



Voter turnout up on first day of SG election



Elise Goirdano / Alligator

Sophomore Ashley Elsishans votes at the Reitz Union on Tuesday night for the Student Government elections. More than 500 people showed up to the Reitz voting location alone.

By **HANNAH WINSTON**
Alligator Writer

One day of voting down and one more day of fliers, stickers and the million-dollar question, "Have you voted?"

In the first day of Student Government elections, 5,532 students did vote on Tuesday, according to Supervisor of Elections Amanda Griffin.

On the first day of elections last spring, 5,289 students voted.

This semester's ballot includes the executive and Student Senate candidates along with a referendum question about whether or not block tuition should be implemented at UF.

If implemented, block tuition would charge students a flat-rate tuition for 15 credit hours, no matter how many they are actually taking.

James Burns was one of the voters with block tuition in mind. The senior criminology major said the major reason he voted was because he thinks block tuition is wrong.

He said even though he is graduating, he doesn't think it's fair that any student should have

to pay for 15 credit hours.

Both the Unite Party and Progress Party are against block tuition.

Cecelia Hardwick, spokeswoman for the Unite Party, said that the first day seemed to have a huge turnout.

She said she thought the question of block tuition really helped bring students out.

"Everyone is really excited and we're aiming to talk to as many people as possible," she said. "We want students to understand what we're about and what we've accomplished in the past."

On Tuesday, Phoebe Evans voted in her first Student Government Elections

Student Body election.

The first-year health-science major said the issue that brought her to the polls was online voting.

"You can only vote at certain places," she said. "And it's unfair to those off campus."

She said from what she understood, the Progress Party wants to implement it.

Progress Party representatives were not available for comment.

UF ACADEMICS

UF named third-best value for public schools

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
Alligator Writer

UF students may be dropping serious dollars on tuition hikes, but they're getting the third-best bang for their buck in the country.

The Princeton Review ranked UF third among public universities on its Best Value Colleges for 2011 list, which included 100 schools.

It's the first time UF has cracked the top 10 according to UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

The top 100 schools on the list include 50 private and 50 public universities, with the University of Virginia taking the top

spot for public colleges and Swarthmore College ranking number one among the private ones.

The list was compiled based on schools' cost of attendance, financial aid and academics.

Thomas Goldkamp, a UF senior, came to the school partly because of the financial aid he was offered.

"I'm from New Orleans, so when I came from out of state it was a big deal for me because they gave me a good scholarship," he said.

He wasn't surprised the school made the list but was surprised it was ranked so high given the financial aid cuts students have

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The Princeton Review "Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges for 2011"

1. University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.)
2. New College of Florida (Sarasota)
3. University of Florida (Gainesville)
4. State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton, N.Y.)
5. University of Georgia (Athens, Ga.)
6. University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
7. College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, Va.)
8. University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)
9. North Carolina State University (Raleigh, N.C.)
10. City University of New York – Hunter College (New York, N.Y.)

■ Florida junior left fielder Daniel Pigott (right) led an offensive onslaught with a 4-for-5 outing as the No. 1 Gators baseball team cruised past Florida Atlantic 13-2 on Tuesday night. See Story, Page 16.



Fight over Girl Scout cookies leads to arrest in Naples

NAPLES — A brawl between roommates over Girl Scout cookies led to assault charges against one of them.

According to the Naples Daily News, the Collier County Sheriff's Office reports that 31-year-old Hersha Howard woke up her roommate early Sunday and accused her of eating her Thin Mints.

They argued and deputies say it turned physical with Howard chasing her roommate with scissors and hitting

her repeatedly with a board and then a sign.

Police say the roommate's husband tried to separate them.

The roommate said she gave the cookies to Howard's children.

Howard is charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. She was released Monday on \$10,000 bail.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Student Government Elections

Today, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Various locations on campus
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Plaza Takeover

Today, 12:30 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Due to popular demand, Hip Hop Collective is going to take over the Plaza of the Americas. Bboys, Bgirls, Emcees, DJs, singers and beat-boxers will gather from around town for an all-out jam session. This will be a great way to gain hands-on experience with what true hip-hop culture is really about. Music won't be on-hand, so any instruments or beat boxing will be greatly appreciated.

RUB Entertainment Presents Comedian Ben Kronberg

Today, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
With Jimmy Kimmel Live, Last Call with Carson Daily, and even two appearances on ABC's "Wipeout" to his credit, this man clearly has a sense of humor. Come out to laugh the night away as Kronberg shakes up the house with his clever one-liners, catchy songs and unique brand of self-deprecating dark comedy.

A Spring of Hope

Today, 9 p.m.
TCBY on Southwest 34th Street
The UF chapter of A Spring of Hope, a nonprofit organization, is having its first fundraiser of the semester. Come out to join a great cause and raise awareness and money to build a well in South Africa. For more information, go to aspringofhope.org.

Reduce Your Use: Crochet Your Own Coffee Koozie

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 363
The Office of Sustainability is partnering with RUB and

FORECAST

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Close-Knit Gators to help reduce waste on campus. Come out to learn how to crochet your own coffee sleeve and reduce waste. No previous crochet experience is needed, and materials will be provided. Supplies and room capacity are limited, so get there early. For more information on the REthink program, visit sustainable.ufl.edu/rethink.

Theatre Strike Force improv marathon

Friday, noon to midnight
Orange & Brew
Students are encouraged to donate, and all proceeds will be given to Relay for Life.

5th Annual North Florida Crossword Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Norman Hall, Terrace Room
Open to puzzlers of all interest levels. Discount for student registration. Winner will receive a trip to Nationals in Brooklyn, N.Y. All proceeds benefit Caleb's Pitch. To register or for more information, visit calebspitch.org or call 352-215-5440.

2nd Annual Kanapaha 5K-9 & One Mile Pup Run/Walk

Saturday, 9 a.m.
The Pledge 5 Foundation is hosting a 5K and one-mile race benefitting Gainesville Pet rescue. Advanced registration is \$20, and on-site registration is \$35. Registration includes a T-shirt, Doggy Gift Bag and refreshments.

Awards will be provided for place finishers, and all routes are nonpaved and paw friendly.

Gainesville Rugby Club 5th Annual Poker Run

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Gator City
The Gainesville Hogs are hosting the fifth-annual poker run. The best hand at the end of the night wins \$100. For more details go to gainesvillerrugbyclub.com.

Through Their Eyes: The Rhythms of West Africa

March 2, 11:45 a.m.
UF International Center
This presentation will feature Mohamed Dacosta, a professor with the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Center of African Studies. Come out and learn more about the music of West Africa from one of the few practice-based cultural authorities on the traditional performing arts of Africa currently living in the U.S.

Got something going on?

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YES

NO

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list of candidates.

Food expert discusses challenges of world food supply

By **KRISTEN WASKO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

As the world's population grows daily so does the world's demand for food, a World Food Prize laureate said during a presentation Tuesday.

Gebisa Ejeta, a distinguished professor of plant breeding and genetics and international agricultural at Purdue University, spoke to a crowd of about 200 at Emerson Alumni Hall.

Born and raised in a small Ethiopian village, Ejeta, who was introduced as a "rock star of agriculture," said he believes that in order to bring about world peace, world hunger must be addressed.

Ejeta split his presentation into two parts. The first covered the issues facing society regarding food production.

The second focused on the challenges facing developing countries such as those on the African continent.

Throughout both parts, Ejeta emphasized the overlying issue of poverty.

Among those in attendance at Tuesday's presentation was UF President Bernie Machen.

The challenges Ejeta discussed included a growing population, deforestation, climate change, water shortages and a lack of agricultural education. Ejeta said he believes technology is part of the answer to meeting the world's projected doubling demand of food.

Another part of the answer, he said, lies in education.

He said that while developing countries have seen a rise in school

Environmental Issues attendance, he worries that the quality of their

education may not be sufficient.

Ejeta said he wants to focus on networking young African scientists and mentors who can inspire them.

While the list of challenges facing the agricultural industry is daunting and appears to be somewhat overwhelming, Ejeta remains hopeful.

"We can still rise up to the challenges and face them head on," he said.



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Gebisa Ejeta, distinguished professor and 2009 World Food Prize Laureate, speaks in Emerson Alumni Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

LOCAL

UF student hit by bus downtown

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

A UF student was taken to Shands at UF on Tuesday morning after she was hit by a Regional Transit System bus on West University Avenue, having suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Natasha Schoultz, a 21-year-old journalism junior, was standing on the south side of the curb in front of the Florida Theatre, 233 W. University Ave., and stepped off the curb into the street, Gainesville Police Department

spokeswoman Tscharna Senn said.

At that moment, an RTS bus was heading east going about 30 miles per hour. It was unable to stop in time, hitting Schoultz.

Police and traffic homicide investigators arrived at about 1:53 a.m. Schoultz, who suffered some serious injuries to her face, was taken to Shands at UF for medical evaluation.

Doctors determined that Schoultz's injuries weren't life-threatening, though she was still in the hospital as of press time.



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Medics attend to journalism major Natasha Schoultz after she was struck by a bus when crowds of people dispersed from a concert on West University Avenue on Monday night.

Borders to close Gainesville store

By **KRISTIN LOPOPOLO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Borders will close its Gainesville store because the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization Wednesday.

Twenty-six employees, many who are part-time, work at the Gainesville store at 6837 Newberry Road. They heard the bad news the same day the business announced its decision to close.

Mary Davis, the company's spokeswoman, said it will close before May 1.

Nicole Vassallo, a 20-year-old UF sophomore, said she is disappointed the store is closing because she studied there every week.

"I'm sorry to see the store go," she said.

The store opened in November 1999 but was placed on Borders' list of "underperforming stores" that must close to make the company profitable.

Local News Of the company's 642 stores nationwide, 200 are closing due to lack of sales, Davis said.

The Gainesville store is currently selling books 20 to 40 percent off.

Davis said the company expects the discounts to increase throughout the month until the store is closed. All sales will be final.

David Denslow, an economics professor at UF, said the increase of sales in electronic books on iPads and Nooks caused the store's downfall.

He said people use the Internet to find information about books, and now there is no need for in-store clerks.

Davis said the organization is currently looking for options for the employees who are losing their jobs.

ACADEMICS

GRE overhaul to place emphasis on reasoning skills

By MORGAN WATKINS
Alligator Writer

The GRE has been marked for death.

The current test, which is the standard examination for admission into most graduate programs, will be replaced with a revised version Aug. 1, adding new question types and an extra hour to the test's length.

The revised test will place heavier emphasis on higher reasoning skills. The test will also take about four hours to complete instead of the current three-hour length, said Lee Weiss, director of graduate programs for Kaplan Test Prep.

The Verbal Reasoning section will emphasize reading comprehension and higher-level thinking skills, while the Quantitative Reasoning section will include more data analysis and real-life scenario questions.

Some question types, such as analogies, will die with the current version of the test, but new ones will rise to take their place.

The computer version of the new GRE will allow test-takers to edit or change answers and tag questions they want to return to later, according to the Educational Testing Service website.

For students who balk at the idea of answering math questions by hand, the new test will also include an on-screen calculator.

"It's more up to date and more relevant for business schools because there's more data analysis and the math questions are business-related," said Syed Safdar Kazmi, a finance senior at UF.

Kazmi said he may take the new GRE without taking the GMAT because it will better test the skills he will need in a graduate-level business program than the current version does.

"I can kill two birds with one stone [with the new GRE]."

However, the new test comes with drawbacks. Those who take the new test in August will not receive their scores until mid-November because the results can't be calculated until enough people have taken the test, Weiss said.

Those facing early fall deadlines won't have GRE scores to include in their application unless they take it before Aug. 1.

Students who plan to apply to graduate or business school next year should sign up for the current GRE as soon as possible to guarantee a testing spot this summer, Weiss said.

Those applying with January deadlines may also not have enough time to retake the GRE for a higher score if they take the new test, he said. The new test can only be taken once every 60 days, compared to the current GRE's limit of one test session every 30 days or each calendar month.

Those who plan to apply to graduate school in the next few years have a unique opportunity to choose which version of the GRE they want to take, he said. Those interested in taking the current version can do so before August and can submit their scores to graduate schools for up to five years.

"It's a great opportunity to decide which is the better test for you," Weiss said.

Changes to the GRE

Old GRE	New GRE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verbal Reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antonyms, analogies - Reading Comprehension ▪ Quantitative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tests arithmetic, geometry, algebra, data analysis - No on-screen calculator ▪ Analytical Writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two essays - Choice of topics ▪ Scoring (Verbal/Quantitative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 200 - 800 - 10-point increments ▪ Scoring (Writing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0 - 6 - Half-point increments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verbal Reasoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher-level thinking skills - No antonyms, analogies - Fill in the blank questions ▪ Quantitative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasis on data interpretation, real-life scenarios - On-screen calculator - Fill-in-the-blank questions ▪ Analytical Writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple choice questions may have several correct answers ▪ Analytical Writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two essays - One topic given ▪ Scoring (Verbal/Quantitative): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 130 - 170 - 1-point increments ▪ Scoring (Writing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0 - 6 - Half-point increments

Tuition and fees for in-state students at UF cost about \$5,000

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faced, particularly to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

Despite those cuts, UF still ranks as one of the best public college bargains in the U.S. with a price tag of \$5,020 in tuition and fees for in-state students, according to the university website.

The College Board website lists the average annual cost of tuition and fees for in-state students at a public four-year university at \$7,605.

"With the economy, I think parents are being much more conscious about what they're paying [for college]," Orlando said.

Orlando also said the quality of UF students, which has increased along with the competitiveness of the admissions process, was another factor in its high ranking from the Princeton Review.

UF Academics

The top 100 list was based on data that included student surveys taken from fall 2009 to fall 2010, as well as fall 2010 surveys about school costs and financial aid, according to the Princeton Review website.

The top 10 in the public and private college categories were ranked, but the remaining schools were published in alphabetical order without rankings.

The Princeton Review isn't the only company recognizing UF as a good bargain for students.

The Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine ranked UF second behind the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on its 2011 list of the 100 best values in public colleges.

UF has maintained its second-place position since 2005.

Reggae singer Buju Banton found guilty in cocaine case

■ HE FACES AT LEAST 15 YEARS IN PRISON.

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TAMPA — Grammy-winning reggae singer Buju Banton was convicted Tuesday of conspiring to set up a cocaine deal in 2009, a verdict that elicited anguish and disbelief among supporters in a crowded courtroom and from other artists in his native Jamaica.

A federal jury deliberated for 11 hours over two days on the fate of Banton, who won a Grammy last week for best reggae album for his work entitled "Before the Dawn." He was found guilty of three of four charges, and his attorney said he's facing at least 15 years in prison.

The 37-year-old Banton, whose given name is Mark Myrie, remains wildly popular in Jamaica, and the trial — his second over the drug accusations — was packed with supporters that included other well-known reggae artists. The first trial ended in a mistrial last year after the jury deadlocked.

The tall, dreadlocked singer didn't react when a clerk read the verdict on Tuesday. He stood, hugged his attorneys, then turned around and blew kisses to his supporters in the courtroom and told them: "Thank you." A woman yelled out "We love you, Buju!" as U.S. marshals led him away.

"Obviously we are all upset and disappointed and emotional," said Banton's attorney, David Markus of Miami. "The only person who seems to be OK is Buju. He told us he was happy that he fought, knowing he was innocent."

Markus said he plans to appeal the conviction and will file a motion to try to get Banton out of jail on bond in the meantime.

Banton was found guilty of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense and using a telephone to facilitate a drug trafficking offense. He was acquitted of attempted possession with the intent to distribute cocaine.

No date has been set for his sentencing.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Preston argued

during trial that Banton portrayed himself as a broker of drug deals in several conversations with a confidential informant. Preston said Banton thought he was getting involved in a "no-risk" deal in which he would introduce a friend to a confidential informant, and then later collect money from drug transactions.

Prosecutors acknowledge that Banton did not put any money into the drug deal, nor did he ever profit from it. Markus said his client is "a big talker" who admitted to trying to impress the confidential informant but wasn't involved in any drug deal.

Much of the case hinged on meetings and phone calls that were video- and audiotaped by the informant, who was working with the Drug Enforcement Administration — and who made \$50,000 in commission after the bust.

In one video, Banton could be seen tasting cocaine in a Sarasota warehouse on Dec. 8, 2009 — but he was not present during the actual drug deal on Dec. 10 that led two others to be arrested. Those two men later pleaded guilty.

Banton testified that that the informant badgered him after they met on a trans-Atlantic flight in July 2009 and insisted that they meet to set up a cocaine purchase. He said he was so uninterested in the informant's proposals that after they met twice, Banton didn't return the man's phone calls for months.

In Banton's native Jamaica, radio stations played his songs nonstop Tuesday, especially "Untold Stories" and "Not an Easy Road."

Rapper Tony Rebel, a close friend who recorded with Banton, called it a sad day for young people who looked up to him.

The verdict marks "the saddest day for reggae and dancehall," rapper Michael "Power Man" Davy said, adding he was "sad as a Rastaman and a Jamaican."

Singer Junior Reid called it a conspiracy against reggae artists.

"With Buju gone, a big piece of reggae get chop off," he said.



Banton

Editorial

Raving Mad

Libyan leader's crimes difficult to punish

Sorry, Bahrain. While your protestors have a righteous cause in overthrowing one of the few absolute monarchies left in the world, you can't beat crazy.

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's notorious brutality coupled with his recent pledge that he would "fight until the last man, the last woman, the last bullet" screams for news coverage.

You might remember seeing footage of the man rambling in front of the U.N. months ago — Gaddafi's speech was even used as comedy fodder on "The Daily Show" — but the steps he is willing to take and has already taken are no laughing matter. If the idea of deploying a country's air force with orders to strike its own people sounds reasonable to you, consider that the Colonel's own U.N. delegation just asked that he be charged with genocide.

We have heard of progress in several other Arab nations, but we're skeptical Gaddafi would consider giving in as "easily" as the other leaders have. He sees himself as captain, and he'll go down with the ship if the need presents itself.

Even knowing that, we've come to accept that there's little our government can do to pressure Libya into becoming more democratic: We have relatively little aid going into the country.

It's too bad our hands are tied because, as we said before, we know it's difficult to beat crazy, and those protestors are going to need all the help they can get against a man with such a twisted mind.

Weighty Issue

You hit below the belt, Rush. Well, actually right at the waistline.

Rush Limbaugh once again railed against Michelle Obama's national anti-obesity campaign on Monday, this time with an insult about the First Lady's figure. Sure, calling out hypocrites is the place of many a television and radio personality, but we're confused about what he meant. He said she didn't look like a swimsuit model. We can agree with that. She looks like a strong, healthy woman, and that's something poor Rush can't ogle at, unlike the women-turned-objects on many magazine covers.

We usually give decided eyerolls when confronted with over-the-top feminism, but we've noticed that time and again Michelle Obama

has been examined for her fashion sense or other aspects of her appearance while ignored for her other actions and roles. Much the same holds true for other female public figures, even if they are acting in the role of mothers, politicians or other professionals. The media perpetuate this idea by implying that having the perfect shape (whatever that is) and being on the cutting edge of fashion are the best things a woman can do. This isn't the 1960s.

The First Lady is addressing one of our most pertinent health issues. She's trying to help. You can complain about it if you want, Rush, but what have you helped do for our nation's health, other than raise blood pressure for fans and enemies alike?

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Column

Feeling emotion from statistics is difficult

We have a strange way of looking at tragedy and what's important. It is our nature to be unconcerned about issues that do not directly affect us. I don't know which is worse — the people who display complete ignorance of how their actions today will change the future, clinging to antiquated views through a misguided notion that to "stick to your guns" is a virtue despite new evidence, or whiny, liberal types who only care about issues as long as the problem doesn't reach their doorsteps.

This being said, there is a pool of collective awareness we all look at, contribute to and draw from. Due to our individuality, we reach different conclusions when considering the same situations. Yet there is an accepted way to look at tragedy, and it baffles me.

On Sept. 11, 3,000 people died in one of the most horrific attacks ever documented in American history. The collapse is so poignant because of how well and sacred it is kept in our collective conscience. I don't know anyone who got used to seeing those desperate, suffocating people leap from the buildings and into the streets below as the towers burnt to the ground. The outrage over what happened reverberated throughout the world, and you will be telling your grandchildren where you were the day it happened.

That same day, 1,200 people died from smoking-related health complications. About 137 of them were from secondhand smoke exposure. The day after that, the same thing happened. And the next day, it happened again.

It has happened every day since then, including today. This is the part where I break it down and tell you how many people each hour or minute die, but you've already heard rants like this before. It isn't just about considering the amount of people that have died or feeling bad about the risks of smoking. It's really about asking yourself why we aren't as outraged at other forms of needless death as we are Sept. 11.

We aren't because it is so difficult to feel these numbers

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in the same way we can feel the deaths of Sept. 11.

Look at prescription medication. If you want to talk about something worth being outraged over, look no further. None of us want other people treading on our personal choices, but there has to come a time when you realize more people die from prescription drug overdose than any other drug. Concaine and heroin don't hold a candle to Grandma's Percocet. According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than 33,000 people died in 2005 from drug overdose, and that number has continued to rise thanks to the abuse of prescription medication.

Once again, this is all about perspective. Seeing numbers on a page never seems to affect people all that much. They read it and think, "Oh, wow. That's tragic," and move on. Bertrand Russell once said, "The mark of a civilized man [or human] is the capacity to read a column of numbers and weep." Bertrand, for the rest of us it helps to see, hear and feel those numbers in real life. Imagine you get up tomorrow and see the news. Turns out that five Boeing 757s crashed and killed everyone on board in one day. Imagine you woke up the next day and saw that it was happening again, and again every day. You would be freaked out. This author would be freaked out. Collectively, our focus would shift, immediately. The number of deaths is similar to the smoking statistic, so why are the deaths of the people on the plane — some of whom are smokers — so grave?

I understand that death from smoking is a slow process and a personal choice, and that death by slamming into the ground inside an airplane you can't control happens a little quicker and is scarier. This column is not meant to condemn anyone for their personal choice. It is simply about awareness of how we all choose how we look at everything.

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

Reader response

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Following are five tips on starting your own exercise journal:

- 1. Decide how you want to journal.** You can buy a traditional paper journal or use an online journal or app for your smartphone. Try www.onlinefitnesslog.com or check out the "Body Fitness" app for iPhone—both are free!
- 2. Set aside time to journal.** Find the time of day and environment that works best for you so you'll stick to it.
- 3. Consider making short-term goals,** such as exercising three times in one week.
- 4. Track your weekly activities.** Give yourself credit for being active throughout the week, and

remember that things like walking the dog and cleaning the house count, too!

Specific items to track regarding your exercise:

- How am I feeling? (energy level, muscle/joint pain and mood)
- What did I do? (time, distance and/or reps)
- How have I progressed? (faster, further and/or other successes).

5. Allow yourself to just write! Write about your feelings and thoughts however they come out.

Be patient with yourself. It may take time to get comfortable with the idea of journaling if you've never done it before, so don't worry if you miss a day or two. Just pick up your pen and start writing again when you can.

Reread your entries every month or so. Be objective and take the opportunity to see what areas you can improve, but also look back and celebrate the progress you have made!

For more information about exercise, visit the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition website at www.fitness.gov.

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Easy ways to add more fruits and vegetables to your diet every day

Fruits and vegetables are a great way to get the most nutrition out of your calories. They are packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients, but adding in five or more servings per day as recommended can seem daunting.

Following are some easy ways to add more fruits and vegetables to your diet:

- Fill your fridge with cleaned, sliced and ready-to-eat raw vegetables and fruits.
- Add fresh, frozen or dried fruit to your morning oatmeal, yogurt or whole-grain cereal. Too busy to do anything but run? Grab a piece of fruit before leaving home.
- Make a smoothie with fresh or frozen fruit and yogurt, and freeze the leftovers for a refreshing snack.
- "Sandwich" in sliced pineapple, apple, pepper, cucumber and more to sandwiches for unique and delicious creations.
- Opt for a veggie pizza next time, and load up on toppings like broccoli, spinach, green peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms and zucchini.

You'll be well on your way to the recommended five or more servings if you serve a cup or more at each meal. (Two servings are equal to one cup, or a portion about the size of

your fist.) Pick up the freshest fruits and vegetables, as well as other items, from local growers and producers at farmers' markets (find locations at www.florida-agriculture.com/consumers/farmers_markets.htm) or "U-Pick" farms (find locations at <http://pickyourown.org/FLnorth.htm>).

Expect an energy boost when you add more fruits and vegetables to your diet. Additionally, nutrients found in fresh produce can help prevent heart disease and some cancers, as well as promote healthy vision, memory function and immunity. And choosing a banana instead of a brownie has great waist-slimming potential, too.

Add a few more fruits and vegetables to your diet each day for a more energetic and healthier you, and consider making an appointment with a registered dietitian at the UF Student Health Care Center to create your own personal nutrition goals.

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Meditation combats stress of midterm exams

By ASHLEY PODOLL

Take a moment and forget about the upcoming exams, quizzes and projects. Try not to think about grades, professors and future plans. Relax.

Meditation and mantras are great for students about to enter the unofficial midterm weeks, when mental and physical health takes a backseat.

"We can certainly see more academic concerns and anxiety about grades during these times, especially after the break when grades come back," said Dr. Alvin Lawrence, a psychologist at the Counseling and Wellness Center.

Unlike final exams, there is currently no leeway in office hours for a counselor or extended hours at the gym or library for midterms. Programs available for finals stress relief do not run during the middle of the semester.

Yet students still have many of the same concerns final exam week brings and resort to many of the same strategies they use without the help of the extra resources.

Lawrence said lack of sleep, irregular eating schedules and a shift in extracurricular activities diminish health and add to the building stress.

He also said stress can manifest physically: headaches, muscle tension, fatigue and difficulty sleeping.

"One of the first things I ask when students come in is their caffeine intake," Lawrence said. "If students don't make the connection that the jitters and anxiety may be due to caffeine-use, it can feel like stress."

While others may turn to coffee and caffeinated soda, Gray tries to stick to natural energy sources.

"I just try to sleep as much as possible," she said. "When I'm feeling worn out, I make sure to eat some protein followed by strawberries dipped in melted chocolate as a treat."

Andrew Burger, a UF freshman, keeps busy with 18 credits and work. He rarely finds enough time to sleep.

"I sleep whenever I can, but it's never consistent," he said. "Mountain Dew is my energy source. It keeps me up."

Students have to be careful with unnatural stimulants. They can help, but after a certain point, they can decrease productivity, Lawrence said.

He said learning to naturally cope with stress and getting enough sleep is key during the most stressful times. He suggested the life skills classes at the counseling center or playing a sport, whatever works for the student.

Gym attendance expected to rise before Spring Break week

By THOMAS NASSIFF

Spring break means that it's time to store the hoodie and break out the bathing suit.

With less than two weeks left until UF's spring break, students are finding themselves preparing for a week of warm weather in more ways than one.

The weeks leading up to Spring Break are always a popular time for students to hit the gym, eat right and try to get back into beach shape so they can look their best while spending time out in the sun.

The Southwest Rec Center is the most frequent place by UF students looking to stay in shape.

"In years past we have seen a spike in students visiting the gym during the couple of weeks leading up to spring break," said Jessica Gate, head of marketing for Southwest Rec.

Students who plan to go to the gym this week should expect it to be a little more crowded than normal.

But does going to the gym for a couple of weeks before break starts even do anything worthwhile?

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Don't let the sun burn your spring break

Gainesville's cold and wet winter has made basking in the sun a priority for many students this spring break. But most want sun-kissed skin, not a trip to the emergency room.

Before you hit the beach, follow these recommendations to protect yourself from painful, harmful sunburn:

1. Protect yourself from the sun during the most intense times of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plan outside activities for the early morning or late afternoon.

2. Choose a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 and higher. SPF only refers to protection against ultraviolet B (UVB) rays, so read the label to ensure you are protected against both ultraviolet A (UVA) and UVB rays.

3. Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes prior to sun exposure and reapply frequently. If you are particularly sensitive to the sun, wear sun-protective clothing, a hat and sunglasses to protect your eyes.

There are many prescription and over-the-counter products that can make you more susceptible to sunburn. Use extra precaution if you are taking these or any other medications, which may enhance sun sensitivity in some individuals: birth control (tablets, ring or patch); antibiotics commonly prescribed for acne or urinary tract infections (UTIs); non-steroidal pain relievers (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen (Advil®) or naproxen (Aleve®); and/or cholesterol-lowering agents ("statins").

Even ingredients in certain sunscreens can cause photosensitivity in some people. Avoid sunscreens that contain benzophenones (dioxibenzene and oxybenzone), para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), salicylates and cinnamates.

If prevention fails and you become sunburned, it is important to treat the burn properly:

1. The extent of the burn will not be apparent until 12-24 hours after sun exposure. Keep the skin cool and moist by applying cool compresses. If skin is blistered, leave the blisters intact.

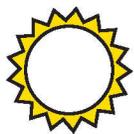
2. Avoid tight clothing and apply moisturizer or aloe gel to hydrate the skin. Avoid any topical products which contain numbing agents (for example, lidocaine, benzocaine or dibucaine) because you could become allergic to these products.

3. DO NOT apply ointments or butter to a burn as this will likely cause further damage to the skin.

4. Drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

5. Pain relievers such as acetaminophen (Tylenol®), ibuprofen (Advil®) and naproxen (Aleve®) can help with the discomfort and fever that may accompany sunburn. Antihistamines such as cetirizine (Zyrtec®), loratadine (Claritin®) or diphenhydramine (Benadryl®) can help with the itchiness that often accompanies sunburn.

6. Seek medical attention if you experience a fever higher than 102° F, chills, dizziness or nausea.



If you have any questions or concerns, make an appointment with your UF Student Health Care Center primary care provider. For more information about sun protection and skin cancer prevention, visit the Skin Cancer Foundation's website at www.skincancer.org.

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Oral Sex: Be careful what you put in your mouth

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You meet him or her at a club. You decide to hang out afterward and have a little fun—"nothing serious"—but if your after-hours play includes unprotected oral sex, you could easily bring home a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

Oral sex puts you in contact with skin and body fluids, any of which can contain disease-causing viruses or bacteria.

STIs can be passed through oral sex, and spitting out semen will not protect you against them, as some of the virus or bacteria stays behind.

The most common STIs seen at the University of Florida Student Health Care Center (SHCC) are human papillomavirus (HPV), chlamydia, gonorrhea and genital herpes.

Fortunately, the SHCC is available to help students with confidential testing, counseling and treatment.

Protection used with every sexual

act, including oral sex, will reduce the risk of acquiring an STI; however, remember that skin not covered is not protected.

Following are four ways to protect yourself from contracting an STI:

1. Use protection. Use regular or flavored condoms, or dental dams.

2. Do not shave on or very close to the genitals. Shaving can leave cuts in the skin, which increase the likelihood of infection.

3. Know your partner. If you see something suspicious on or near a potential sexual partner's genitals, you may want to think twice!

4. Know yourself. Check your body regularly and see your health care provider with concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns, make an appointment with your SHCC primary care provider.

For more information about sexual health and STIs, visit the American Social Health Association's website at www.ashastd.org.

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6. _____ Beach	MIMIA
7. Arrival	ENTDAV

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Baby swine	EGPILT
2. Uncontrollable	DEMTANU
3. Annihilation	NGAAERC
4. Arraign	DICINT

CLUE: It's length varies depending on the time of year.

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2. GEOGRAPHY: Minsk is the capital of what former Soviet republic?
3. LITERATURE: In "Gone With the Wind," what were the first names of the Tarleton twins?
4. HISTORY: When did the Suez Canal open?
5. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Norse trickster god?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What sport did Scotland ban in 1457 for fear that it was interfering with the practice of archery, a vital part of the national defense?
7. MUSIC: Frank Sinatra first gained major fame by singing for which Big Band leader?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who served as FDR's secretary of war 1940-1945?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is the Pine Tree State?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What type of fruit is known as a honeydew?

Answers

1. Clint Eastwood
2. Belarus
3. Brent and Stuart
4. 1869
5. Loki
6. Golf
7. Tommy Dorsey
8. Henry Stimson
9. Maine
10. Melon

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Scott's retirement plan could reduce faculty benefits

He says he could save the state \$2.8 billion

By A'SHAYLA PASSARETTI
Alligator Contributing Writer

A reduction in government spending could also reduce UF faculty retirement benefits.

Gov. Rick Scott has proposed a plan to reform Florida's retirement system to cut government spending.

The Florida Retirement System's Annual Report for 2009 said the state univer-

sity system has 1,628 participants in the Deferred Retirement Program, also known as DROP, and 16,091 participants in the retirement system.

The DROP program allows state employees to collect pension benefits while they are still working and earning a salary.

The original intent of this program was to incentivize senior employees to retire but still allow them to receive money to

offset the cost of health insurance until Medicare became available to them.

John Biro, a UF professor and president of the UF chapter of United Faculty of Florida, said that the proposal was "drastic and unacceptable."

According to Biro, the university's faculty union represents 1,800 of the 4,000 UF faculty members.

In a speech given on Feb. 1, Scott ex-

plained his proposed overhaul of the state's retirement system to help reduce the state's \$3.6 billion budget deficit.

By eliminating DROP, Scott said he can save the state of Florida \$2.8 billion over the course of two years.

Scott wants workers in the state pension system — teachers and other public employees — to contribute 5 percent of their salaries to their 401(k) retirement plans.

If the proposal passes, then DROP system will cease to exist as of July 1.

Current retirees in the program are said to remain unaffected.

INTERNATIONAL

Gadhafi vows he will fight to 'last drop of blood'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" and roared at supporters to strike back against Libyan protesters to defend his embattled regime Tuesday, signaling an escalation of the crackdown that has thrown the capital into scenes of mayhem, wild shooting and bodies in the streets.

The speech by the Libyan leader to impose control over the capital and take back other cities. After a week of upheaval, protesters backed by defecting army units have claimed control over almost the entire eastern half of Libya's 1,000-mile Mediterranean coast, including several oil-producing areas.

"You men and women who love Gadhafi ... get out of your homes and fill the streets," he said. "Leave your homes and attack them in their lairs."

Celebratory gunfire by Gadhafi supporters rang out in the capital of Tripoli after the leader's speech, while in protester-held Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, people threw shoes at a screen showing his address, venting their contempt.

State TV showed a crowd of Gadhafi supporters in Tripoli's Green Square, raising his portrait and waving flags as they swayed to music after the address. Residents contacted by The Associated Press said no anti-government protesters ventured out of their homes after dark, and gun-toting guards manned checkpoints with occasional bursts of gunfire heard throughout the city.

International alarm rose over the crisis, which sent oil prices soaring to the highest level in more than two years on Tuesday and sparked a scramble by European and other countries to get their citizens out of the North African nation.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting that ended with a statement condemning the crackdown, expressing "grave concern" and calling for an "immediate end to the violence" and steps to address the legitimate demands of the Libyan people.

Germany Chancellor Angela Merkel called Gadhafi's speech "very, very appalling," saying it "amounted to him declaring war on his own people." Libya's own deputy ambassador at the U.N., who now calls for Gadhafi's ouster, has urged the world body to enforce a no-fly zone over the country to protect pro-

testers.

"This violence is completely unacceptable," added Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Gadhafi's retaliation has already been the harshest in the Arab world to the wave of anti-government protests sweeping the Middle East. Nearly 300 people have been killed, according to a partial count by the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

In two nights of bloodshed, Tripoli residents described a rampage by pro-Gadhafi militiamen who shot on sight anyone found in the streets and opened fire from speeding vehicles at people watching from windows of their homes.

In a sign of the extent of the breakdown in Gadhafi's regime, one of his closest associates, Abdel Fattah Younis, his interior minister and commander of the powerful Thunderbolt commando brigade, announced in Benghazi that he was defecting and other armed forces should join the revolt.

"I gave up all my posts in response to the February 17 Revolution and my conviction that it has just demands," Younis, who was among the army officers who joined Gadhafi in his 1969 coup, told Al-Jazeera, referring to the date of the

start of the protests.

The performance by Gadhafi on state TV Tuesday night went far beyond even the bizarre, volatile style he has been notorious for during nearly 42 years in power.

Swathed in brown robes and a turban, wearing reflective sunglasses, he at times screamed, his voice breaking, and shook his fists — then switched to reading glasses to read from a green-covered law book, losing his train of thought before launching into a new round of shouting.

"Libya wants glory, Libya wants to be at the pinnacle, at the pinnacle of the world," he proclaimed, pounding his fist on the podium. "I am a fighter, a revolutionary from tents. ... I will die as a martyr at the end," he said, vowing to fight "to my last drop of blood."

Gadhafi portrayed the protesters as misguided youths, who had been given drugs and money by a "small, sick group" to attack police and government buildings. He said the uprising was fomented by a reference to Islamic fundamentalists and Libyans living abroad.

"Go out and fight them," he added.

In New York, Libya's deputy U.N. ambassador Ibrahim Dabbashi,

who has called for Gadhafi to step down, said he had received information that Gadhafi's collaborators have started "attacking people in all the cities in western Libya." He said those being attacked are unarmed. He said Gadhafi was using foreign mercenaries to fight protesters.

"I think the genocide has started now in Libya," Dabbashi said. "The Gadhafi statement was just code for his collaborators to start the genocide against the Libyan people."

Libyans were critical of what they saw as the lack of a forceful international response.

Gadhafi's call for a popular attack on protesters reflected the deeply unstable nature of the system he has created over his rule — the longest of any current Arab leader. He has long kept his military and other security forces relatively weak, fearing a challenge to his rule and uncertain of loyalties in a population of multiple tribal allegiances.

So far, the crackdown has been waged chiefly by militias and so-called "revolutionary committees," made up of Libyans and foreign fighters, many hired from other African nations.

Many army units in the east appear to have sided with protesters, and other more institutional parts of

his regime have weakened. A string of ambassadors abroad have defected, as has the justice minister.

Protesters claim to control a string of cities, from the Egyptian border in the east — where guards at the crossing fled — to the city of Ajdabiya, about 450 miles farther west along the Mediterranean coast, said Tawfiq al-Shahbi, a protest organizer in the eastern city of Tobruk.

Protesters and local tribesmen were protecting several of the fields and facilities around the city, said one resident, Ahmed al-Zawi.

Residents are also guarding one of Libya's main oil export ports, Zueita, and the pipelines feeding into it, he said.

Two oil companies on Tuesday suspended production in the country: Italy's Eni — the biggest energy producer in Libya, producing about a quarter of its exports — and Spain's Repsol-YPF, which produced 34,777 barrels in the country last year, about 3.8 percent of national output.

Protesters over the weekend overran police stations and security headquarters in Benghazi, taking control of the streets.

"These are his dying words. He is a criminal and is ready to do anything. But we are ready for him," al-Warfali said of Gadhafi's speech. "Besides, most of his officers have deserted him anyway. He only has the mercenaries left."

Since Sunday, the fiercest fighting has been in Tripoli, the center of Gadhafi's rule.

Tripoli residents on Tuesday were recovering from the militia rampage through multiple neighborhoods that began the night before and lasted until dawn.

Some resident ventured out to find stores open for food, wary of militia attacks.

Buses unloaded militia fighters in several locations, he said. Others sped in vehicles with guns mounted on the top, opening fire, including at people watching from windows.

One of the heaviest battlegrounds was the impoverished, densely populated district of Fashloum. There, militiamen shot any "moving human being" with live ammunition, including ambulances, so wounded were left in the streets to die, one resident said.

The head of the U.N. human rights agency, Navi Pillay, called for an investigation, saying widespread and systematic attacks against civilians "may amount to crimes against humanity."



AP Photo

Libyans stand on an army tank Tuesday at the state security camp in Benghazi, Libya. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight on and die a "martyr."

No. 1 Florida pounds FAU as pitchers continue hot start



Saj Guevara / Alligator Staff

Florida junior left fielder Daniel Pigott led the Gators' offensive explosion Tuesday night, going 4 for 5 at the plate with two RBIs. Pigott did not start on opening day but is 8 for 12 with three doubles and five RBIs in the last three games.

By **JESSE SIMONTON**
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Last season in the NCAA Gainesville Regional, Florida eliminated Florida Atlantic 15-0 behind six home runs. On Tuesday, the Gators won by 11 without hitting a single round-tripper.

No. 1 Florida beat FAU 13-2 in a midweek contest played in Jupiter at Roger Dean Stadium, the spring training home of the Florida Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals.

Behind 19 hits — 15 singles and five doubles — the Gators (4-0) pounded the Owls (3-1) all evening, scoring multiple runs in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings.

“One of those nights we played well from the first inning all the way through to the end. ... It was a great night overall.”

Kevin O’Sullivan
Florida baseball coach

“One of those nights we played well from the first inning all the way through to the end,” O’Sullivan said. “Had a chance to get a lot of guys in there. It was a great night overall.”

The Gators got on the board early with three first-inning runs, two on two-out knocks from Brian Johnson and Mike Zunino.

UF plated three more runs in the third inning. After a sacrifice fly by Josh Adams, Daniel Pigott doubled over the center fielder’s head to bring in two more runs.

Pigott and fellow outfielder Preston Tucker led

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UF GYMNASTICS

Gators adding individual rankings to team success

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

The Gators were already sitting pretty with a No. 1 national team ranking.

Now, the gymnasts are making their marks in the individual ranks.

Four UF gymnasts place in the nation’s top five performers in uneven parallel bars, balance beam, vault, floor exercise and all-around.

In the bars, freshman Alaina Johnson is tied for fifth place with two others in the individual rankings, which are based on an average that eliminates her nation-high score of 9.975.

“Bars has always been one of my best events,” she said. “I try to focus during

workouts on getting a good shape and just keeping real tight in one position and of course, hitting all my handstands. I like swinging bars, so it’s easier for me to want to work hard on that event.”



Caquatto

In her position as an all-arounder, Johnson currently holds the nation’s top score in a single meet with a 39.675. Fellow freshman all-arounder Mackenzie Caquatto is tied for the No. 2 ranking for balance beam. She said she spent the duration of her time in the gym focusing on the

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Deep UF staff impresses early

The NCAA rule changes are receiving a lot of attention for curbing run totals, lowering home run counts and batting averages this season.

But in Gainesville, there is a different reason for the smaller numbers: Florida’s pitching staff.

The Gators’ weekend rotation combined to limit South Florida’s hitters to one run in 17 innings on the mound, posting a miniscule 0.65 WHIP to open the season last weekend. The only walk allowed by the starting pitchers (Brian Johnson, Hudson Randall and Karsten Whitson) came against the 57th batter they faced in the final game of the series.

Florida carried its success on the mound over to Tuesday’s game against



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FAU, holding the Owls to seven hits and two runs.

All of these impressive stats could be due to the NCAA’s new standards for bats — if UF’s staff didn’t rack up similar stats late last season.

Using pinpoint control in last year’s NCAA Regional, Randall and Johnson accounted for 14.1 innings of work and gave up three runs. The two combined to strike out 14 batters while walking zero before the new bats began being

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TEERING OFF WITH ANTHONY CHIANG

■ The UF women’s basketball team has lost eight of its last 11 games. Has anybody noticed? ... The Carmelo Anthony saga is over. How long do you think it takes until New Yorkers try to run him out of town? I’m waiting for the “Melodrama” to unfold. ... Electromagnetic radiation from cell phones increases brain activity, according to a recent study. I can’t wait for teens to use this as an excuse for high phone bills.

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Florida looks to keep up defensive intensity vs. UMBC

Farrell, Reeg pressuring opponents

By **JOHN BOOTHE**
Alligator Writer

In the Gators' last two games, the offense won the accolades, but it was the defense that anchored the victories.

With a mixture of high-pressure defense and relentless pursuit from sophomores Jaime Reeg and Sam Farrell, No. 17 Florida (2-1) has been able to limit each team it has faced this season to single-digit shot attempts in the first half.

"Jaime and Sam are physically strong. They have great feet. They're quick, and they're agile," UF coach Amanda O'Leary said. "They're just two really big and strong young ladies who can move along the 8-meter arc with ease."

Florida has caused six more turnovers than its competition in three games, creating more free possessions for the offense and sophomore Kitty Cullen, the American Lacrosse Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

The Gators had 15 shots on goal in the first half against Denver on Sunday but only allowed three on defense.

Reeg said the disparity between shots has been keyed by the team's preparation for its opponent's best player. Florida limited the Pioneers' leading scorer, attacker Kara Secora, to just one shot the entire game.

"The coaches really lay it out, what each player does, so we know what to expect when each one passes the ball, like wheth-

er one does a lot of backdoors, drives from the top or crease rolls," Reeg said.

Florida will look for more of the same defensive intensity against Maryland Baltimore County today at 6:30 p.m. at Dizney Stadium.

The Retrievers (1-0) defeated George Mason 19-7 on Feb. 11 after jumping out to an 11-goal lead before halftime.



Lacrosse

It remains to be seen if UMBC can produce the same offensive output against the Gators on the road. Their win 12 days ago came at the expense of a Patriots team that went 3-14 last year.

O'Leary said she has seen Florida not only perform at a higher level defensively with each game, but also communicate better on the field due to Reeg and Farrell's leadership.

"Our communication improved, and we just trust each other so much more," Farrell said. "We're not hesitant to take risks because we know we'll have our teammates to back us up and to slide. We just really trust each other now."

Part of the reason the Gators have been able to take so many risks has been other teams' talent level, Farrell said.

The defense has enjoyed competing against two consecutive offenses that play at a slower pace, with fewer fast breaks and drives down the center of the field. If a team tries to dump the ball inside the 12-meter arc, Farrell and the defense are waiting.

"When we see them go to goal, we send our double [team]," Farrell said. "We really closed our doubles, which made them, I guess, intimidated and they'd pull out and pass it over."

Gators enter final stretch of season seeking retribution

■ **UF WILL TRY TO AVOID GETTING SWEEPED BY VANDERBILT AND GEORGIA THIS WEEK.**

By **MATT WATTS**
Alligator Writer

Coming off its first win in nearly a month, the Florida women's basketball team has a shot at redemption.

A season filled with close calls and near misses will culminate with opportunity.

Two games remain in what has been a dismal regular-season for the Gators (15-13, 5-9 Southeastern Conference). First, they will travel to Nashville on Thursday to take on Vanderbilt (18-9, 9-5 SEC), which beat Florida in double overtime Feb. 6.

The Gators will then return home Sunday to play a Georgia team that overcame a 16-point second-half deficit to beat Florida at Stegeman Coliseum in January.

"Both of them were games that, obviously, we wish we had back," guard Jordan Jones said.

Florida coach Amanda Butler agreed.

"I'd be lying if I said there wasn't extra motivation there," Butler said, adding, "I thought those disappointments were tough for us to bounce back from."

The numbers confirm Butler's statement.

At the time, both losses were Florida's second in a row, and UF went on to lose four straight each time. After the Georgia game, Florida dropped another heartbreaker to Kentucky 59-58 in the O'Connell Center and added a 14-point loss at LSU.

Following the loss to Vanderbilt, the Gators had to travel to Knoxville, Tenn., where the Volunteers dismantled them for the second time. Then, UF let a 10-point lead disappear in a loss at Alabama.



Butler

When asked if wins in the last two games can salvage a substandard season that began with talk of championships, Jones said, "Yeah, in a way. I think the disappointment is still going to be there. You can't get those games back."

On a positive note for Florida, Butler pointed to the 50-point second half against Mississippi State on Sunday as a sign that her team's best basketball is still to come.

"I still don't think we've seen a complete ballgame," Butler said. "I thought our second half [Sunday], especially on the offensive end, was pretty close to as good as we can play."

A sizeable portion of that success was due to the inte-

rior play of forward Jennifer George. The 6-foot junior didn't miss a shot from the field and drained 7 of 12 free throws en route to her second 20-point game of the season.

After the victory, George texted her coach with a message that read, "It was nice working with you this afternoon."

Butler replied, "It's nice working with you, too, when you don't miss a shot."

George has been on a roll as of late. The last time she scored 20 was four games ago against Vanderbilt.

In that meeting, Commodores center Stephanie Holzer and forwards Hannah Tuomi and Tiffany Clarke abused Florida in the paint to the tune of 66 points.

"It was the post game that killed," Florida center Azania Stewart said. "I think we have to take that on our shoulders as post players and really have to gameplan for them well."

Even if the Gators are able to stop Vanderbilt and start their path to redemption, the sting of this season will live on.

"I definitely think it would leave a better taste in our mouths going into the offseason and preparing for next year," Jones said. "But I don't think it's ever going to be not disappointing."

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Prather brings defensive prowess in place of Parsons

■ THE FRESHMAN'S WORK VS. LSU EARNED PRAISE FROM BILLY DONOVAN.

By GREG LUCA
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With the Gators' most experienced player sidelined by injury, the team has turned to one of its greenest freshmen.

While his stat line against LSU on Sunday may not have been impressive, swingman Casey Prather drew praise from coach Billy Donovan after his first collegiate start in place of the injured Chandler Parsons.



Men's Basketball

"He had good energy, he did a good job defensively and overall I was pleased with the way he played," Donovan said.

The freshman logged 15 minutes and failed to score a point on 0-for-2 shooting. He also recorded three rebounds, an assist and a steal without a turnover.

Donovan acknowledged that Prather's performance was not flawless but credited the freshman for showing a strong work ethic and a desire to get better over the past two weeks.

Prather had played 6.9 minutes per game prior to No. 13 Gators' 68-61 win at LSU but was forced

into a starting role as the only other natural small forward on the roster.

Although not as versatile as Parsons, the 6-foot-6 Prather provides a combination of size, speed and athleticism none of the other reserves can match.

Those attributes have made

Prather a strong defensive option off the bench in limited minutes and led Donovan to incorporate more on-the-ball pressure into his game plan Sunday against the Tigers.

"I just felt like we're a better pressing team when Casey is out there," Donovan said. "With his

athleticism and his length, we just felt like we wanted to utilize him."

Although the Gators have used the press sparingly in Southeastern Conference play, Donovan thought the matchup against LSU would be the perfect time to bring it back.

According to Donovan, the Tigers are efficient on offense when

they have the luxury of entering their half-court sets. He hoped the press would "disrupt their flow" and force them to improvise rather than run designed plays.

Donovan also noted that the press would be an effective way for the younger players to deal with the jitters of seeing increased minutes in Parsons' absence.

Instead of letting nerves build up while they grind through a half-court defense, freshmen such as Prather were allowed to get out and run.

"I thought if we could get the game going up and down, it may take some pressure off of those guys, being young guys on the road, having to play more significant minutes than they previously had," Donovan said.

Another freshman asked to fill in for Parsons was Scottie Wilbekin, who played 30 minutes despite averaging 16.9 per game beforehand.

Wilbekin was often used in a lineup that featured fellow guards Erving Walker and Kenny Boynton. That three-guard set presented another quick, scrappy defensive lineup that provided an effective press.

The press showed some rust and only forced 12 giveaways Sunday against LSU.

When asked after the game, Boynton said it was much more disruptive in the second half, calling it "50-50" overall.



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Florida freshman Casey Prather, who started for Chandler Parsons at LSU, provides UF with an option at small forward off the bench. He impressed on defense Sunday but did not score against the Tigers.

HOT SHOTS

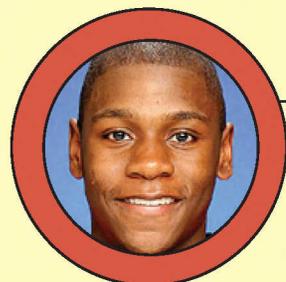


1. Kenny Boynton, So.

After a three-way tie for first, Boynton gets the nod. The sophomore guard scored 17 points on 5-of-12 shooting, drained 6 of 7 free throws and filled the stat sheet with two assists, two steals and a block in UF's 68-61 win over LSU. The Gators went from 9:01 to 3:11 in the second half without scoring a point, but Boynton broke the scoreless streak with a layup.

2. Vernon Macklin, Sr.

Macklin checks in at second after his 16-point, seven-rebound performance against the Tigers. The senior center scored 12 in the first half, helping the Gators take a 40-25 lead into the break. Macklin's steal with 3:13 left in the game enabled Boynton's layup, halting LSU's comeback. He made 7 of 16 shots from the field in 28 minutes of action.



3. Erving Walker, Jr.

Walker rounds out our list of the top three performers from the LSU game. The junior guard dropped 17 points on 5-of-10 shooting, including 3 of 6 from three-point range, and nailed four critical free throws in the final two minutes to help seal the Gators' win. Walker and Boynton combined for just 12 first-half points but came alive in the second, pouring in 22 after intermission.

STANDINGS

1. Erving Walker	11 points
2. Chandler Parsons	10 points
3. Kenny Boynton	8 points
4. Vernon Macklin	6 points
5. Alex Tyus	1 point

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If you've been too caught up looking back at the disappointing way last football season went down or too busy glancing ahead to 2011, you might not have noticed that Florida's spring sports are fixtures atop their respective polls this year. The only two spring sports not currently ranked in the top 25 are women's basketball and women's golf. Take a look at how the other 12 teams are doing this year.

TEAMS	RANKING	POLL
Baseball	1 st	Baseball America
Basketball (men)	13 th	AP
Golf (men)	3 rd	Golfweek
Gymnastics	1 st	GymInfo
Lacrosse	17 th	Lacrosse Magazine
Softball	4 th	USA Today / NFCA
Swimming and Diving (men)	5 th	CSCAA
Swimming and Diving (women)	7 th	CSCAA
Tennis (men)	10 th	ITA Tennis
Tennis (women)	2 nd	ITA Tennis
Track and Field (men)	1 st	USTFCCCA
Track and Field (women)	21 st	USTFCCCA

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BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE

Baseball: **Nolan Fontana**, So.

The shortstop won the year's first Southeastern Conference Player of the Week award Monday following his 9-for-12 performance at the plate during Florida's opening-weekend sweep of South Florida in McKethan Stadium. His stretch of seven consecutive hits fell one shy of a UF record, and he led the Gators in slugging percentage, on-base percentage, total bases and runs scored. It was Fontana's first Player of the Week honor and UF's first since Cole Figueroa won it on May 19, 2008.

Stats: 9-for-12 hitting, .833 slugging percentage, .786 on-base percentage, one double, one steal, 10 total bases and five runs scored

Men's Golf: **Bank Vongvanij**, Sr.

Vongvanij was named to the 26-man Ben Hogan Award Watch List, announced over the weekend by the Golf Coaches Association of America. The Hogan is a yearly award given to the top men's NCAA Division I, II or III, NAIA or NJCAA college golfer. The senior has led the Gators to three victories this season, finishing fifth or higher in all five tournaments and taking home two titles at the Isleworth Invitational and JU Invitational.

Stats: No. 2 in Golfweek/Sagarin rankings, 69.9 stroke average through 15 rounds, five top five finishes, two first-place finishes

Softball: **Stephanie Brombacher**, Sr.

Florida's ace was named the NFCA Division I National Player of the Week by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association on Tuesday after she threw a pair of complete-game shutouts in a weekend sweep of then-No. 22 North Carolina. Brombacher's strong week got started with a one-hit shutout over Jacksonville last Wednesday, and the senior has yet to allow a run this season.

Stats: 6-0, 0.00 ERA, 31 innings pitched, 14 hits, 35 strikeouts, 5 walks

Lacrosse: **Kitty Cullen**, So.

The Gators midfielder was selected as the American Lacrosse Conference's Offensive Player of the Week on Tuesday. The award represents Cullen's first-ever Player of the Week honor and the first Offensive Player of the Week award in the history of the UF lacrosse program. Cullen tied a Florida record with six goals against No. 20 Denver and leads the team in goals, points and shots so far this season.

Stats: 14 goals, 2 assists, 16 points, 23 shots, 2 ground balls

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UF focused on holding No. 1 spot

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finer details, while she was only concerned about physically staying on the beam.

"Every chin up and every finish really makes a difference on what the judges really think about your routine," she said. "Even if it's not the greatest, the way you present yourself can make them think, 'Oh, that's the best she's ever done it,' because they've never seen you compete before, which can have a really big effect on your score."

Caquatto's mentality garnered a 9.975 on beam, a collegiate-best for the Illinois native, this weekend in West Virginia.

Sophomore all-arounder Ashanée Dickerson also racked up a 9.975 on balance beam this season and is no stranger to reeling in the big scores.

Dickerson has been one of the Gators' most prominent performers since coming to UF.

This season, the two-time All-American is tied for fifth on vault, ranks second in all-around and is tied for first on floor.

Dickerson said she feels she has improved her polish with the finish of each

meet.

"I've gotten a lot cleaner throughout the season," she said. "Focusing on my landings, making sure they're good and not stepping around or moving my feet once I land."

Though sophomore Marissa King isn't nationally ranked on floor, because she hasn't competed in at least three away meets, she has matched the nation's top floor score (9.975), receiving a 10 from half of the judging panel against Alabama.

"When I got that score, it was so fun," she said. "I was going crazy. It was a really special moment. I'll remember it for a long time and how I felt when I got it."

In addition to the gymnasts' individual rankings, the Gators' team ranking is also first in the nation — the first time UF gymnastics has accomplished that in program history.

Although the gymnasts are making their marks nationally, they all are focused on maintaining the top spot for the team.

"I don't want to slow down," Dickerson said. "I just want to keep motivated and working hard to stay at No. 1."



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Florida sophomore all-arounder Ashanée Dickerson is tied for fifth in the national vault rankings, second in the all-around and tied for first in the floor routine.

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used.

These two sophomores provide UF with a pair of pitchers who keep the ball over the plate and can be relied upon to rack up quality starts.

Johnson finished his freshman year with just 14 walks in 73.2 innings pitched and lasted an average of more than five innings per start. Randall walked 21 hitters in 97.1 innings of work in his first year as a Gator. And he pitched an average of about 5.2 innings per start.

But neither possesses half the talent freshman hurler Karsten Whitson does. Much has been made about Whitson being the ninth overall selection in last year's MLB Draft, but he backed up the hype with his first collegiate start Sunday.

The right-hander impressed with his mid-90s stuff against USEF, baffling hitters in five scoreless innings while giving up

one hit and striking out nine.

Whitson's emergence has pushed Alex Panteliadis, who was Florida's Friday night starter last season, out of the weekend rotation — for now.

There are even pitchers in UF's bullpen who can compete for a weekend spot if Johnson, Randall and Whitson slip up. Tommy Toledo and Anthony DeSclafani, currently Gators relievers, already possess experience in that role.

DeSclafani made his case to coach Kevin O'Sullivan on Tuesday, starting in place of a sick Panteliadis and pitching four scoreless innings against FAU.

Even Austin Maddox, who led the team in home runs and RBIs last season, is attempting to receive some time on the mound, making his pitching debut Tuesday.

Maybe getting hitters out won't be the toughest challenge Gators pitchers face this season. Earning a spot in the rotation seems hard enough.

DeSclafani throws four shutout frames

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the offensive onslaught for the Gators as both went 4 for 5 with two RBIs.

After not starting on opening day, Piggott, a junior left fielder, has relished his opportunities, going 8 for 12 with three doubles and five RBIs in the last three games.

UF continued its outstanding pitching as Anthony DeSclafani made the emergency start for Alex Panteliadis, who did not make the trip because of an undisclosed illness.

DeSclafani went four scoreless innings with three strikeouts, allowing just three hits and no walks. The right-hander escaped trouble in the first, getting two outs with runners on the corners.

"He battled through that first inning," O'Sullivan said. "But overall, I thought he threw the ball great. We're going to need him. He's greatly improved from a year

ago."

UF had six pitchers throw on the evening, but its scoreless streak of 22.2 innings — which dated back to the first inning of Saturday's game against South Florida — ended when freshman Jonathon Crawford gave up a solo bomb to Owls center fielder Nathan Pittman in the sixth inning. Florida's Nick Maronde gave up another solo shot in the seventh inning.



Baseball

ETC.: Austin Maddox, who earlier this spring O'Sullivan said would pitch for UF sometime this season, threw a score-

less ninth with two strikeouts. ... In its first four games, UF has surrendered just two walks and one error. "No walks, no errors, you always got a chance," O'Sullivan said. ... FAU committed four errors on the night. ... O'Sullivan changed the lineup, moving Adams out of the two-hole.

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