inside Lacrosse, was a senior in 2008, and the Gators didn't start offering scholarships until a year later.

So, the two-time high school All-American ended up at Virginia, where she played attacker sparingly in five games as a freshman.

"I love everyone at UVA, I'm still really close with all of my friends, but it wasn't the right place for me," she said.

Seeking a fresh start at a new school, she began looking for a way out. Cochran learned UF coach Amanda O'Leary was heavily recruiting in her home state. The coach would eventually get 17 recruits to commit out of Maryland.

Some of them were Cochran's friends. After taking their visits to Gainesville, they started giving the sophomore positive feedback on what they saw during their trip.

"My friends from home were coming here, and they were like, 'You should go look at it. It's really awesome.' So, I came down here and fell in love with it right away," Cochran said. "It was actually my first place I looked, and I committed

a couple days later."

Florida's resources have given the team an enviable advantage in attracting recruits, even in its first two years as a program.

No other school in the country that carries men's or women's lacrosse has a complex and stadium devoted solely to the sport, let alone one that cost \$15 million to build like Donald R. Dizney Stadium.

"Just the whole idea of how important the student-athlete is and how well they are taken care of here, I think, resonated through the freshman that were already here and the college lacrosse world," O'Leary said.

The Weather's Fine

Cochran said most people are sold on UF's combination of the new facilities, expensive Nike equipment and, most importantly, the appealing climate.

During the winter months, the Gators were one of the few teams in the U.S. able to practice outside. O'Leary said she talked to coaches from schools in the Northeast who were still stuck indoors due to snow storms.

Almost a third of all Division-I teams (30 out of 91) that play women's lacrosse reside in either New York or Pennsylvania. So far this winter, both states have been covered with a combined 95 inches of snow in their biggest cities, New York City and Pittsburgh.

Most snowbound teams must head south to play exhibition tournaments just to get back into playing form each season. Meanwhile, the comparatively mild winters in Florida allow the Gators to start practicing earlier and closer to home.

Cochran said several of her former teammates from Virginia called during a tournament in Orlando last week exclaiming how jealous they were that she was having 70-degree days this time of year.

Redshirt freshman Erin Graziano

was at Syracuse last year before an injury derailed her season, leading her to transfer to Gainesville. The New Jersey native also listed the weather as the main reason she chose UF over other schools.

"Initially it was the location," she said. "I mean, who doesn't want to play lacrosse in Florida?"

Graziano admitted that leaving Syracuse for Gainesville was a big risk. Usually transfers rarely commit to an inexperienced and untested program like Florida when their last collegiate stop ended poorly. Instead, they choose to go to an established, safer one — usually closer to home.

After O'Leary reeled in the nation's No. 1 recruiting class last year, Graziano said the good press about the Gators sounded too appealing to ignore, and she let the coach know she would like to head down.

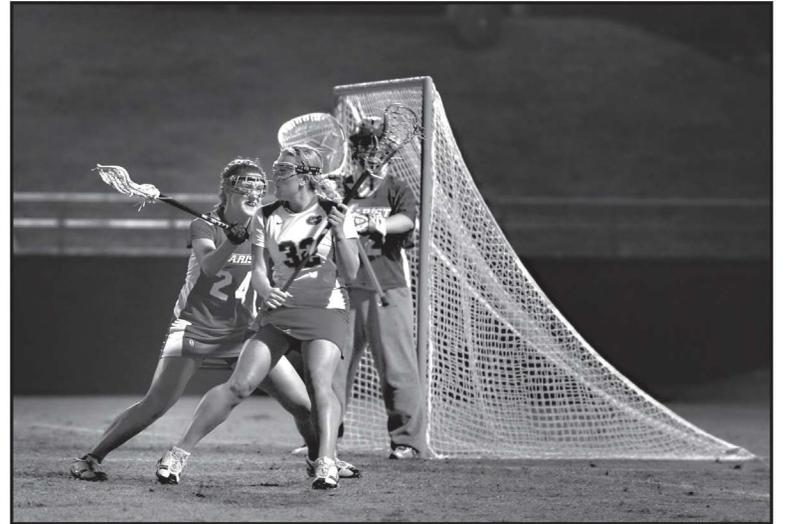
The Gators have lured in four transfers the past two years, including Cochran and Graziano. Entering its second full season of NCAA play, UF has leaned on them to provide stability when inexperience catches up with the team in close games.

"It was just in the back of my head that, 'OK we might be able to attract some of these kids that are already enrolled at other institutions that may not be happy,'" O'Leary said.

While it took Graziano, a midfielder, some time to mesh with her new teammates in the locker room and on the field, she said she never felt out of place. In her opinion, the biggest difference between Syracuse and Florida is how the athletes are treated by their peers and fans.

"Florida as an overall atmosphere is very welcoming," she said. "Everyone has pride for their school and stuff, which is a huge change."

"I'm still friends with everyone at Syracuse, but the whole atmosphere here is just great."



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Florida junior Caroline Cochran is one of four players to transfer to UF in just two seasons. She left Virginia last year to join the Gators.

Come On Down

Graziano isn't alone. Florida has the luxury of being a destination other schools in nonconference play want to visit because of the Gators' facilities and location.

When teams traveled to Gainesville last season, O'Leary said some refused to use the visiting locker room in the Florida Lacrosse Facility not because it was insufficient, but because it was too nice compared to what they had back home. Instead, they decided to change at a nearby hotel.

Florida's scheduling for this season slates them for 11 home games and only five on the road.

From Feb. 20 to March 26, nine games will be in straight succession at home against nonconference opponents and co-American Lacrosse Conference member Ohio State.

O'Leary expects the monthlong homestand to be a huge boost for a second-year team that finished 3-6 on the road last season. No. 2 Northwestern will also have to come to Gainesville this year after the Gators lost to the national runner-up by 14 goals in last season's finale.

"We got all of the jitters out last year," Cochran said. "We're going to be a lot more prepared this time."

As Florida closed its inaugural season, the team ran into a brick wall of tough competition. UF gave up 62 goals in its last five games leading to four losses, including three against conference opponents.

In the fall, the Gators continued to struggle through their October exhibition schedule. Though stats and scores weren't kept, Graziano recalls getting "kind of killed" by Duke at a tournament in Durham, N.C.

But last weekend, in another pre-season tune-up in North Carolina against the Blue Devils, the Gators performed at a much higher level, dropping a close game 8-6.

"You can just see that everyone's growing up and what's to come for this season," she said.

Florida has built a strong foundation for a run at a postseason berth with the way its recruited and scheduled the past two years.

The team's 2010 campaign came up short due to inexperience in the locker room and a lack of leadership on the field, which led to a 1-4 mark in conference play.

Without those wins against ALC opponents, the Gators can not compete for a national championship.

They will be at home in May, enjoying the Florida weather.

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Donovan, Muschamp willing to let Brissett play two sports for Florida

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10 plays of the year and was selected as its "Voice of the Conference."

"A lot of times what happens is when you're a good player in today's day and age, there's a maturity that you have to have to deal with the expectations," Donovan said. "There's so much stuff that distracts these guys and can be around these guys and can get in their heads."

Parsons has recently made great strides to block out all of those outside factors and is "playing with a clear head," according to Donovan.

UF's coach cites Parsons' shot selection as one sign of his improvement. The senior is now taking shots he might have passed up earlier in the season.

Where he may have previously tried to force an extra pass or a drive to the basket, Parsons is currently taking everything in stride.

"I realized just let the game come to me," Parsons said. "I'm going to take what the defense gives me, but at the same time, I'm being aggressive."

DONOVAN OPEN TO USING BRISSETT: Donovan said Thursday he would consider giving a spot on the UF basketball roster to Jacoby Brissett, a four-star quarterback signee from Palm Beach Gardens Dwyer High.



Men's Basketball

Although Donovan acknowledged it would be difficult for Brissett to learn the system after missing five months of practice and workouts, he said the two-sport star has the talent to contribute at Florida if he were to focus on basketball.

"As far as I'm concerned, and talking to (UF football coach) Will (Muschamp), if he wants to be a part of our team, he's more than welcome to do that," Donovan said.



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UF senior forward Chandler Parsons has recorded three consecutive double-doubles after struggling with lofty expectations at the start of the season.

UF takes new attitude to UNC

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team last season in big games — the Gators had 10 more than the Tar Heels when they last met. But during last weekend's preseason games, O'Leary said she saw fewer mistakes and didn't notice a single penalty.

"Clearly we're better in certain aspects in our game, and that certainly being the turnovers," she said. "We had far fewer than we had in the past and I also think there's a different attitude out there which I think is unique in that I didn't see

it last year."

Despite the positive outlook from coaches and players, the Gators are picked to place fourth in the American Lacrosse Conference behind national runner up No. 2 Northwestern, No.11 Vanderbilt and a No. 15 Penn State team that Florida beat 13-11 last April.

A win on the road against the Tar Heels, who are coming off the best run in school history after going 33-8 over the past two years, would be the first step toward respect and a bid to the national tournament for the Gators.

Three Gators named to Bowerman watch list

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body that's always going to keep you on your toes," Taylor said. "There's never a dull moment with him."

Although these jumpers expected to automatically qualify for the NCAA meet, they are pleased with their efforts so far.

"It's good to know that I'm in the meet, but I'm not going to sit back," Claye said. "Last year I didn't make it to nationals, so I feel like this is going to be a good year for me."

Claye, who transferred to Florida from Oklahoma last August, won the triple jump at the 2009 Outdoor NCAA Championship meet.

Craddock, a sophomore, will be competing in his first indoor NCAA meet after posting a personal-best 16.19m/53-1.50 in the triple jump at the Nittany Lion Challenge on Jan. 15.

"I work with two of the best jumpers in the nation," Craddock said. "That's pretty much my

motivation to get out here, keep going, and trying to get on their level."

Automatic-qualifying marks in the season's first three meets haven't been the Florida's jumpers only accomplishments this season.

Claye and Taylor, along with sprinter Jeff Demps, were named to the most recent watch list for The Bowerman award, an honor that Taylor



Taylor

describes as the "Heisman" of track and field.

UF is the only school with more than one athlete in contention for the honor.

"I haven't won it yet, but it's an honor to be on the list," Claye said. "But it's just an award. I still have to go out there and compete."

Florida will travel to three different locations this weekend: the Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.), the Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa), and the Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.).

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Gators not intimidated by hostile Bulldogs fans

Georgia expects sell-out crowd

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

Georgia fans are known as merciless die-hards, infamous for antagonizing, booing and even barking at the visiting Gators.

That's the one thing guaranteed when Florida competes against the Bulldogs, and it doesn't have a lick to do with competition.

The Gators will be faced with a sold-out crowd of more than 10,000 on Saturday at 4 p.m., as Stegeman Coliseum will likely be filled to its maximum capacity.

"I hear they have a bit of a rowdy crowd," sophomore Marissa King said. "We just kind of have to focus on ourselves. Hopefully in the end, they'll turn around and will be applauding us rather than booing us."

Freshman all-arounder Alaina Johnson will find comfort knowing there will be at least a few Gators fans nestled among the sea of red and black.

Her mother's side of the family stems from Georgia and will be in attendance to cheer her on. For some of them, Johnson

said, it will be their first time seeing her compete.

While Johnson has some familiarity in Georgia, it will be the first time her roommate and freshman all-arounder Mackenzie

Caquatto will have been to the state.

Though Caquatto said she loves to travel, the Southeastern Conference Freshman Gymnast of the Week expects it to be a challenge because of the packed house.

"We're just going to try to stay focused on what we're doing," Caquatto said. "Try to focus on our skills and try to block them out as best we can, stay tight as a team and not let our mind wander into things that they're saying."

Sophomore Ashanee Dickerson said the coaching staff has been preparing the team all week for the rambunctious fans. Coach Rhonda Faehn added that the negativity the Bulldogs crowd hurls at them is far greater than any other venue due to the heated rivalry between the two schools.

"It's just very strong," Faehn said. "We don't find that when we go to Utah. The fans there are very nice."

Despite the distractions the Dawgs fans will provide, Faehn said the experience will end up being beneficial for her team.

"We need our athletes to compete in those environments for them to learn ... and to test their mental strength so that it's a learning experience," she said. "If they're able to handle it, well then, that's a great sign."



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Florida sophomore gymnast Marissa King said the Gators must focus on their own performances as they head to Athens, Ga., to face a rowdy, unforgiving Bulldogs crowd.

UF SWIMMING

Florida to host SEC Diving Championships this weekend

By **MELISSA PENDER**
Alligator Writer

The Southeastern Conference's top divers will hope to make a splash at the O'Connell Center when the SEC Swimming and Diving Championships begin this weekend.

The swimming and diving championships are usually held simultaneously, but since Florida is hosting both events this year, the competitions had to be separate.

"The divers get a real spotlight versus being caught in the middle of the meet," coach Gregg Troy said.

Divers have been warming up in preparation for today's men's 1-meter and women's 3-meter. The men's 3-meter and the women's 1-meter are tomorrow and both platform competitions are Sunday.

Diving coach Donnie Craine said he has high hopes for both teams, adding that the women have to look out for No. 2 Georgia and No. 3

Auburn. Craine also said the men's teams to beat are No. 3 Auburn and No. 8 Tennessee.

"I'm just trying to practice like I compete so that I can compete like I practice."

Monica Dodson
UF senior diver

He said the Gators have a great chance to excel and have been practicing in a meet style by running

through a list and scoring their dives.

Senior Monica Dodson and junior Kaylee Doback will represent the No. 8 women's swimming and diving team.

Dodson achieved her second-best career 3-meter dive Jan. 29 against Tennessee.

"All the SEC divers are great competition," she said. "I'm just trying to practice like I compete so that I can compete like I practice."

The No. 5 men are represented by senior Jon Speed, junior Anthony Lewark and freshmen Chris Jones and Mike Lewark. The younger Lewark said the Gators hope their home-pool advantage pays dividends.

"My goals are to do every dive I can as best as I can possibly do it, hopefully reach the finals," he said. "Just being on the same boards that I'm on every day, it feels really good."

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