



Artisans' Guild showcases local talent

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
 Alligator Writer

For 40 years, local artists have had a home in Gainesville.

The home is mobile, an art gallery that has been moved

six times and displayed the work of dozens of artists since it was formed in October 1970.

It is a microcosm of North Florida culture, a gallery filled with art created by locals and often inspired by local scenery.

This is the Artisans' Guild Gallery, a shop sandwiched

between stores in Millhopper Square Shopping Center on Northwest 16th Boulevard.

Last October, the guild celebrated its 40th anniversary. It has survived the Vietnam War, eight U.S. presidents and the boy-band craze of the 1990s.

Within the walls of the gallery today, shoppers will find the diverse work of the guild's more than 50 member artists.

Drawings of cartoon alligators created by debOrah Cohen-Crown, who makes her living as an artist, line the back of one wall. In the middle of the store, bright shawls crafted by Malgorzata Deyrup, a retired UF chemistry professor, hang on a stand.

"We have blown glass. We have metalwork. We have stained glass. We have stuffed animals..." Deyrup said. "It's exciting to be in a group like this and show [your work] around town and get your name out there."

The gallery is an artist cooperative, operated by the guild members who create the displayed art.

It is a labor of love, held together for 40 years by the commitment of its members.

Few of the original guild members from 1970 remain. Some have died. Others have moved away and could no longer be part of the co-op because it only accepts members who live within an hour of the gallery.

Christa Kallenbach, who creates stuffed animals for the gallery, joined the guild in 1971 shortly after it was formed.

Kallenbach often sees people buy her stuffed animals for their children or grandchildren.

She continues to work with the guild because even after 40 years, she still loves her art.

"I'd rather do this than my housework," she said.

The co-op has high standards for its members. To become a member of the guild, artists must submit their work for review. Only the most skilled and inventive applicants are invited to join.

The gallery is not funded by the government, as some

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Local artist Sharon Cates poses for a photo in the Artisans' Guild Gallery where she and more than 50 other artists display their various works of art.

Local News

TECHNOLOGY

UF supercomputer rivals fastest in the world

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
 Alligator Writer

It may not have gotten a shout-out from President Obama, but UF's supercomputer, the Novo-G, can do some things better than China's celebrated supercomputer.

The Chinese Tianhe-1A was dubbed "the world's fastest computer" during Obama's State of the Union address. But being No. 1 is relative, said Herman Lam, a UF electrical and computer engineering professor.

"Basically, it depends on how you want to rate them," he said. "There's not one way to say, 'This is the best.'"

UF's Novo-G was not included in the international TOP500 list of supercomputers, a list of the world's fastest processors, that the Chinese computer tops because UF's computer is a different type.

The Novo-G, which stands for "new green," is smaller and runs on much less power than other supercomputers, Lam said. This makes it the computer of choice for space satellites.

What makes the Novo-G different is the chips that are used.

Lam said the engineers can change the hardware to fit how the data is calculated instead of the other way around.

The different chips allow for large amounts

of data to be processed in a smaller computer, making it a better fit for satellites, he said.

"For certain things, yes, we can do much better."

Herman Lam
 UF electrical and computer engineering professor

With the supercomputer inside, the satellite doesn't have to send massive amounts of raw data to supercomputers on earth. It can process the information itself and send down

the results. The Novo-G is also faster at processing DNA.

UF's supercomputer can't perform certain operations as fast as China's, but it is more compact and can do other operations just as fast.

In an age where the U.S. and China are being pitted against each other to determine which country will stay ahead, Lam said the supercomputers aren't competing.

But, since both computers were designed for different things, both computers have their strengths.

"For certain things, yes, we can do much better," he said.

■ Florida senior second baseman Josh Adams (right) struggled last season and is looking to bounce back with a new mental approach as the 2011 campaign approaches. See Story, Page 17.



Man in Ohio proposes to girlfriend with ad on bus; she said yes

CANTON, Ohio — An Ohio woman has said yes to a marriage proposal that arrived by bus.

Laura Kalamets looked out a Canton restaurant window during a Valentine's Day lunch with her boyfriend and saw a public bus with an ad on its side that read: "Laura, Will You Marry Me?"

It was signed "Mark" and included in smaller letters the words "and make me the happiest man in the world."

Kalamets says she thought she'd have a heart attack.

Mark Rose paid the transit agency \$300 for the special ad and arranged for the bus to be parked in the right spot around noon on Monday.

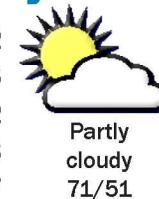
The Repository newspaper of Canton reports the ad will remain in place for a week.

Now it has the additional message: "She said yes."

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
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A Spring of Hope

Tomorrow, 6:15 p.m.
Matherly Hall Room 14
The UF chapter of A Spring of Hope, a nonprofit organization, is having its first meeting of the semester. Free pizza will be served. For more information about the organization go to springofhope.org

PAM Gelato Company Fundraiser

Tomorrow, 6 p.m.
The Gelato Company, 11 SE First Ave.
Support the LGBT community and its allies by grabbing dinner or dessert. Make sure to mention Pride Awareness Month.

Migrants, Foreigners, Jews: The Nation as Performative Event in U.S. and German TV Crime Dramas

Tomorrow, 7 p.m.
Turlington Hall Room L005
In this lecture, professor Wulf Kansteiner from Binghamton University will examine messages about migration and national identity in popular TV cop shows.

Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood General Body Meeting

Tomorrow, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 278/279
Vox is dedicated to supporting everyone's right to

sexual health. From passing out condoms at nightclubs, to volunteering at the local women's health clinic, to lobbying the Florida legislature, Vox is full of awesome opportunities.

Gainesville Rugby Club 5th Annual Poker Run

Feb. 26, 7 p.m.
Gator City
The Gainesville Hogs invite you to their fifth annual poker run. You will get cards at each stop. The best hand at the end of the night wins \$100! For details, check out our website, gainesvillerrugbyclub.com.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PEM Debate on Health Care Legislation

Today, 7:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 276
Pre-Med AMSA's Politics and Ethics in Medicine (PEM) is having its first debate on health care reform, specifically whether the U.S. should adopt a single-payer system. Please e-mail pem@ufpremed.org to RSVP.

Psychology Club & Psi Chi Meeting

Today, 7:20 p.m.
Little Hall Room 101
The group will be discussing the interviewing process for getting into graduate school. This is the last meeting to turn in dues and donations for the Arbor House. As always, come early for pizza. For more information and updates, go to psych.ufl.edu/~psichi

Islam 101

Today, 6:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Join Islam on Campus during Islam Awareness Month in this foundational seminar. Dr. Ali Shehata, a physician and Islamic teacher, will speak and answer questions. Visit www.islamoncampus.com.

RUB Entertainment Local Brew Series

Tomorrow, 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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Professor talks Egypt-U.S. relations

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

The politics of the Middle East will never be the same again.

That's the message UF history professor Matthew Jacobs brought to a handful of students and guests, as well as an online audience, Tuesday at the Emerson Alumni Hall.

The lecture, titled "After Egypt's Days of Rage: U.S. Relations With a Changed Middle East," is the first in a new lecture series, "Hear and Now—Student Perspective."

Sponsored by the UF Alumni Association, the lectures are designed to help students better understand the nuances of current events. Each lecture is live-streamed online and is available after at alumni.ufl.edu/outreach.

"It's not often that you get the chance to hit the reset button."

Matthew Jacobs
UF History Professor

Jacobs began with a brief overview of the Egyptian president's history and told how Mubarak came to power in 1981. He showed the ties between the U.S. and Mubarak's government and outlined the political and economic investments of American leaders that could have swayed them to give support.

However, as the protests continued, it became clear the issue was one of democratic freedoms and a people's right to govern, something the U.S. government touts and could use to help improve its image in the region.

"It's not often that you get the chance to hit the reset button," Jacobs said.

He said the important thing for the U.S. to do now is have a keen sense about its power and resources while showing general support for the civility of the new government. The U.S., he said, should focus less on the nature of emerging political groups and more on supporting the growth of an array of options.

"I think (the Middle East) is already changed. The question is, 'How



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UF history professor and author Matthew Jacobs speaks to students about Egypt at the Emerson Alumni Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

much?" he said. "Clearly the populations are not going to be cowed as they had been recently. ... It's people who make revolutions and that's crucial to recognize."

Erica Ngoenha, a political science junior who attended, said she's been captivated by media reports of the revolution and wanted a clearer under-

standing of the country's past, how it got here and where it might be going.

She said she hopes our country can help them to move forward politically and economically, to help them rebuild and bring back some stability.

"I think it's great the Egyptian people have had their voices heard," she said.

Study shows beer may be good for you

By **LEILA MILGRIM**
Alligator Contributing Writer

There are 99 bottles of beer on the wall, and new studies are suggesting we should take them down, pass them around and drink to benefit our health.

Beer may offer various health benefits, including lowering the risk of kidney stones, providing micronutrients and aiding in the absorption of heart-healthy antioxidants, according to a study in the Winter 2011 edition of the American Dietetic Association Times.

Dr. Anne Mathews, research assistant scientist in the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at UF, said research on beer shows that its health benefits may be similar to wine's.

Studies have shown that although wine is higher in polyphenols, antioxidants that prevent cancer and damaged cells by destroying oxidized molecules, more polyphenols are absorbed from drinking beer, Mathews said. Moreover, the barley and hops used to make beer contain micronutrients that may make it a healthier option compared to wine.

Lindsey Heller, a 21-year-old senior at UF, said she chooses not to drink beer even though she is educated on its health benefits through personal research.

"I could eat a head of broccoli if I really wanted health benefits," Heller said. "I'd rather drink something that I enjoy."

Mathews said the most important thing to remember is that while beer and wine offer health benefits, the American Heart Association does not recommend adding a drink a day to a person's diet.

"I don't know for sure that there is a clear better choice between wine or beer," Mathews said, "but health benefits of alcohol are no excuse to start drinking more."

UF Research

Senate honors students

■ **SENATORS HELD A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MICHAEL PIRIE AND GRANT LOCKENBACH.**

By **HANNAH WINSTON**
Alligator Writer

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday to honor the deaths of two UF students killed in a rappelling accident over the weekend.

Grant Lockenbach and Michael Pirie died of hypothermia on Feb. 12 while rappelling in Ellison's Cave in Walker County, Ga.

Senators held a moment of silence in their honor after the resolution was read by Senate President Ben Meyers.

Sen. Cecelia Hardwick, a member of the Unite Party, spoke in favor of soft closing for bars in Gainesville, a platform item for the party for next week's Student Government election.

Soft closing would mean that bars stop serving food and drinks at 2 a.m., which is the current closing time, but would make customers leave at 3 a.m.

She said Student Body President Ashton Charles, a member of the Unite Party, has brought the issue to the attention of the Gainesville City Commission.

Charles said she thought soft closing would be beneficial to students in the future. Soft closing would allow more time for people to arrange for rides home.

"It's a bigger issue than just soft closing," she said. "It affects student safety."

LOCAL

Commissioners debate project approval rights

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
Alligator Writer

County Commissioners debated Tuesday how to respond to the Gainesville City Commission's request to approve projects in unincorporated land between Gainesville and Waldo.

The request was related to plans for sewer system hookups from a Gainesville Regional Utilities line that runs through unincorporated land.

Some county commissioners don't want to let the City Commission take away some of their decision-making power.

"What we're doing is giving away our decision-making process or allowing someone else to make decisions for us, and I don't think that's appropriate," Commis-

sioner Susan Baird said. "It's the City Commission that's holding us hostage."



Long

Commissioner Rodney Long expressed a different sentiment.

"The more people who decide on an agreement, the better I feel," Long said.

Long said the same debate came up about five years ago when the

city of Archer decided it would accept comments from other entities but would not allow them to approve or disapprove projects. Commissioners spoke about possibly doing the same but against Gainesville.

The commission may discuss and make a decision Tuesday.

City Commission hopefuls talk to local tea partiers

By **CJ PRUNER**
Alligator Staff Writer

He looked like the same at-large district candidate who had come to all the other previous forums. He had the long sideburns, slicked-back colonial hairstyle and a voice that makes microphones unnecessary.

But those who attended Tuesday's tea party City Commission forum didn't get Richard Selwach.

Instead, they got "Diamond Rick the Pawn Broker."

"You've heard about Joe the Plumber, well, I'm Diamond Rick the Pawn Broker," Selwach told the crowd of about 100 at the Gainesville Hotel and Conference Center during his opening remarks. "I love Rick Scott ... If you love Rick Scott, you will love Rick Selwach."

While the other nine commission candidates in attendance didn't go as far as adopting a political alter-ego, each tried to flex his fiscal responsibility credentials. Forbidden words such as "regulation," "government" and "taxes" gave way to more choice selections such as "cuts," "business" and "responsibility."

Although the candidates have expressed their differences in political philosophies throughout the campaign season, they shared the sentiment that the city's government could afford to make cuts and run more efficiently.

For some of the candidates present, the ax cannot come sooner to the city's budget.

"Gosh, where to begin?" said at-large candidate Don Marsh when asked for specifics on what he would do as a city commissioner to increase revenues or reduce expenses for the city. Most of the candidates in attendance, including District 3 candidate Rob Zeller, chose to focus on the latter part of the question.

"Increase revenue — that means take more money from us, and I think we're tapped out already," Zeller said.

Other candidates, such as Commissioners Thomas Hawkins and Lauren Poe, chose to center their messages more on responsible growth management than slash-and-cut. Citing how the City Commission has sliced millions of dollars from its budget during his tenure, Poe said that the city, if it subscribed to proper growth management, could see favorable economic results without having to raise taxes.

"A rising tide lifts all ships," Poe said.

Diamond Rick, however, laid down an ultimatum.



Jordan Streetzel / Alligator

At-large candidate Richard Selwach answers questions at the Gainesville city commission candidates' forum at the Gainesville Hotel and Conference Center on Tuesday evening. The forum was hosted by the Gainesville Tea Party.

"You can't tax me anymore," he said. "You're not going to get another dime out of me."

A key topic at the forum revolved around whether the Regional Transit System needed to be expanded. Candidates opposing the potential expansion argued that such an expansion, given the current economic climate, would not be in the best interests of the city.

Marsh told of a vacation in Mexico where private minivans, not the bus line, made transportation easier. District 2 candi-

date Robert Krames made reference to the American Founding Fathers to support his argument against RTS expansion.

Other candidates didn't view the issue in such terms. District 3 candidate Ozzy Angulo argued that many in his district, such as college students and low-income residents, relied on the bus system to get around.

District 2 candidate James Ingle offered a different take.

"I have to agree with Mr. Krames that our bus system is much larger than it was in 1776," Ingle said.

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Editorial

Walk of Blame

Amblers don't mean you any harm

Apparently, people rage while they walk. And we don't mean in a fun way. According to the Wall Street Journal, several groups of researchers have been investigating how people react when confronted with slow-moving walkers ambling ahead of them. Considering the number of studies and the development of a Pedestrian Aggressiveness Syndrome Scale to chart how angered walkers vent, we're guessing we don't take it too well.

If you're finding yourself muttering under your breath, feeling the need to explain to people how to walk or wanting to punch the person in front of you, you may need to take a breather. If you're scratching your head right now, you're probably living in peace with your sidewalk neighbors — unless you're walking too slow for the person behind you.

We understand being in a hurry and wanting people to walk efficiently — handling school, internships and nightly obligations to a newspaper will do that to you — but to wish someone else ill because they're not staying to the right as they stroll along is a bit too much. (Please note, however, that we don't excuse clumps of people from running others off the sidewalk because they refuse to allow them a little edge of the pavement. That's rude.)

We hope we're doing a service to the community by asking everyone who silently — or not so silently — fumes to take a walk in the other people's shoes. Most aren't trying to annoy you. Some people are just slower. Some have time to kill. Some are trying to smell the roses. And maybe you should too.

Falling on Deaf Ears

Comic book villains aren't the only ones who can be two-faced. Actually, politicians could teach them a thing or two.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton delivered a speech about Internet freedom on Tuesday. After Egypt's revolution, it seemed especially pertinent for her to chide foreign governments about limiting online communication at the risk of debilitating their nations.

Although she had the speech planned for weeks, the ample preparation time didn't stop her from glossing over her own Internet policy debacle — namely the actions taken with WikiLeaks.

The original transcriber of the classified information committed a criminal act. That much we can agree with Clinton on. We start to see some hypocrisy because she

targeted the distributors of said information. While the records were ill-gotten, journalists are legally allowed to publish anything they themselves did not commit a crime to retrieve. Once information is out, holding the messenger responsible is like closing the gate after the horse has bolted.

Some may argue people involved with WikiLeaks are nothing akin to journalists, but it is the same mechanism Clinton says is the key to the future that is broadening that definition day by day.

If the records were handed over to and published online by a "traditional" media outlet — say, a large student newspaper — would Clinton's actions have seemed warranted? Before she critiqued another nation, she should give her own country's policies a look.

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Column

Why does nobody like the word "like"?

There is a word that gets hated on a lot. It's like, hearing it gets some people upset. They don't like it, and they don't like its use.

Someone could say something like, "Be that as it may, when he uses it, he sounds like a child."

The word I'm talking about is "like."

It has three main uses, and people generally don't have a problem with one of them — its propositional use as in this sentence: "This movie is just like any other romantic comedy — lame."

They do, however, take issue with the other two uses of the word.

The quotative version used to indicate dialogue, as in "He told us, like, 'Quit pruning my shrubs,' and we were all, like, 'Take more pride in your shrubbery.'"

The final use seems to be the most blood-boiling. It is the filler used as a discourse marker. It's used in sentences such as, "If the airport lost my dog, I would just, like, die," or "Just because you dreamed he can, doesn't mean, like, Bigfoot grants wishes." But "like" is a juggernaut. It is ubiquitous in our generation's language. It sounds low and immature, and that is reason enough for some people to deny its use.

But if you look long enough, you will begin to realize why "like" has sprung up everywhere. It is extremely useful. As a college student, I come from a generation of observers. Everyone is constantly updating everyone else about their stories, their interests and their lives so much that we have websites and social networks dedicated to this end. And we can't get enough.

Often times, we relay something we saw, heard or read. More than any other past generation, we witness many stories, and that's a lot to remember if you want to retell them later.

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You might not be entirely sure what someone said or how exactly an event occurred, but it is easy enough to get around directly quoting or literally describing a situation by throwing the word "like" in there.

"I heard that house show was, like, crazy." We can be mostly sure that the house wasn't a den of clinical insanity, but just in case someone takes us literally, we throw a "like" in there, so we're good. It softens the blow and keeps us from committing to a statement. It's a verbal disclaimer: "Please don't, like, drink the bleach." People have a generalized view that "like" is used by young women who are intellectually slow. The stereotype was initially recognized in the 1982 song "Valley Girl" by Moon Unit Zappa and Frank Zappa.

Rest assured, men use it just as often as women do, yet somehow, they fly a little lower on the radar and seem to get away with using the word, coming out far less scathed than their female counterparts. In the end, it is the use of "like" in place of "uh" and "um" that paints the word, to some, as a nervous tic which should be trimmed out of all sentences.

So while I, like, know why you, like, don't want the word to be spattered all, like, around someone's spoken sentences, most people would, like, agree if you had "ums" and "uhs" in their place, there's no, uh, way it wouldn't, um, be just as, uh, obnoxious. Most of us aren't practiced orators, and it is hard to spout continuous, uninterrupted brilliance to pontificate using zero fillers and wield flawless grammar.

So, could you maybe, like, lighten up a little?

Wesley Campbell is a fifth-year English major. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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Reader response

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Guest column

Fears about open carry, firearms on campuses unfounded

Senate Bill 234 was filed in December and is unrelated to the Arizona tragedy, despite recent media articles making it sound like a response. This bill would remove the restriction on individuals currently holding a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License (CWFL) from carrying on college campuses. It would also introduce open carry to Florida.

Your initial response may be that open carry is bad, but that response is based on emotion and not facts. In reality, it is less dramatic of an issue than you are inclined to think. As recent newspaper articles pointed out, 43 other states already have open carry, and they are not experiencing problems with it.

Most people with the choice of carrying openly or concealed choose to carry concealed, whether for privacy, the benefit of surprise in the case of an attempted crime or just to avoid the heckling of citizens who choose not to carry and who have a lot of animosity toward CWFL holders. So, open carry is not going to drastically change our state. It would provide those carrying the benefit of not causing a legal headache if their concealed weapon were to be briefly exposed, as by a shirt blowing up in the wind, and the firearm being seen in public. So let's set aside that issue and get to the idea of carrying on campus.

The first thing you have to consider is that carrying on campus will not involve any new people carrying firearms. We are talking about the same CWFL holders who carry everywhere else in Alachua County and Florida: They are 21 and older, have voluntarily undergone a government background check, put their fingerprints on file with the state and have been trained on the legalities of the Florida statutes and safe firearm handling. This will obviously be only a small subset of the UF population, so any ideas of masses of students carrying fire-

Noah Beckman *Speaking Out* arms are false.

Carrying a firearm is a great personal responsibility that CWFL holders take seriously, shown here in Florida by only .02 percent of licenses being revoked for any reason since 1988, when carry was legalized. That means that 99.98 percent of CWFL holders have proven themselves to be upstanding citizens who do not participate in the crazy scenarios that anti-gun people dream up, such as shooting with road rage, in disputes as minor as over a parking space, or in our case during a discussion of some topic in a college-type setting. CWFL holders as compared to the general population are actually 5.7 times less likely to be arrested for violent offenses and 13.5 times less likely to be arrested for nonviolent offenses. There is a huge distinction between CWFL holders who carry firearms legally and who are among the safest and most responsible citizens you'll ever meet and criminals who don't care about where carrying is banned in the first place.

In regard to campus carry, Colorado State University has been allowing concealed carry on its campus since 2003. Guess what: They have had zero problems to this day. Also, over the last four years, CSU's crime has dropped by 60 percent. The University of Colorado's crime rate, by comparison, has risen by 35 percent over the same time period, and they prohibit carry. It is ludicrous to me that some people believe that someone crossing over the boundary onto a college campus will suddenly become mentally unstable and lose all concept of personal responsibility. CSU's case will hopefully give everyone something to think about, because it provides an example of successful legal carry on a college campus.

Situations where criminalized carry fails our society happen all the time, as seen in the Virginia Tech tragedy. Of the 32 victims, 30 were killed after police responded, and any possibility of a licensed individual having any chance of defending him- or herself or classmates had been taken away by politicians who think that guns are bad. Notice how the gunmen behind these tragedies never care about following the law; gun-free zones should instead be called defense-free or easy-victim zones. I understand that many doubts about carry on campus are based on the concept that some of you believe that guns are scary. In reality, they are just tools and very safe ones. Also, they're positive for society: The FBI tells us that every year, people in the U.S. use firearms to defend themselves against criminals an estimated 2.5 million times — that's more than 6,500 times a day, or once every 13 seconds. According that data, firearms are used 65 times more often to prevent a crime than to commit one. Finally, please consider that UF is currently a defense-free "bubble" — it is legal for CWFL holders, of which there were about 754,000 in the state of Florida as of August 2010, to carry around much of Gainesville and Alachua County.

SB 234 would recognize that licensed individuals who are already carrying are not engaging in inappropriate behavior everywhere around campus while carrying. There is no rational basis to the fear that they will suddenly become irresponsible solely depending on happening to be on campus. The "culture of fear" argument holds similarly little water: With a majority of CWFL holders continuing to choose to carry in a concealed manner, campus will be no more a fearful place to be than any off-campus Walmart, grocery store or movie theater is.

Noah Beckman is a UF student.

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UF RESEARCH

Study shows exercise could prevent eating disorders

By **BRITTANY BRAVE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A recent UF study revealed that exercise can help people with eating disorders or potentially prevent the disorders from developing in the first place.

The study, published in the January issue of *European Eating Disorders Review*, revealed exercise therapy proved to have positive physical and psychological effects, according to a UF press release.

The team surveyed 539 students at normal weight and as-

essed their drive to be thin, typical exercise schedule and likelihood for exercise dependency.

It hopes to launch another study to monitor at-risk patients and see if exercise curbs their tendencies and symptoms.

Dr. Dawn-Elise Snipes, owner and clinical director of Gainesville Counseling, said the study's results are significant because the disorders are mainly psychological: Patients fixate on body image and attribute acceptance to their physical appearance.

People with eating disorders equate being overweight with

negative traits.

"Food and weight have been conditioned in a dysfunctional setting," Snipes said.

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Dr. Dawn-Elise Snipes
owner and clinical director at
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The clinic addresses a patient's social support, thinking patterns and emotions during recovery.

Snipes said successful treatments of eating disorders are social, psychological and biological, and can include exercise if it's not approached as a substitute addiction.

"When it's not being used to escape other things, exercise is not bad," she said. "In addition to adequate coping, it can help them cope with life on life's terms."

While exercise is a component to a healthy lifestyle, its benefits vary for those with eating disorders. It has been avoided in treatment because of the risk of compulsive exercising — another

condition that is often indicative of other eating disorders.

Roberta Seldman, a therapist at the UF Eating Disorders Program, said everyone needs to get their bodies moving, but when it comes to eating disorders, exercise has typically been viewed as unfavorable.

Seldman estimated that about 10 percent of UF students have a form of bulimia nervosa, 1 percent have a diagnosed form of anorexia nervosa, and 60 percent have a disordered eating pattern or follow myths about food and exercise.

Toxic Nevada mine lawsuit seeks \$5M from BP, ARCO

Uranium was found in the drinking water

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. — Neighbors of a toxic mine in northern Nevada have filed a class-action lawsuit against BP America and Atlantic Richfield Co. accusing them of intentionally and negligently concealing the extent of the contamination leaking off the abandoned site for decades.

The suit filed in U.S. District Court in Reno on Monday seeks a minimum of \$5 million on behalf of at least 100 residents in the rural town of Yerington where the old Anaconda copper mine opened in 1941.

The plaintiffs say the wells they once used for drinking water are polluted with uranium, arsenic and other metals in a plume of groundwater that slowly has migrated off of the site that covers 6 square miles — an area equal to the size of about 3,000 football fields — about 65 miles southeast of Reno.

The lawsuit says that even after whistleblowers started to publicize previously secret records documenting the dangers, the corporations refused to cooperate with state and federal regulators trying to clean up the radioactive and other hazardous waste the past 10 years.

"They destroyed the water supply to this community and now it's time to clean it up. It's time to get the contamination off these people's land and out of their wells," said Steven German, one of the lawyers who filed the lawsuit on behalf of the residents.

The lawsuit said the companies knew or should have known that toxic and hazardous materials would pollute neighboring properties, air, water, groundwater and the surrounding environment. It said they have "intentionally allowed toxic and hazardous substances to enter and remain on" the neighbors' land.

"Despite their knowledge of the serious health and environmental effects associated with exposure to toxic and hazardous substances and despite orders and warnings from health and environmental regulators, (BP and ARCO) intentionally masked the true extent of the contamination, thereby enabling (them) to avoid taking all appropriate steps to properly remediate the toxic and hazardous substances or to mitigate the dangers created by their release, discharge, storage, handling, processing, disposal of and dumping of toxic and hazardous substances," the suit said.

Tom Mueller, a spokesman for BP America, said Tuesday evening that company officials have not had a chance to review the lawsuit and had no immediate comment.

Fueled by demand after World War II, Anaconda produced nearly 1.75 billion pounds of copper from 1952-78 at the mine that runs along U.S. Highway 95 in the Mason Valley, an ir-

rigated agricultural oasis in the area's otherwise largely barren high desert.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined over the years that uranium was produced as a byproduct of processing the copper and that the radioactive waste was initially dumped into dirt-bottomed ponds that leaked into the groundwater.

Officials for BP and its subsidiary Atlantic Richfield, which bought Anaconda Copper Co. in 1978, have provided bottled water for free to any residents who want it over the past few years. But they have insisted that uranium naturally occurs in

the region's soil and, until recently, they argued there was no way to prove that a half-century of processing metals there was responsible for the contamination.

EPA testing first reported in November 2009 found that 79 percent of the wells tested north of mine have dangerous levels of uranium or arsenic or both.

"You now have evidence of mine-impacted groundwater," Steve Acree, a highly regarded hydrogeologist for the EPA in Oklahoma brought in to examine the test results, told AP at the time.

One monitoring well a half mile away had levels of uranium more than 10 times the legal drinking water standard. At the mine itself, wells tested as high as 100 times the standard in an area where ore was processed.



AP Photo

This Nov. 23, 2004 file photo shows the former Anaconda Co. copper mine in Yerington, Nev. Neighbors of the toxic mine in northern Nevada have filed a class action lawsuit against BP America and Atlantic Richfield Co.

The art gallery is operated by the guild members and artists

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customers initially believe, so it is up to member artists to keep its doors open and its floors swept.

Each member works a four-hour shift at the store once a month, Cohen-Crown said. If they don't show up, the art doesn't get

sold, so there is a \$50 no-show fee for members who miss their shifts.

Artists are also on committees, such as publicity, that keep the co-op running smoothly.

Artists receive about 65 percent of the proceeds from the pieces sold in the gallery, while 35 percent of sales are used for guild

expenses.

A drawing in one corner of the gallery might cost \$15, while a painting on the other end of the store costs \$300. The price ranges can accommodate all shoppers, Cohen-Crown said.

Whether a member earns all his or her in-

come from art or does it only as a hobby, the guild provides a way for them to profit from their work.

"It's hard to do this out of the back of your car," said Peter Senesac, who creates silver jewelry pieces and has been a member of the guild for more than 30 years. "We're all partners."

Local News

Struggles continue for Gators on second day of tourney

By **ALEX PECKHAM**
Alligator Writer

The Florida women's golf team's frustrations persisted Tuesday during the second round of the Northrup Grumman Regional Challenge.

After intermittent rain showers and steady winds made play difficult Monday, the Gators failed to take advantage of Tuesday's calmer weather and improved scoring conditions.

The problem for UF, however, is that the rest of the field did.

The Gators' 20-over-par team score, one stroke better than their first-round total, dropped them to eighth in the 13-team field.

Florida's woes cannot be pinned on Mia Piccio, whose 1-over-par 72 moved her into a tie for seventh as an individual.

Coach Jan Dowling praised the sophomore for her resilience after responding to a rough 3-over-par start on her first three holes.

"The first four holes of this course are very difficult — everybody struggles on them — but Mia has been the best at responding after tough starts," Dowling said.

Another bright spot for the Gators was Andrea Watts, who

rebounded from an 8-over-par opening round to shoot a 4-over 75 on Tuesday.

One of the more mystifying aspects of Florida's struggles so far in the tournament has been the play of senior team captain Jessica Yadloczky. After an inconsistent 5-over-par 76 first-round result, Yadloczky shot a 9-over-par 80 in the second round to find herself tied for 43rd.

Dowling remains confident in Yadloczky despite her early struggles. She said the root of the senior's problems has been related to a lack of accuracy off the tee, but she is closer to returning to her normal level of play than the scores reflect.

Yadloczky was not the only Gator who had a difficult second round. Evan Jensen shot a 7-over-par 78, and Isabelle Lendl turned in an 8-over-par 79.

Dowling remains happy with the mindset of her team, saying UF still has the confidence to mount a late climb up the leaderboard during Wednesday's final round.

"If a few breaks go our way," Dowling said, "things will be very different tomorrow."



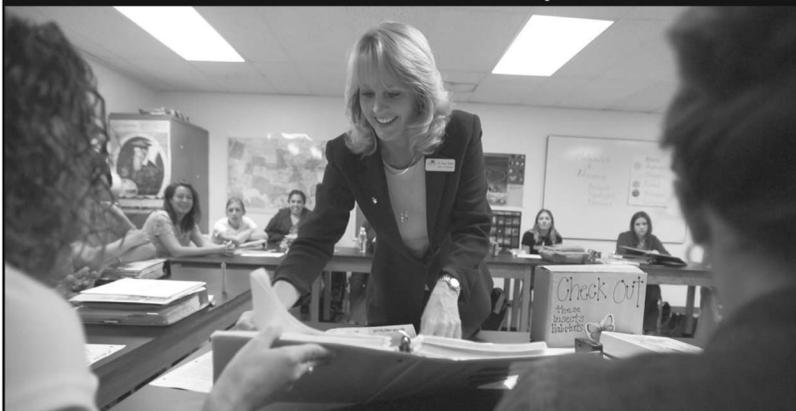
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Florida sophomore Mia Piccio's 1-over-par 72 was one of the few bright spots for the Gators on Day 2 of the Northrup Grumman Regional Challenge. UF shot a 20-over-par 304, finishing the day in eighth place.

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UF LACROSSE

Meagher stepping into role as Gators' No. 1 keeper

By **JOHN BOOTHE**
Alligator Writer

Going into Florida's matchup against No. 3 North Carolina, coach Amanda O'Leary declared open season on each of the team's 15 starting spots.

Every position was up for grabs, and no number of stats, starts or recruiting stars could save players from dropping down the depth chart before the year began.

Sophomore goalkeeper Cara Canington started every game in 2010, helped lead UF to a winning record and had the third-best goal-to-save average in the nation among freshman goalies.

But as her form slipped in practices heading into the No. 17 Gators' matchup against the Tar Heels on Saturday, fellow sophomore Mikey Meagher began to shine.

Last year's second-string goalie fixed her form, which previously relegated her to the backup role, and started to compete harder in practice. O'Leary took notice and awarded Meagher her first start in goal.

"It's what I was waiting for, for a long time," Meagher said. "I definitely had nerves, but I was also excited at the same time to compete against the best, and it really put me to the test to see what I could handle

on this level."

Canington had to watch the season opener from the sidelines for the

first time as a Gator, as Meagher gave up 10 goals and made seven saves during Florida's overtime loss.

On a team with as much young talent as Florida, O'Leary explained that players are either the hunter

or the hunted. Nowhere is this better seen than at the competition between goalkeepers.

"It's one of those positions where the hot stick is going to be rewarded," Canington said. "If you're seeing the ball better that day, you know, it's whatever's best for the team."

Meagher played a little more than 83 minutes of lacrosse last season compared to Canington's 998 minutes. Even with the substantial gap in experience, it was Meagher who was tabbed in goal against the Tar Heels and on the road tonight at 7:30 against Jacksonville (1-0).

"I felt like Mikey played a great game, and she did a really nice job, but again, they're competing every single day in practice for who is going to start in the next game," O'Leary said.

A trip to Jacksonville should do nothing but help Meagher's résumé in goal. The Gators (0-1) last played JU during an exhibition in Gainesville on Oct. 2, where the home team demolished the Dolphins 23-5.

Florida's potent offense, led by sophomore Kitty Cullen, should also help Meagher by keeping possession out of JU's grasp. Cullen, coming off a four-goal game against UNC, contributed four scores in the October matchup with the Dolphins.



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Florida sophomore goalkeeper Cara Canington started every game in 2010, leading UF to a winning record. But she has been replaced as the starter this season by fellow sophomore Mikey Meagher.



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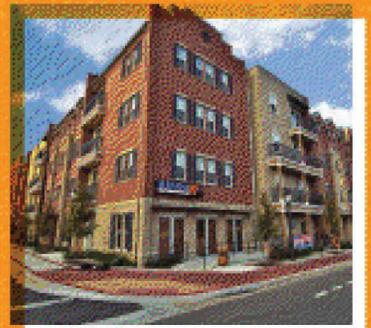
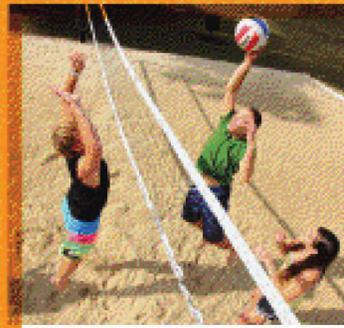
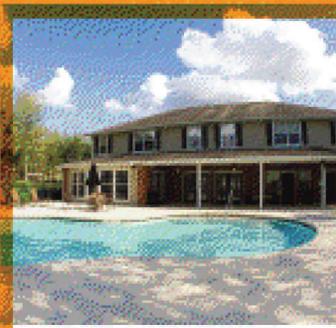
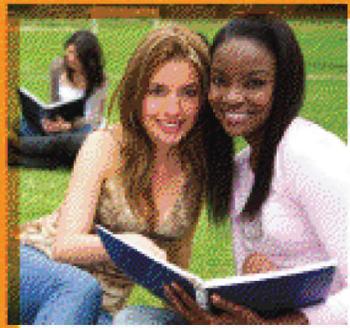
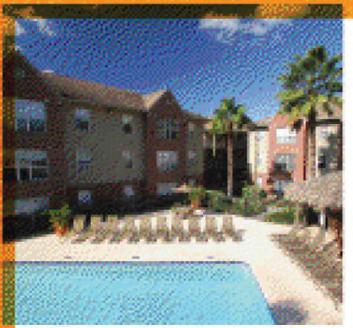


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- Answers**
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 2. Robert Altman
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 4. Four
 5. Sarah
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 7. On top of the kidneys
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- 5 Antony listener
- 10 Envelope abbr.
- 14 Beige-like shade
- 15 Representation
- 16 Dealer's dispenser
- 17 Game played on a six-pointed star
- 20 Keystone lawman
- 21 Smart club
- 22 Cry to strike up the band
- 23 Penne relative
- 24 She played WKRP's Jennifer
- 25 1964 Beatles hit
- 30 Time Warner "Superstation"
- 33 Capacious
- 34 Peddle
- 35 The tan in a Black and Tan
- 36 One of five states in which same-sex marriage is legal
- 37 Trendy aerobics regimen
- 39 Fort with many bars
- 40 Apparel retailer Taylor
- 41 Legatee
- 42 In abeyance
- 43 La + la, in Lille
- 44 Diamond-patterned attire
- 47 Volunteer st.
- 49 "Let's leave ___ that"
- 50 Producer Ponti
- 52 "My Name Is Asher Lev" author Chaim
- 54 Restorative place
- 57 Companion at the end of 17-, 25-, 37- and 44-Across
- 60 Jai ___
- 61 Pentium producer
- 62 Brand with a pony in its logo
- 63 A few
- 64 Seacoast
- 65 Stern's counterpart

DOWN

- 1 Chaste kiss
- 2 Reverberate
- 3 Stagehand
- 4 Heliocentric
- 5 ___ the occasion
- 6 1991 movie
- 7 Apple products
- 8 Turkish honorific
- 9 At birth
- 10 Be hospitable to
- 11 White Star Line's ill-fated steamer
- 12 Actress Spelling
- 13 Place to brood
- 18 Agent Prentiss on "Criminal Minds"
- 19 Bit of guitar music
- 23 Coors malt beverage
- 24 His show has a "Jaywalking" segment
- 25 Serif-free font
- 26 Nary a soul
- 27 How things flow
- 28 Each partner
- 29 Right-to-left lang.
- 31 "Old" chip producer?
- 32 Proverbial battlers
- 37 Gull relative
- 38 2008 govt. bailout recipient
- 39 Granny, for one
- 41 Red River capital
- 42 Honshu metropolis
- 45 Roadside trash
- 46 Twinkler in a Paris sky
- 48 Borden's spokescow
- 50 Pros who work on schedules, for short
- 51 He sang about Alice
- 52 Phnom ___
- 53 Suspicious of
- 54 Catch a glimpse of
- 55 Soccer great
- 56 Elemental unit
- 58 Put down, slangily
- 59 33 1/3 rpm spinners

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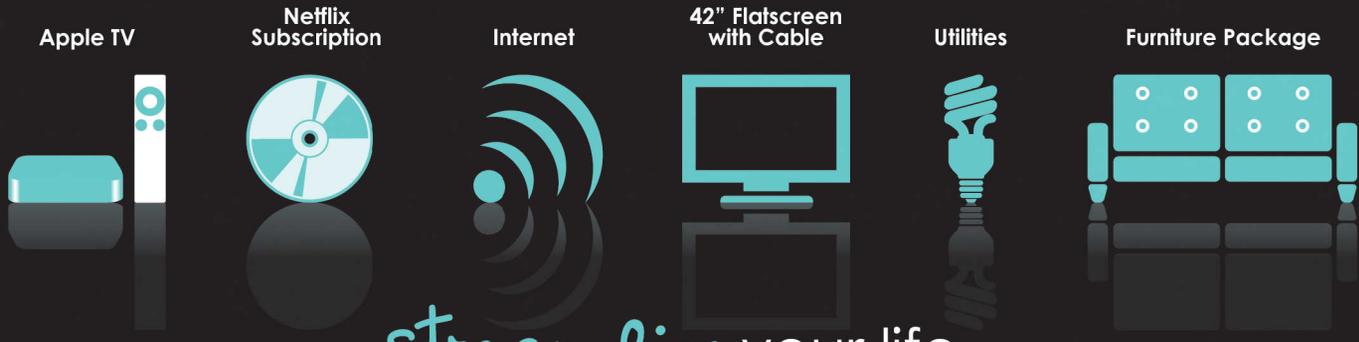
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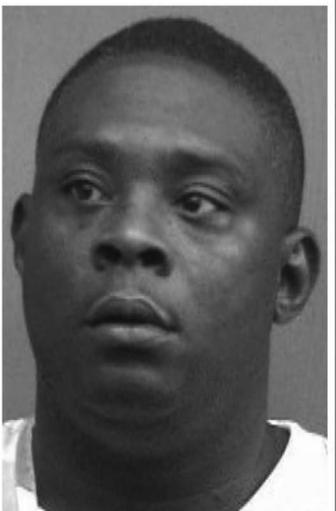
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Adams looks to return to form in senior season

■ THE SECOND BASEMAN BATTED .224 AS A JUNIOR LAST YEAR.

By **JESSE SIMONTON**

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For Josh Adams, effort was never the problem. He didn't hit .224 because he didn't have the talent. He didn't lead the team in double plays because he didn't care. He didn't drop in the lineup because he wasn't trying.

Adams was thinking too hard.

Before Florida's 2010 campaign, Adams, traditionally a second baseman, established himself as one of the premier players in the Southeastern Conference.

A slick-fielding infielder with some serious pop, Adams earned first-team All-SEC accolades in consecutive seasons, something no Gator had done since Brad Wilkerson accomplished it during the 1997 and 1998 seasons.

But last year, something changed. Whether it was the newfound pressure because he was eligible for the draft, or the overbearing responsibility of being a stalwart veteran on a team infused with young talent, Adams struggled. Miserably.

Adams, now a senior, said despite the team doing so well last season, he was constantly frustrated at the plate. Mentally, he said, he had no answers.

"You go from at-bat to at-bat and strike out one at-bat and the next at-bat you're like, 'What am I going to do now?'"

After his first two seasons hitting well over .300, Adams barely eclipsed the Mendoza line (.206) in SEC play last year. While he knocked a career-high nine home runs, he set career lows in RBIs and on-base and slugging percentage.

"It's pretty evident that he didn't swing the bat as well as he wanted to," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said.

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Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

Senior second baseman Josh Adams struggled throughout the 2010 season, posting a .224 batting average and falling down the lineup. He attributed his woes to mental mistakes — something he is seeking to correct this year.

Brissett's commitment baffling

After all the dust has cleared from the countrywide holiday that is National Signing Day, one thing still confuses me.

Jacoby Brissett to the Gators? Really?

Brissett, the country's third-best dual-threat quarterback prospect, was down to Miami, Wisconsin and Florida. Yet he chose to come to Gainesville and join Jeff Driskel, the top-rated pro-style quarterback in this year's class.

Not only is that unusual, but in an era of momma's boys, Brissett chose UF against the wishes of his mother, who wanted him to become a Hurricane.

Huh?



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But this isn't new — at least not for Florida. The last team to convince two of the top three quarterbacks in a recruiting class to commit to the same school was Florida in 2007, when Urban Meyer signed the No. 3 pro-style quarterback, John Brantley, and the No. 2 dual-threat quarterback, Cam Newton.

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators point to chemistry as latest reason for down year

By **MATT WATTS**

Alligator Writer

A variety of explanations have been offered to justify the Florida women's basketball team's struggles this year.

First, it was six new players, then youth and inexperience. Then, the team wasn't tough enough, and it turned the ball over too much.

The newest? Chemistry.

Junior guard and co-captain Jordan Jones said the best teams have the best chemistry. While it may not be a necessity for success, she does have a point.

Players on championship teams like each

other, for the most part. They get along and hang out away from the structured routine athletics demand. More importantly, they know each other's games and know what to expect.



Butler

Clearly, chemistry is beneficial rather than detrimental. It can also be the difference in close games, and the Gators know a

thing or two about those.

They have had 12 games decided by six points or fewer — eight of them losses.

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TEERING OFF WITH ANTHONY CHIANG

■ The Denver Nuggets and the New York Knicks are still in discussions over a trade involving Carmelo Anthony. However, Anthony doesn't mind. He even congratulated himself Saturday for handling the distractions well. You know, the distractions he created.

BALL HOSPITALIZED IN GAINESVILLE

■ Florida freshman linebacker Neiron Ball is at Shands Hospital after being diagnosed with a congenital vascular condition, UF spokesman Steve McClain said Tuesday night. Ball played in 13 games last year, picking up 10 tackles.

INSIDE

■ Flip over to Page 9 for an update on the Gators women's golf team's Day 2 performance at the Northrup Grumman Regional Challenge, and look for a story previewing the Florida lacrosse team's game against Jacksonville on Page 10.



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Florida guard Jordan Jones said the Gators will look to improve their chemistry off the court and addressed the topic in a team meeting.

Adams ready for fresh start after inconsistent season

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"But like most sports, you're going to go through some rough patches, and you just don't know when it's going to happen. It unfortunately hit him last year."

Despite comparisons made between the junior year struggles of Adams and former Gator Matt den Dekker, the center fielder's difficulties were largely overblown.

While den Dekker's junior season was his worst, he was still well above Adams' numbers from a year ago. In 2009, den Dekker nearly hit .300, and his on-base percentage was above .400. Yet, for Adams, his numbers were down across the board.

After two seasons of being one of the most consistent Gators to get on

base, he had the second worst percentage of any regular last season, only in front of a freshman catcher.

But Adams said his issues were not mechanical, merely cerebral.

"Everybody has the tools to play the game," he said. "It's just whether mentally you can handle it."

The senior admitted the difficulty in working on the mental part of the game, but said, "It's something you have to just try and move forward."

"It's a new year. New things can happen," he said. "I had a bad junior year, but I can't dwell on it. Now, I've got to move forward. It's always nice to have a fresh start."



Baseball

UF hoping team meeting solves latest issue

W-HOOPS, from page 17

Florida lost to No. 10 DePaul and No. 19 Kentucky by one and dropped games against No. 15 Florida State and Ole Miss by two-points.

"It's just about us staying together and always knowing where someone's going to be — just taking that extra step to be a better team basically."

Brittany Shine
Florida freshman guard

No wonder Florida coach Amanda Butler criticized the team's unity and togetherness after another debilitating defeat by a small margin against Alabama on Sunday.

"It's just about us staying together and always knowing where someone's going to be — just taking that extra step to be a better team basically," freshman guard Brittany Shine said.

But that's even tougher for Shine. After playing 39 total minutes and scoring 31 points against Vanderbilt and Ole Miss, Shine played just 22 combined minutes in Florida's next two losses.

The Gators routinely rotate at least 10 of their 12 players each game, and Shine's minutes have occasionally suffered, but she isn't quick to complain.

Instead, she credits time spent during the summer, practice and film sessions as reasons why the team should mesh well together.

Jones also said she doesn't want to use that as excuse for the Gators' decline, but admitted the team has had trouble with their chemistry in Southeastern Conference play.

"At the beginning of the season, that was one of our strengths," Jones said. "We were playing together. We were doing the little things. We were young, but we were doing things that made up for that."

"It's something that we're going to get back to," she continued, adding that chemistry off the court is just as important.

Jones said Florida could improve its chemistry with more trips to the movies, or out to eat — as a team.

She also said the team had a meeting about the topic, emphasizing maturity and avoiding the drama that can unfold by going behind one another's backs.

The last time the Gators held a team meeting was on the heels of a similar four-game losing streak. They talked about being obsessed, another one of those explanations.

They also won their next two games.

"We've got to be like sisters," Shine said. "That's going to help us in the long run."

ANTHONY, from page 17

Since then, Brantley has disappointed and Newton won a Heisman while leading Auburn to a national championship.

Meyer's decision to trust Brantley over Newton as Tim Tebow's successor completely shifted the college football world, as UF endured a five-loss season in 2010 and the Tigers won the title.

But Meyer had a simpler task when he was posed with the dilemma because Tebow was still in the fold for two more seasons. Will Muschamp doesn't have that luxury.

The new coach will likely be faced with the same scenario, and his initial level of success will depend on his choice.

Brantley isn't exactly Tebow, and one slip-up will ignite the whole fan base to call for the freshmen.

This means Muschamp will likely make his initial decision between Driskel and Brissett

sooner rather than later.

Driskel has the advantage right now since he decided to enroll early. But once Brissett arrives in the fall, all bets are off.

Don't get me wrong: It's a good problem to have for Florida. But it's only good if Muschamp makes the right choice. If not, the scenario can only lead to regrets.

This whole thing feels like one of those game shows where a bunch of women describe themselves to a potential suitor over a microphone while lined up behind a curtain, and the man is posed with the challenge of avoiding the unattractive ones.

The man in UF's situation is clearly Muschamp. But the beautiful girl is still unknown.

Only one will stay at Florida, and the odd one out will likely transfer, much like Newton did.

However, this time it is on Muschamp to make sure the quarterback who wins a Heisman and a national championship is doing it for the Gators.

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Paculba serving as mentor to freshmen Fagan, Coyle

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**
Alligator Writer

As someone who has started more than 200 games at Florida, Aja Paculba knows playing for a big-time program can be nerve-racking for a freshman.

Paculba, the team's most experienced player, has opened the season on a tear with a .500 batting average and two home runs. The senior second baseman has also been a steady presence for a starting infield that features two freshmen in Kasey Fagan and Cheyenne Coyle.

"I'm seeing the ball really well," Paculba said. "The biggest thing is that I'm staying calm in the box and staying positive. And not letting negative things affect me is really helping."

While Paculba and the Gators are looking forward to continuing their undefeated start with their first home series of the season this weekend, they will first have to hit the road Wednesday to take on Jacksonville at 6 p.m.

Paculba's ability to contribute in different ways on and off the field has paid dividends early. The senior has taken Coyle under her wing and said she is already one of her closest friends on the team.

Paculba said developing a close relationship with the freshmen,

and letting them know it's OK to make mistakes or be nervous, is important to overcoming their nerves.

That advice has been particularly helpful for Fagan.

The 2010 National Gatorade Player of the Year has stepped in as the starter at third base, and although she admits she didn't have the best performance last weekend, the atmosphere around the team is very positive.

"We've been rolling through pretty much everyone our first five games," Fagan said. "A lot of that has to do with how good we all work together. We love being with each other on the field and off the field, and that has a big impact on how we play."

Adjusting to the college game has been easier than expected for Fagan.

While she knew it would be much different than travel ball, the tough opposition has presented Fagan more of a challenge than getting used to her new team.

"The higher level of competition is pretty intense," Fagan said. "But you can feel at ease if you don't do your best because the rest of the team is way better and they can pick me up."



Softball



Steven H. Keys / Alligator

Florida senior second baseman Aja Paculba has helped freshmen Kasey Fagan and Cheyenne Coyle deal with the nerves that come as a result of the transition from high school to college.

UF SWIMMING

Gators women look to hold ground in SEC meet

By **MELISSA PENDER**
Alligator Writer

While the Florida women's swimming team hopes to continue its success this weekend, the men are looking to recover.

Divers for the women scored 89 points, allowing the team to enter the swimming portion of the Southeastern Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, held this week in Gainesville, in second place behind No. 3 Auburn.

"We're in a little better position than we thought we'd be in," Florida coach Gregg Troy said. "We've got a real good situation and we're pretty comfortable with what we have to do."

"There's a big plus to being at home, and it will be a loud crowd."

Gregg Troy
UF swimming coach

Freshman Elizabeth Beisel will look to build on her excellent freshman season, and junior Shara Stafford, who has been out since the meet against Georgia Tech on Jan. 7, will be returning to the women's team.

Troy said he knows what he has to do with the men, too: catch up. They go into the swimming competition at a distant third behind

No. 8 Tennessee and No. 3 Auburn with 49 points.

Troy said the Gators will probably have to take risks with top swimmers like Conor Dwyer and Sebastien Rousseau to narrow the gap.

"We have some points to make up," Troy said. "The guys who've already qualified for the NCAA meet, we may not swim them in the best spot for them individually. They may have to do some things for the team they wouldn't

normally do."

There will also be some shuffling on the women's side due to the suspensions handed out to juniors Lily Ramirez and Daniela Victoria as a result of their Feb. 5 arrests in Orlando for shoplifting.

Troy said the meet, which begins today at 10 a.m., will feature four top-10 teams for the men and women.

"On paper, it looks like Auburn's favored a little on the men's side and Georgia on the women's, but that's why we have the competition," he said.

The competition begins with the 200-yard medley relay and 800 freestyle relay preliminary competitions and continues with the finals at 6 p.m.

The meet will be held in the O'Connell Center from today until Saturday, and tickets are sold out for all four days.

The early start for the relays may be a tough draw for Florida, as Troy said relays are an area of needed improvement for the Gators.

"We have to find a way to swim better relays and make sure our depth pays off in the meet," he said.

In addition to vying for conference championships, Troy said he hopes to qualify more swimmers for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

"We haven't qualified everyone we would like to," he said. "It is a real big one being at home, and then you put on top of it, it is our qualifier to the NCAA meet."

"So, we like to say it is like any other swim meet, but it is a little more than any other swim meet."



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Junior swimmer Teresa Crippen and the Florida women's swimming team will enter the swimming portion of the 2011 SEC Swimming and Diving Championships in second place behind No. 3 Auburn.

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