



Quran burning puts city back in spotlight

■ **AT LEAST 21 PEOPLE HAVE DIED DURING PROTESTS IN AFGHANISTAN.**

By **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Staff Writer

As he laid his Bible and handgun ever so carefully down on a music stand, Terry Jones slowly made his way to the pulpit to deliver his sermon.

For all the sweeping vows and charged rhetoric he has delivered in the past several months, Jones, the pastor of the Dove World Outreach Center, let his hands do most of the talking Sunday.

They pounded with every rising cadence, pointed outward to the enemies beyond the

church's walls and drew inward to call upon those gathered to stand up for "the truth."

It's these hands, most people say, that are responsible for the the blood spilled in Afghanistan as at least 21 people have been killed in the last three days in reaction to the church's burning of the Quran, which took place March 20 under Jones' direction.

But that's for the outside world. On this Sunday, Jones is leading his flock through the Book of Joshua and how the Israelites crossed the Jordan River while carrying the covenant.

The river was wet, dirty and muddy, Jones tells his followers. There may have been bugs and mosquitoes there to nibble on flesh.

This was not a time for democracy or votes. In order for Joshua's people to survive, Jones

says, they needed to obey.

"It took many strong men to carry the covenant," he says. "It was not easy, but you know what it was? It was a privilege and an honor."

Now, the time has come, Jones tells his audience, for the church to carry its covenant. Like Martin Luther King Jr., the founding fathers in the American Revolution and the first Christians, they must be willing to take a chance.

"When the Civil Rights Movement first happened, many people died. Does that make [King] wrong?" Jones asks the crowds.

"NO!" the worshipers answer in reply. Later, Jones tells them, "Why do I do what

I do? I do simply what I do because I'm more afraid of God than I am of you."

That fear, Jones says, cannot be overpowered by any threats of violence against him or his church.

"There's only one way to stop me," Jones says.

"Kill me."



It took one phone call to ruin Garrett Garner's Friday.

With his mind far from City Hall, Garner, a policy assistant for Mayor Craig Lowe, sat on his couch, his television flashing black-and-

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STUDENT ACTIVISM

Dance Marathon raises record \$700,000 for kids

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
 Alligator Writer

As the opening lines of Reel 2 Real's "I Like to Move It" echoed through the O'Connell Center on Saturday, a mob of about 800 students rushed to the center of the floor.

Then, they danced.

This is Dance Marathon, a tradition that celebrated its 17th year at UF last weekend.

Students started standing at 11:48 a.m. Saturday and didn't sit down again until about 2 p.m. Sunday.

Students stood for 26.2 hours to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital at UF, said Kenny Brighton, a graduate student who served as the overall director for DM.

Last year, the dancers broke their record by raising more than \$500,000. This year, DM raised \$713,053.68.

Students raised money throughout the year for the organization, which culminated in the all-night dance-a-thon.

Matt Michel, a UF law student who has been a DM dancer since he was a freshman in 2004, received a commemorative shirt on stage Sat-

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Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Dance Marathon participants rest by piggybacking and stacking, with a little help from their friends, after nearly 24 hours of standing and dancing in the O'Connell Center on Sunday afternoon. The event raised more than \$700,000 for the Children's Miracle Network at Shands Children's Hospital at UF. For video coverage of Dance Marathon, go to alligator.org.

■ Florida junior right-hander **Tommy Toledo** (right) and the rest of the Gators bullpen helped UF to a series sweep of Tennessee this weekend in McKethan Stadium. See Story, Page 13.



April Fool's prank costs Illinois teenager \$150 in tickets

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. — A 16-year-old central Illinois girl has been given \$150 in tickets after the worried victims of her April Fool's Day prank called police.

Bloomington police say the girl texted her friend and cousin Friday morning and said she'd been robbed and shot in the foot.

The pair called police, who rushed to a home where they found the 16-year-old safe. She hadn't been robbed or shot.

The (Bloomington) Pantagraph reports the girl received a \$100 ticket for disorderly conduct and a \$50 ticket for truancy because she wasn't in school Friday.

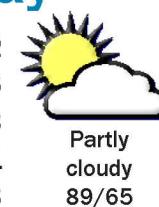
Police say she could have been criminally charged with filing a false police report.

Bloomington police spokesman Dave White says the friend and cousin did the right thing by calling police. They haven't been cited or charged.

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Graduate Christian Fellowship

Meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Room 285
Sarah Hamersma from the economics department will be speaking on "Grad School: Not just a means to an end." Frozen yogurt at Mochi afterward.

PAM Kick-Off Concert Feat. Allison Weiss

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Come kick back and kick off Pride Awareness Month with an acoustic concert featuring singer-songwriter Allison Weiss. Weiss is a high-energy, folk-infused, powerpop singer from Brooklyn, N.Y. Local singer Jeff Jones will open. This event is co-sponsored by Pride Student Union.

UF Toastmasters open house

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m.
Entomology Building Room 1027
All are welcome to meet members, learn about Toastmasters and enjoy pizza and drinks. The organization provides a way for members to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, go to www.toastmasters.org or call Mary at 352-870-2267.

Wolf Family Lecture on the American Law of Real Property

Tuesday, 11 a.m.
Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center
The annual Wolf Family Lecture on the American Law of Real Property will explore how American property law helped serve as the foundation for democracy in the United States. The lecture is titled "Property Law as the Infrastructure of Democracy" and will be given by Harvard Law School professor Joseph Singer, a nationally recognized expert in property law. For more info contact Matt Walker in the UF Law Communications Office at 352-273-0650 or mlwalker@law.ufl.edu.

Student Government is accepting applications

Applications for the 2011-2012 Student Government Executive Branch are now open. All students are encouraged to apply. Please visit sg.ufl.edu/applnow to launch your involvement in next year's Student Government. If you have any questions, please come to the SG Office in Room 305 of the Reitz Union or call 352-392-1665.

Edible Book Contest

Thursday
In front of Library West
Prizes will be given in five categories. See details and entry form at uflib.ufl.edu/readathon.

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Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Institute of Black Culture
Celebrate the end of the year with food, a live DJ, games and giveaways.

Electric Contra

Sunday, 4 p.m.
Rion Ballroom
The Contra Dancing Club hosts an "electric contra" featuring the band Full Circle and caller Dana Parkinson. No partner or experience needed. Entrance is \$5 for students and \$8 for everyone else.

Sirens of Synchronicity

April 11, 7:30 p.m.
The Thomas Center
Four vocalists will come together for a sonic presentation created in the moment. Presented and conceived by internationally renowned vocalist, performance artist and improviser Jill Burton, this one-time event is a unique opportunity in Gainesville to experience the magic and power of the human voice. Advance tickets available at Persona, 201 SE Second Place.

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NATIONAL

Wyoming town's four residents counted after Census snafu

LOST SPRINGS, Wyo. — The Wyoming town of Lost Springs can finally count on the Census to get its population correct: Four, not one.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports that the Census Bureau somehow missed four other residents of the town when it counted only one person in 2000.

The cause of that mistake wasn't clear. Leda Price, who lives on the west side of the 1-block Main Street, jokes that officials must have counted only her side of town.

The 2010 Census, however, got it right this time when it found and counted all four of Lost Springs' residents. The newspaper reports that since

the 2000 survey, two residents died but a newcomer moved in.

The state highway department says it will change the town's population on signs.

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Fake massage parlor inspector pleads not guilty

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — A former police officer has pleaded not guilty to showing up at a Southern California massage parlor wearing a badge and a gun and demanding a free rubdown and cash for his "inspection" of the business.

Edward Justin LaPorte — who is accused of posing as an inspector — got a 30-minute backrub, police say. He is accused of then requesting a frontal massage and \$200.

The manager of the Golden Spa was suspicious about the supposed quality-control check and called Lake Forest licensing offices.

LaPorte, 47, left when a real inspector arrived and started asking questions, police say. LaPorte then allegedly fled and was tracked down by his license plate number.

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INTERNATIONAL

Feathers fly in mass pillow fights in cities

LONDON — People in cities across the globe have taken part in mass pillow fights as part of International Pillow Fight Day.

In London's Trafalgar Square, people came dressed in pajamas, dressing gowns and fancy dress to take part in the good natured pillowfight Saturday afternoon.

Most people carried feather-filled pillows that exploded as they fought.

London's Metropolitan Police said Sunday that the event had been peaceful and they had no reports of any trouble.

Organizers listed similar events in more than 130 cities around the world.

The fights were organized by The Urban Playground Movement, which wants to encourage people to make use of public spaces.

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Gospel choirs sing at annual event

By **JESSICA KEGU**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Voices from around the state filled the University Auditorium on Sunday evening for the University Gospel Choir's annual spring Gospel Extravaganza.

This year's event, which drew about 320 people, was titled "The Garden of Praise." The event featured choirs from UF, the University of South Florida and

the University of Central Florida, as well as guest artist 13th Disciple.

The concert opened with a solo dancer and was followed by the stomping and clapping UF choir.

On Campus By the end of the first song, half of those in the audience were on their feet, clapping to the rhythm.

"Tonight we want to transform this auditorium into a sanctuary," said pas-

tor Natron A. Curtis of the Mt. Zura Full Gospel Baptist Church in Newberry.

The concert ended with an cappella performance by 13th Disciple.

Dianeka Perrien, a sophomore criminology major, said she attended the concert to hear live gospel music and support a friend in the choir.

"You don't find gospel music around here a lot in Gainesville — in college in general," she said.



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The University Gospel Choir, headed by PASSAGE Family Church member Nate McCray, sang and danced for a crowd of about 320 Sunday night in the University Auditorium.

.. THIS WEEK *in* .. GAINESVILLE

April 7, 1979: About 5,000 people, ranging in age from 16 months old to 72 years old, gather at Lake Alice Field and smoke out in public as part of a "toke-in" benefit concert supporting the legalization of marijuana. A Tallahassee-based lobbying group collects 2,280 signatures in support of a bill proposing that possession of one ounce of marijuana be a violation, as opposed to the existing law, which makes possession of five grams a misdemeanor.

April 3, 1983: Officials and boosters of the UF football program violated NCAA rules for encouraging student athletes to make money in strictly prohibited ways. The St. Petersburg Times conducts its own investigation and reports that players made thousands selling their season tickets, often above face value, and spent their summers selling advertising space to boosters.

April 9, 1994: Local police collect 22 guns in exchange for food baskets, gift certificates and sports apparel during their "Gifts for Guns" program. "If we get one gun out of circulation then this project is worthwhile," said Ryan Alderman, administrative assistant for UF's Interfraternity Council.

— KAT BEIN

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Museum exhibit showcases barrier islands

Visitors can discover the "Barrier Islands: Creations of Tide and Time" exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History through June 26.

The free exhibit provides a glimpse of Southeast barrier islands' natural beauty through 26 paintings by Florida artists, Brenda Hofreiter, Nancy Moskovitz and Mary Jane Volkmann.

"Since we are all friends, creating a group exhibition followed easily," Moskovitz said. "We plan to exhibit in other venues and continue to explore and paint other Georgia and Florida barrier islands."

All of the paintings are available for purchase and the artists have agreed to donate 30 percent of the proceeds to the museum.

The oil and acrylic paintings highlight the natural landscape or wildlife with scenic illustrations of sunsets, sunrises, tidal marshes and more. The exhibit also describes what inspired the artists to create the paintings, some of which depict scenes from Amelia Island, located in Nassau County, and Sapelo Island, located in McIntosh County, Ga.



The painting "Sunrise - St. Augustine Beach" by Barbara Hofreiter is on display in the exhibit "Barrier Islands: Creations of Tide and Time" at the Florida Museum of Natural History through June 26.

Hofreiter, Moskovitz and Volkmann are past recipients of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Artist-in-Residence Program, which allowed them to live on Sapelo Island and paint scenes from various barrier islands off the Georgia coast.

"We realized what a privilege we had been given to learn about, explore and paint

a barrier island which is still quite pristine," Volkmann said. "Some of our barrier islands have been or are being developed with hotels and communities, vacation and otherwise."

Barrier islands from New York to Texas protect coastlines from the impact of tides, waves, currents, storms and wind. These islands also serve as a nursery ground for many aquatic animals as well as mud-dwelling bacteria that produce sulfur, which is a building block of life.

Throughout the years, human activity, like dredging and filling marshes, has reduced their effectiveness in protecting the coast from storms. Nutrients and pollutants have also affected plant growth and animal habitat on the islands. For more information on the exhibit visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu or call 352-846-2000.

By Leeann Bright

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Musical comes to UF

The new production of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical "A Chorus Line" comes to the Phillips Center for Performing Arts for three performances April 15-16.

Tickets are on sale at the Phillips Center Box Office on Hull Road, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 352-392-2787 or (toll-free in Florida) 800-905-2787. Orders for 10 or more may be placed by calling 352-392-2787.

School stages classic

The School of Theatre and Dance production of "Romeo and Juliet" continues through April 10 at the Constans Theatre. Professor Judith Williams has directed the iconic Shakespeare play.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. April 4-9, and 2 p.m. April 10. Tickets are \$13 for UF students, faculty and staff and senior citizens; \$17 for the general public. For information, call 352-392-1653.

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UF Calendar of Events

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UF offensive coordinator Charlie Weis was among guest speakers

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urday to celebrate the grand total of 232.8 hours he spent on his feet throughout his DM career.

"In a few hours, I'll be tired and sore," he said Saturday afternoon. "Then, you hear about kids who've had seizures their whole lives. ... There's no comparison."

The best feeling every year is the big revelation of how much money the event raised, he said. When they broke the \$500,000 mark last year, the crowd went wild.

"That's when you realize why you did it," Michel said. "You raised half a million dollars for

Shands."

While DM used to last for 32 hours, it was changed a few years ago to make it more manageable for both the participating students and the professors who expected to see them in class Monday morning, Brighton said.

The event isn't just about dancing, though. Michel characterizes it as more of a stand-a-thon.

People spend a lot of time wandering around the arena talking with friends, but inevitably they'll hear a song they can't help but dance along to.

DM is run by a staff of students who prepare all year to raise mon-

ey and plan a fun weekend for the participants.

The event included theme hours

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Matt Michel
UF law student and DM dancer

where the music, food and activities revolved around a specific idea, Brighton said. This year, 'Dynamic Duo' hour and 'Bro' hour were among the selected themes.

The staff also planned a rave for

Saturday night, complete with laser lights and a DJ.

But the fundraising doesn't stop when the dancers first stand up.

A makeshift jail cell was set up in the arena where prominent participants, such as Student Government members, were placed during the marathon.

Each person set his or her own bail, and they couldn't leave until they raised the money by calling and emailing potential donors.

Student Body President Ashton Charles raised \$500 in 2010, and the staffers expected similar success from the DM prisoners this year.

Speakers like Gator football of-

fensive coordinator Charlie Weis also came to cheer on the students as they stood without giving in to the urge to sit down, even if only for a moment.

The best speakers, however, weren't Gators athletes or coaches, they were the children from Shands who came with their families to see the dancers — the children living with cancer and other health problems who DM participants aim to help each year.

Sometimes veteran dancers recognize children from past marathons.

"We literally see these kids grow up, year after year," Brighton said.

Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe says there is no need for residents to panic

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white images of a World War II documentary.

Then Lowe called.

His Friday, Lowe told Garner, had just gotten a lot worse.

Immediately, Garner flipped open his computer and went to Google News to find out what all the commotion was about.

Then, he saw it: "Afghanistan ... Koran burning ... Gainesville church ... people dead."

No more day off.

Within minutes, Garner was at City Hall working with the mayor and communications manager Bob Woods on a response.

Although an upbeat person by nature, Lowe was irritated by the news. The "Dove problem" was nothing new for Lowe. These were the people who held his city hostage to the national spotlight in September. These were also the people who had put out a video online that called for "no homo mayor" when he was running for office last year.

For Lowe, these people were more than a nuisance. They were an embarrassment to his city. Later that afternoon, Lowe addressed the media.

"The world we live in is a volatile place," Lowe said. "While there is absolutely no justification for these horrific deaths and injuries, Terry Jones and his followers were quite aware that his actions could trigger these types of events."

While police stepped up their presence around the church, Lowe assured those in attendance there was no need to panic.

But would the mayor reach out to the pastor? If he felt it would lead somewhere, Lowe said, then he would.

For the mayor, Terry Jones is a lost cause.

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Ismail ibn Ali knew the questions would be coming once he turned on his television.

Ibn Ali, the president of Islam on Campus at UF, had heard all the arguments against his faith, which holds more than a billion followers worldwide.

He knew the violence in Afghanistan would lead to the same criticism.

But it still hurts.

"To have this behavior in Afghanistan is

really sad because this is the reaction Terry Jones wanted," ibn Ali said. "It's just a really sad situation."

Despite the publicity the city has drawn from the events in Afghanistan, ibn Ali said Gainesville is still a good town to be a Muslim in, even if one church wants to tell the world otherwise.

"I could take any creed, twist it and give you a reason to do something bad," he said. "This act of violence [in Afghanistan] is not something any Muslim would say is justi-

fied."

Although ibn Ali wouldn't say what happened in Afghanistan was all Jones' fault, he said the pastor carries some responsibility. Then again, he said, these are people who have nothing to lose.

But, for now, he prays.

"I just hope that everyone keeps cool-headed," ibn Ali said, "and that wisdom prevails."

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AP Photo

Afghan protestors beat a burning effigy of President Obama during a demonstration in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on Sunday. Afghan protests against the burning of a Quran in Gainesville entered a third day on Sunday.

Wayne Sapp knew what was coming when he put the flame to the book. The gun on his waist testifies to the lingering thought that someone, somewhere wants him dead.

He said he feels sympathy for the victims and their families.

He asserted he never would harm a Muslim, let alone kill one. But God's work, he said, needed to be done.

"It's like a snake being in a bed with a bunch of babies," said Sapp, Jones' second-in-command. "Do you just let it continue to creep and let it breed, or do you reach in and get it?"

Reaching in, however, comes at a price.

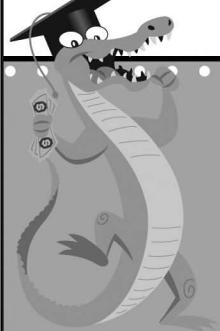
"We're human beings. Of course we have moments of fear," said Luke Jones, the senior pastor's son and a pastor at the church. "When the world comes raining down on you, you feel the emotion."

That doesn't mean the church has any plans to stop preaching its controversial message anytime soon.

As Sapp unfastened his tie after Sunday's service, one thing was clear: if he could, he'd do it again.

"We're not in this for the fireworks; we're not in this for the show," the younger Jones said. "We're not going away."

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Dixie pride and diversity coexist at Waldo flea market

By **ALEX ORLANDO**
Alligator Writer

It might be racist. It might be heritage. Either way, no one seems to mind why or how Judy Byer gets her shipments of Ku Klux Klan shirts.

She's been selling them on the road for 20 years, the past 10 of which were under the red-and-white tent in the back 40 of the Waldo Flea Market. The sign on the front reads "Redneck Country."

Under the air-conditioned tent, it's hard to open your eyes without seeing the Confederate flag. That's where she makes her money.

License plates, pocket knives, lighters, handkerchiefs and bikinis, all emblazoned with the stars and bars of Dixie, top the aisles of collapsible Formica tables. A glass case toward the front holds a collection of Confederate flag patches and Obama urinal targets.

Byer said she got the idea to sell her goods to prove a point. In 1992, Georgia Gov. Zell Miller introduced legislation to wipe the Confederate battle sign off his state flag, which had flown since 1956.

"He was raising so much Cain about the Southern flag — that it's racist when it's really heritage," Byer said.

The flag changed in 2003, but her crusade for Southern heritage hasn't stopped.

She said she doesn't order the Klan shirts out of hate but rather for money. After a request from two men in Ohio, she carried "Black Power" T-shirts. She's sold Martin Luther King Jr. belt buckles, too.

As for the KKK's message, she said she doesn't agree with "most of their stuff."

"Everybody's got their right to feel or buy whatever they want," she said. "I don't think

I've got the right to push my opinion on anyone myself."

She said her clientele is just as diverse as any. She's sold KKK shirts to people ranging from 7 years old to 95 years old, to whites who wear them fishing and to a black body-builder in Jacksonville who flies the Dixie flag in his front yard. She's seen members of the community wearing them in the Waldo Winn-Dixie.

One of the more popular of the 10 shirt designs pictures three Klansmen in their

white hoods and sheets. Underneath, the shirt reads, "The original boys in the hood."

About a football field away from the Rebel Country tent, 71-year-old Ellicano Reeves sells mustard greens, collards and turnips out of the back of his beat-up, forest-green 1996 Ford F-150.

Growing up in Rayford, Fla., in the 1940s and 1950s, he's seen the worst racism has to offer.

As a 10-year-old, he remembers being mugged by the neighborhood white children

on his way to the store. He learned to carry with him a broom handle wrapped in wire on one end when he walked to the store. He would lean the broom handle against the wall of the nearby feed store on his way. When the other children would chase him, he'd sprint to the broom handle and start busting heads.

In the 1960s, during the Civil Rights Movement, he started carrying a knife for the same reason.

Even now, a .30-06 rifle rests across the bench seat of his pick-up truck. Usually, it's for hunting deer, but he said he wouldn't hesitate to use it for protection.

"I carried it for a purpose," he said. "But don't change that purpose on me."

On weekends, he sits in the cool shade of the flea market pavilion, propped on the back two legs of a lawn chair. His dusty work boots rest on a wooden tabletop while he peddles his produce to shoppers who come down the long aisle.

He said he knows about Rebel Country and Judy Byer's KKK shirts. He said he's not offended.

"That's their business," he said. "I am who I am, and I don't have to change for anybody. They are who they are, and they don't have to change for me."

Still, he said, he wouldn't go out of his way to talk with someone wearing one of the shirts because "our views would be so different that we couldn't carry a conversation."

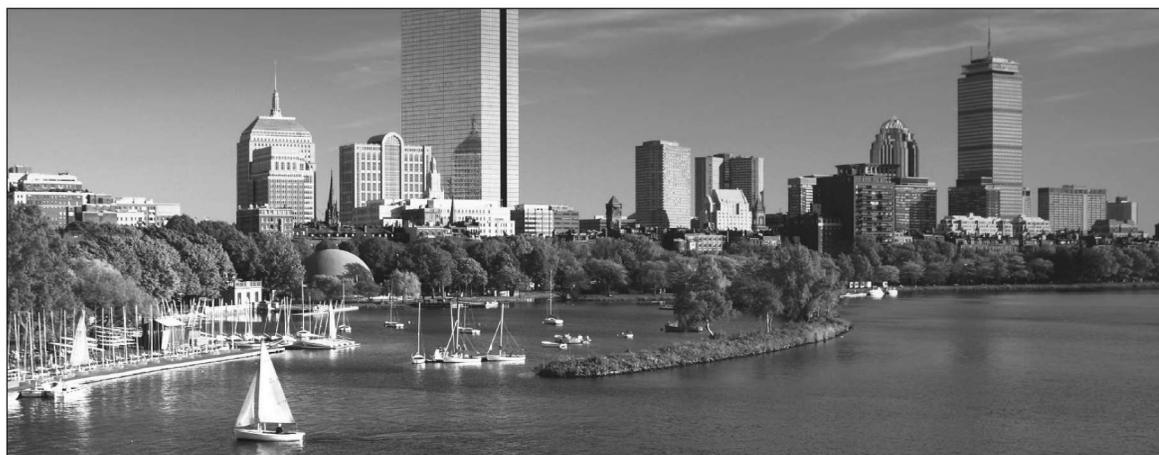
Flea Market owner Sally Blakewood said she welcomes the sellers' views and their products "as long as they stay in their tent and don't bother anybody."

"We're pretty big on diversity," she said. "That's what the flea market's all about."



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Judy Byer poses in her shop, Redneck Country, at the Waldo Farmers and Flea Market. Among her merchandise are Confederate flag bikinis, President Obama urinal targets and Ku Klux Klan T-shirts.



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Editorial

Gag Order

Consequences of pastor's actions warrant comment

Let us apologize for going back on our word. You may remember an editorial from mid-January in which we discussed our organization's choice to ignore the Dove World Outreach Center's event planned for March.

The lack of coverage from our newspaper and many other media organizations did nothing to dissuade pastor Terry Jones from his purposefully inflammatory actions.

As such, today we bring you news coverage not in anticipation of an event meant to incite anger and hatred but in anticipation of its aftermath.

No one can say the center's "trial" of the Quran directly caused the deaths of U.N. workers halfway around the world — their murders came at the hands of Afghani extremists — but we can say the pastor needlessly poured gasoline on an already blazing fire.

Speaking of which, we may indeed be stoking the flames by even giving the event's repercussions coverage, but sometimes we need a reminder that our actions, even in a small, swampy Florida city, carry consequences around the world.

Could Jones and his trial have effected such a large reaction without the media passing on the message? No, but in this ever-connected world, finding even one sympathetic ear to bend allows an extremist access to his enemies across the globe.

We have a problem with both the sender and the carriers of this message, but what about the recipients?

The idea of countering a reprehensible action with another, more vile act — in this case, numerous murders — is terrible.

Vengeance gets us nowhere, especially when exacted upon people who had nothing to do with the original offense.

No side is in the right here. The best outcome we can hope for is that the world will use this as a learning experience.

People may think they solely are attacking and offending their opponents, but it is just as likely their words or weapons will end up wounding innocents. That is something we can't stand for.

It makes us squirm to think we share a city with a man who says he's "saddened" by the deaths in Afghanistan but that he'd still hold his trial again if given the chance. The pastor should remember that just because our nation's laws permit us to say or do something doesn't mean we should, at least from an ethical standpoint.

We were hoping never to mention the names of the center and its leader again, but given the circumstances we must, if only to state for the world that our city and our people don't stand for the same ideals Terry Jones and his dwindling flock do.

Apparently, the pastor has noticed this lack of support and is trying to move his church elsewhere, where the residents are more sympathetic to his cause.

We're hoping he comes up empty on places that welcome his provocative attitude.

Who knows? Maybe our nation can stop one side of this argument between extremists from contributing to senseless violence.

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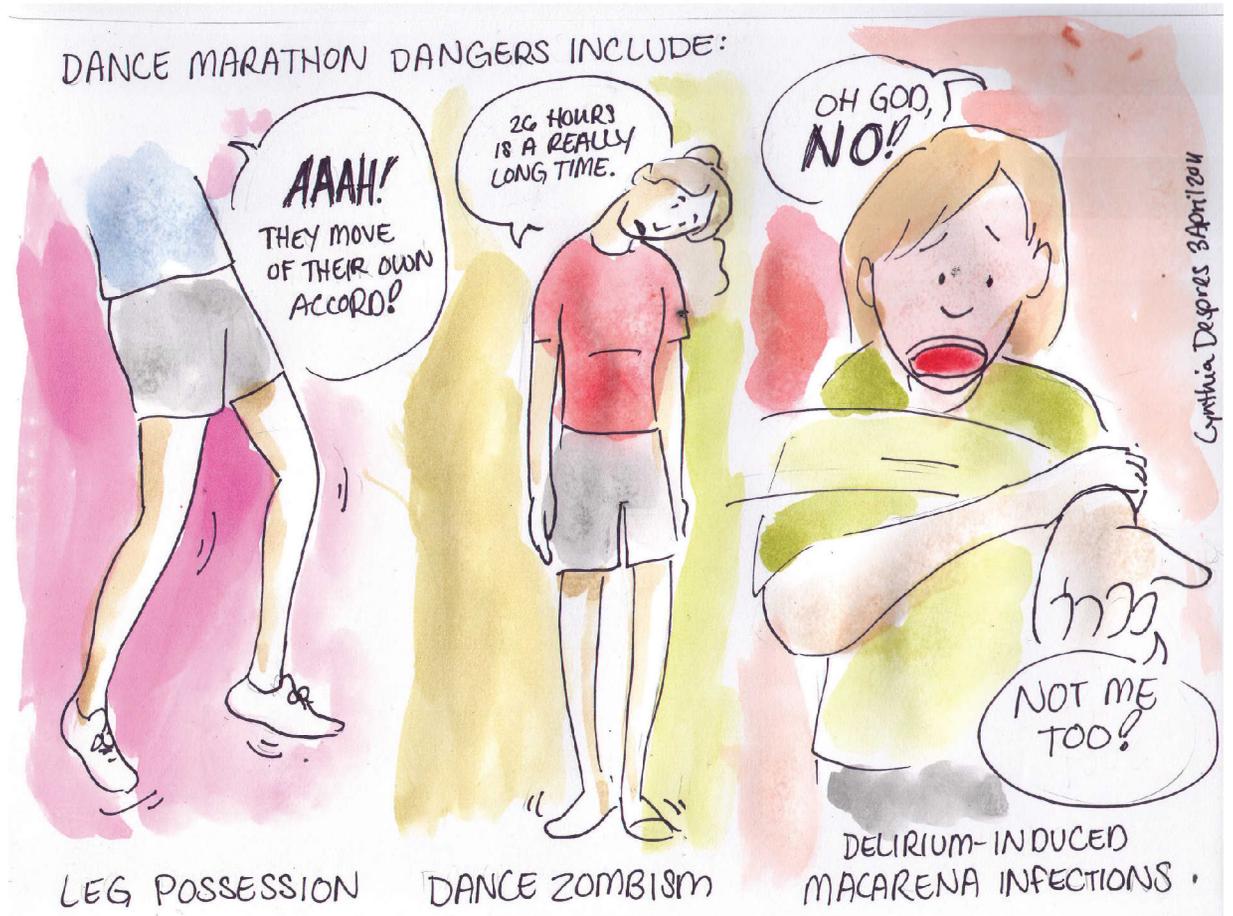
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Column

American exceptionalism exceptional

Over the past few weeks, the concept of "American exceptionalism" has dominated the airwaves.

With crises brewing both at home and abroad, Americans have been forced to confront many pressing priorities and to re-evaluate their country's role as a world leader.

In short, Americans must decide just how exceptional their exceptionalism is and, more importantly, how this exceptionalism should manifest itself to the millions who look toward it as a guiding beacon of hope in an often dark and hopeless world. In this debate, two schools of thought have emerged, which some claim appear to pit Spider-Man against Alexis de Tocqueville.

The former school of thought views America's military might as exceptional and refers to the fact that "with great power comes great responsibility," while the latter school takes the view that America's self-reliance and resultant prosperity is what makes it exceptional.

Both are true.

Rather than being mutually exclusive, they are interdependent. Without prosperity, America would not have the resources to fund its military, and without its military, America would not be able to protect its prosperity or anyone else.

This is self-evident.

Unfortunately, many on the left fail to see this. They focus solely on America's larger role in the world while ignoring the underlying source of its strength. America is a world leader today and will continue to be so only if all recognize America's strength is drawn from all Americans.

The opportunity afforded to individuals for a better life is what makes America unique. Despite no guaran-



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tees of success, this opportunity has drawn millions of immigrants from foreign nations to American shores. This same opportunity is afforded to all native-born Americans as well. In no other country could the son of a foreign father, whom society should have discounted based on his familial and economic status,

rise to become leader of the free world.

America's obligation is not to cure the ills that ail everyone but rather to ensure this same opportunity for success remains available for future generations. This is best accomplished by removing government barriers to individual success and allowing relatively unfettered access to the free market.

The globe's greatest minds have come for access to that market, which has resulted in the globe's greatest inventions and successes. America is the most exceptional nation in human history.

Though we have had problems along the way, America still is a beacon to a world looking for light.

The hope of a better life and chance to succeed through hard work is exceptional and a concept known only sparingly throughout history and other parts of the world.

While America may intervene in the affairs of others, this is not its lasting legacy. Individual opportunity and freedom from government interference will be.

American exceptionalism is exceptional, and it will continue to be so as long as America recognizes where its true strength lies.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Both sides should seek forgiveness for murders

This letter is in response to the articles covering the deadly protest in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, which appear to be a result of the antics of the Dove World Outreach Center's Terry Jones.

Mr. Jones, when did God die and leave you in charge? The name of your self-proclaimed religious organization is now the poster child for hypocrisy.

How about changing the name to Hawk World Outreach Center, because that is exactly what you intended — to aggravate a group of people who already are seething with anger at their oppression. You, sir, are what is wrong with religion today. What would Jesus do? Or didn't you even consider how Christianity came about?

As for the murderers in Mazar-i-Sharif, how dare you take it upon yourselves to defend your "sacred" religious beliefs by killing innocent people who meant you no harm and were there voluntarily. Perhaps it was the Christian belief in charity that motivated them to serve. Now, you have taken them away from us and discouraged others from serving the needs of the Afghan people in spite of the differences in faith. What would Muhammad do? Or didn't you even consider this as well?

Inciting hate, and the reactionary killing, must stop before it is too late and the world descends into more chaos and confusion. Both Jones and the murderers need to request some sort of forgiveness by extending whatever they can to the families of the survivors.

Follow your true religious precepts; don't use them for your own self-aggrandizement.

Joe Bialek
Cleveland, Ohio resident

UWire

Protest planned for Starbucks CEO

Harvard students, union members and Starbucks employees from around the country are planning to protest a lecture by Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz at the Harvard Business School on Friday.

Schultz will be speaking to several hundred business school students about his experiences running a successful business.

He will also be promoting his new book, "Onward: How Starbucks Fought for its Life Without Losing its Soul."

Liberte Locke, an organizer of the event, said Starbucks employees are angered by what they deem to be hypocrisy in Schultz's book, in which he expresses his commitment to his "partners" — as the company calls its workers.

Many employees of the company — especially union members — feel that Starbucks is one of the least labor-friendly companies in America, Locke said.

Starbucks has been found guilty by the National Labor Relations Board of violating labor rights, including charges of union busting and wrongful termination.

"For Howie [Schultz] to sit around and claim how much he loves us, it's just disgusting," said Locke, a Starbucks barista and Starbucks Workers Union organizer from New York.

"Starbucks is one of the biggest union-busting corporations in the United States."

Harvard union representatives said that they planned to support Starbucks workers in the protest.

Geoffrey "Geoff" Carens, an assistant librarian

Mercer R. Cook
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and member of the Harvard Union of Technical and Clerical Workers, emphasized what he called the "phoniness" of

Schultz's message.

"Howard Schultz likes to present Starbucks as a socially responsible corporation," Carens said.

"In reality, conditions are really bad and getting worse."

While Starbucks has garnered criticism for the way it has treated union leaders and organizers, it has presented itself as a progressive member of the Fortune 500, providing health-care benefits and stock options to some employees.

Students who plan to attend the event said they feel it is important to show solidarity with wronged workers in standing up for their rights.

"Everyone deserves a voice on the job," said Student Labor Action Movement member William P. Whitham.

Organizers of the event said they are eager to send a message both to Schultz and to the business school students.

"We want him to know that no matter where he goes, he will be held accountable," said Locke.

As for the business school students, Locke wanted them to know "that union busting is absolutely unacceptable and unethical."

Locke emphasized that the point of the protest is not to scare students away but rather to educate them.

"We want to prevent [future] employers from becoming like Starbucks," she said.

Mercer R. Cook is a student at Harvard University.

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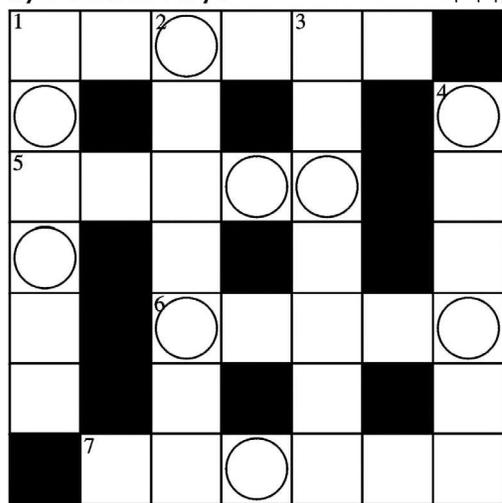
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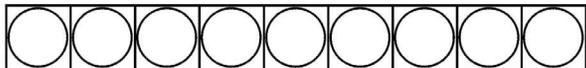
ANSWER

1. Sporting roller
2. Cause to thaw
3. Wandering
4. Attractive, interesting

- EBOWRL
SERTFOD
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- Who holds the record for the longest Division I college baseball hitting streak?
- In 2010, Philadelphia's Roy Halladay tossed the eighth perfect game in N.L. history. Name the pitchers for the 6th and 7th ones.
- When was the last time before the 2009 NFL season (Indianapolis, New Orleans) that the top playoff seed in each conference made the Super Bowl?
- Who was the last Kansas State men's basketball player before Denis Clemente to have at least 1,000 points in a two-year career?
- Name the last American taken in the top five picks of an NHL Draft.
- How many races did Kyle Busch win in the three main NASCAR series in 2010?
- When was the first time no American male tennis players were in the ATP's top-10 ranking?

- Answers**
- Oklahoma State's Robin Ventura hit in 58 consecutive games in 1987.
 - Montreal's Dennis Martinez (1991) and Arizona's Randy Johnson (2004).
 - It was the 1993 season (Buffalo and Dallas).
 - Mitch Richmond (1986-88).
 - Zach Bogosian was the third overall pick by Atlanta in 2008.
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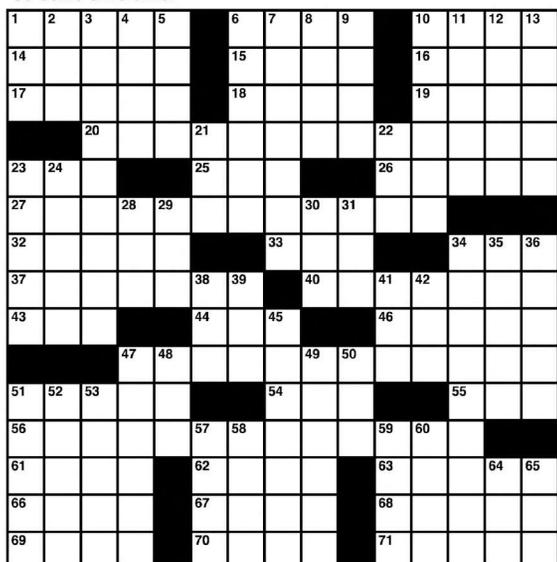
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 - Knucklehead
 - Close, as a parka
 - Hollywood success
 - Hollywood favorite
 - College town near Bangor
 - Nanny's charge
 - Bills with Hamilton on them
 - Rehab step
- DOWN**
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 - Green or black brew
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 - Sampras of tennis
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 - Manet or Monet
 - Affectionate bop
 - Key with four sharps: Abbr.
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 - Murphy of "48 HRS."
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 - Dress (up)
 - Green prefix
 - Athlete who isn't green?
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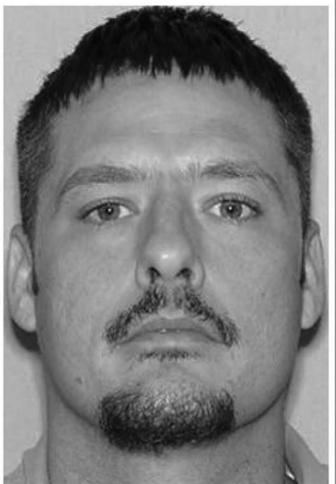
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UF BASEBALL

Florida's bullpen steps up in sweep of Tennessee



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Florida junior right-hander Tommy Toledo throws a pitch during UF's 9-1 win over Tennessee at McKethan Stadium on Sunday. Toledo protected a 1-0 lead in the sixth, relieving starter Karsten Whitson.

By **JESSE SIMONTON**

Alligator Staff Writer
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After relaxing while Hudson Randall pitched a gem Friday night, the Gators' stout bullpen flexed its muscles the rest of the weekend.

No. 3 Florida (24-5, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) rode its relievers to a sweep of Tennessee (19-9, 2-7 SEC), winning 9-1 on Sunday afternoon in McKethan Stadium.

For the second straight day the Gators' pen put out the fire, throwing four innings of relief, including three huge outs from Tommy Toledo in the sixth.

"Tommy did a great job of stepping up and getting the guys out today," junior right fielder Preston Tucker said. "One thing about our bullpen is we got guys that will come in and do the job, so we know all we need to do is score a few runs and we'll get the 'W.'"

Protecting a slim 1-0 lead, Toledo relieved freshman starter Karsten Whitson with no outs and runners on second and third.

With the infield in, the junior right-hander induced a groundout to third before nailing a runner at the plate on an athletic, bare-handed scoop on a swinging bunt.

"That's the first time I've ever made that play in a game," Toledo said. "There was really no other play I had."

After inducing a flyout to escape the jam, Florida responded with eight runs on nine hits in the sixth and seventh innings.

"Right after that, we had the momentum on our side," Toledo said. "Once we get the momentum, we're tough to beat."

Mike Zunino and Tucker hit back-to-back doubles to lead off the bottom of the sixth as UF scored three runs in the inning.

Using a barrage of singles in the seventh, Florida pounded two Tennessee relievers for five runs, including two scorching run-scoring knocks by Austin Maddox (3 for 3, two RBIs) and Nolan Fontana (2 for 4, two RBIs).

Fontana had a monster weekend, as UF's shortstop was its top run producer, driving in eight on six hits. Florida's leadoff hitter has 23 RBIs on the season, tied for tops on the team.

Whitson made his seventh start of the year, tossing five scoreless innings before being lifted with two on in the sixth.

The flamethrower struggled

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Host UF thrives at Relays

■ THE GATORS WON FOUR EVENTS THIS WEEKEND AT HOME.

By **JOE MORGAN**
Alligator Writer

Honoring their seniors before the season opener would be considered odd in most sports, but it's nothing out of the ordinary for track and field.

In a sport where a team has only one or two home dates per year, this weekend's Florida Relays may have been the only opportunity to see a full home crowd.

"It was great being in front of friends and family. You can't beat that feeling," UF coach Mike Holloway said. "Up in the stands, there's a great crowd up there, so it was a great experience for us."

The Gators picked up four event victories, saw senior Jeremy Postin set a UF record and put up plenty of other personal-best times and marks at Percy Beard Track

in Pressly Stadium over the weekend.

"It's nice to know The Gator Nation supports us," junior Gray Horn said.

"It's nice not having to travel," added Postin, whose hammer throw of 65.09m/213-6 on Friday broke his own school record.

Florida's first home date of the season held extra meaning for junior Christian Taylor.

In addition to winning the men's 400m dash, Taylor was awarded the William R. Richardson Memorial Track Scholarship, given to the top junior track and field athlete, and his parents were in the crowd to witness his successful weekend.

"(My parents) actually haven't seen me run since my senior year in high school, so it was really big to get this win with my second-best time," Taylor said.

Joining Taylor as individual winners this weekend were junior Jeff Demps (100m



Track

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Gators advance after 'ugly' meet at NCAAs

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

Although it was the biggest meet of the season, something was off for the Florida gymnastics team on Saturday.

"They were very flat," UF coach Rhonda Faehn said. "I didn't feel that they had a lot of spirit or energy."

The No. 1 Gators' performances weren't up to their usual standards at the NCAA North Central Region Championships, and Florida was edged 196.550 to 196.425 by No. 12 Arkansas, dropping UF to second among the six teams in Denver.

UF will move on to the NCAA Championships on April 15 despite

nearly seeing its season come to a close, edging out third-place Boise State by just .025 points.

"It was ugly. It was a very uncharacteristic performance for us, and I really don't have an explanation for it. There are no excuses," Faehn said. "I thought they fought hard, but again, this meet is definitely one I'd like to forget."

After apprehensive performances in the Southeastern Conference Cham-



Faehn

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UF ROUNDUP

Lacroix shines on Senior Day, records 200th career win

By **THOMAS NASSIFF**
Alligator Writer

As Alexandre Lacroix reflected on a career defined by breaking records and setting standards, it was only fitting that he continued the trend on Senior Day.

Lacroix, the lone senior for the No. 15 UF men's tennis team, was recognized before Sunday's match against Vanderbilt amid one of the most remarkable careers in program history.

By the end of the match, Lacroix had become just the second UF player to reach 200 total wins, and he helped the Gators (13-6, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) celebrate their last regular-season contest at home with a 7-0 shutout of the Commodores (11-8, 2-6 SEC).

"I really tried to keep the emotion inside me because I know it's hard to play tennis with that emotion," Lacroix said. "So, I tried to keep it and just let it go at the end of the match."

Lacroix and Sekou Bangoura Jr. clinched the doubles point for Florida with an 8-6 win over Vanderbilt's Adam Baker and Charlie Jones.

That win gave Lacroix his 200th career

victory as he joined Justin O'Neal (1997-2000) as the only other player in UF history to reach that mark. O'Neal recorded 208 career victories, a number Lacroix still has a chance to top this season.

Lacroix's singles match Sunday was a come-from-behind win in a third-set tiebreaker over the Commodores' Ryan Lipman.

The final match score wasn't at all indicative of how close the action was, as Vanderbilt proved deserving of its No. 30 national ranking despite a subpar record in conference play.

The Gators saw four singles matches enter second-set tiebreakers and played phenomenally as a team to close out those matches.

Bangoura, Nassim Slilam and Billy Federhofer each needed tiebreakers to win their matches in straight sets. Bob van Overbeek lost his tiebreaker but won the third set to claim his victory.

The match could have turned out worse for Florida had it not succeeded in those tiebreakers, as the Gators have struggled in close decisions this spring.

"It was much like the Kentucky match or the Mississippi State match, but we just won

all the close matches," UF coach Andy Jackson said. "We did some things tactically better, and we won a hard-fought victory that we were pleased with."

UF MATCHES RECORD LOW IN THIRD ROUND: It's not often in a round of golf that everything comes together at the same time, but that's exactly what happened for the Florida women's golf team Sunday at the Liz Murphy Invitational.



Dowling

The Gators finally made good on that claim Sunday.

"This is a huge confidence-builder for us," Dowling said. "Our goal all season has been to peak in the postseason, and if we can take care of business in the next two weeks, we look ready to do that."

On a day with many memorable per-

formances, the most gratifying for UF was the 2-under-par 70 carded by senior Jessica Yadloczky. The team captain has struggled during her final year in Gainesville, but her impact on the team has still been substantial due to her leadership and competitiveness in practice.

Yadloczky shot two birdies over her last five holes to earn her first under-par round of the season.

Sophomore Mia Piccio turned in Florida's lowest score of the day. She shot a 3-under-par 69, climbing to 11th on the individual leaderboard after carding five birdies in seven holes on the front nine.

Sophomore Isabelle Lendl also played her best round of an impressive tournament Sunday. Lendl's 1-under-par performance earned her a fifth-place finish.

The Gators now have a two-week layoff before heading to Auburn for the Southeastern Conference Championship on April 15.

"We just need to do what we normally do to keep the momentum from this round for SECs," Dowling said. "Our focus in practice has been our short game, and it worked well for us today, so we're going to continue with that."

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Freshman McGee wins first outdoor race

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sprint) and freshman Cory McGee (800m run).

Demps won his event in 10.07 seconds, improving on his previous personal-best mark at the Florida Relays of 10.11 seconds, which he set in 2010.

As for McGee, the accom-

plishments keep coming for the two-time Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week Award winner.

She recorded her first outdoor victory by winning the 800m run and also anchored the 1600m sprint medley relay that secured UF's only team victory.

Although Holloway ex-

pressed disappointment in the women's team's performance following an unsatisfying end to the indoor season, it has picked up four event victories in the outdoor season's first three meets.

"I'm excited about the women's team as a whole," Holloway said. "What we did indoors is not indicative of what kind of team we are."

The No. 1 Florida men had a disappointing second day, failing to capture two events they won at last season's Florida Relays.

The 4x100 relay saw the Gators finish third (38.91 seconds) behind Florida State and winner Pure Athletics.

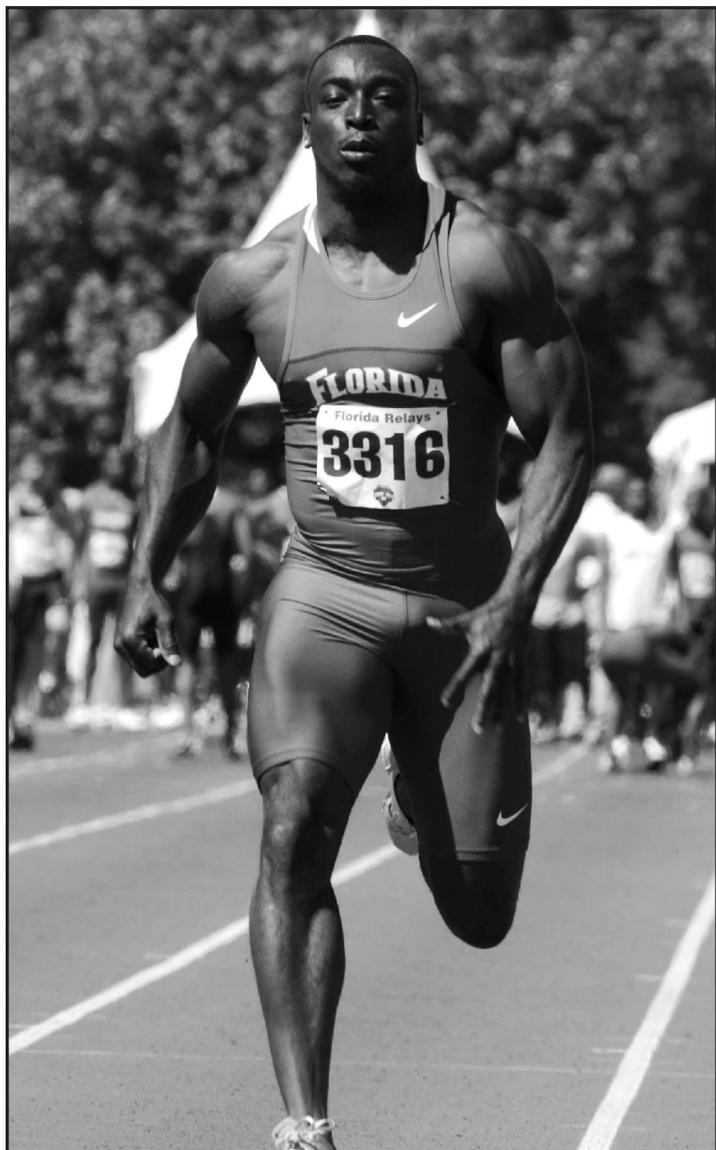
A pro team from Pure Athletics set a new Florida Relays record with its winning time, finishing the race in 38.74 seconds.

UF was unable to finish the 4x200 relay because sophomore Tony McQuay fell during his leg of the run and was too injured to continue.

"Tony's been battling injuries all year long, and they just keep popping up," Holloway said. "Tony's been blessed with a lot of great God-given talent, so we'll get him fixed up. And we've got six weeks to get him ready for conference, so that's our starting point."

While the weekend didn't produce a lot of victories and had its fair share of disappointments, Holloway still saw it as a point to build on moving forward.

"There are some things that we're very good at it, things we're not so good at and things we have to get a lot better at," Holloway said. "What we're going to do is sit down as a staff, talk about it, look at it, get together on Monday and get back to work."



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Florida's Jeff Demps runs the 100-meter dash at the Florida Relays on Friday at Percy Beard Track in Pressly Stadium.

Randall, Gators staff slow down potent Vols lineup

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early, walking the bases loaded in the second inning before baring down and escaping trouble. Whitson scattered five hits and didn't walk another batter after the second while striking out six for the game.

"He's a power pitcher," UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "Sometimes you get some walks in there, but with power guys, you get strikeouts. I thought he threw the ball good, but most importantly, he battled through that

second inning."

The Gators' pitching dominated the SEC's top-hitting team all series, as Randall tossed a four-hit shutout in Friday night's 3-0 victory before Brian Johnson and Anthony DeSclafani limited the Volunteers to just two runs on four hits in Saturday's 11-2 blowout.

"Anthony [DeSclafani] yesterday was outstanding, and I thought Toledo was equally as good today," O'Sullivan said.

UF keeping title hopes alive

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pionships, Faehn said this competition wasn't much different.

"They didn't come out and compete aggressively," Faehn said. "They're all great performers, but we allowed the doubts to creep in."

While freshman Alaina Johnson finished No. 1 in the all-around, Faehn said she was disappointed in UF's "lackluster energy" overall, and she is glad the team was able to advance despite the poor performances.

When Florida kicked off its floor exercise, the outlook seemed promising.

Sophomore Marissa King completed the double layout in her routine, which Faehn described as beautiful. Johnson also had a solid performance, as both she and King posted 9.9s, placing them in the four-way tie for second in the event.

But when the competition turned to vault, Faehn said the gymnasts' landings were worse than they were at SECs.

All-arounders Johnson and sophomore Ashanee Dickerson managed to pull through, escaping with a three-

way tie for first place.

The only event Faehn said the gymnasts performed better in was bars, as freshman Mackenzie Caquatto snagged first with a 9.95 and Johnson grabbed second with a 9.925.

But things fell apart on beam, as the usually solid and consistent Elizabeth Mahlich posted a 9.225 while Dickerson stumbled to the second-lowest score of the competition with an 8.475.

But senior Maranda Smith was confident the team would be able to

fix its problems heading into the NCAA Championships on April 15.

"We all have good mindsets, and we are willing to sacrifice anything for the team," Smith said. "This team hasn't lost the will and the drive to win a national championship."

"We're going to put them under more pressure situations," Faehn added. "We'll be putting them in real uncomfortable positions on beam and see who is going to rise to the occasion."



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UF SOFTBALL

Rogers struggles as Gators suffer second straight sweep

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**
Alligator Writer

For the second weekend in a row, the Gators went winless.

After getting blown out 10-2 on Friday, No. 5 Florida (30-7, 7-6 Southeastern Conference) nearly notched a come-from-behind win Saturday before losing 7-6 to No. 23 Kentucky (25-7, 11-3 SEC).

But Sunday's loss wasn't even close.

The Gators narrowly avoided the run-rule but eventually suffered another sweep as the Wildcats closed out the series with a decisive 9-2 win.

"To watch us play today was pretty hard to swallow," UF coach Tim Walton said.

With the way Florida has been pitching, it never had a chance.

Hannah Rogers was the only Gator to take the mound this weekend, but her performances were less than impressive.

The freshman turned in her fourth consecutive poor outing since starting the season 16-1. Her struggles couldn't have come at a worse time, as senior ace Stephanie Brombacher remained sidelined with a bicep injury.

"She just wasn't very good," Walton said. "She gave up way too many hits. ... She wasn't sharp."

The young righty's woes continued Sunday, when the Wildcats pounded her for eight runs in the first inning.

Leadoff hitter Meagan Aull, who went 5 for 10 with eight RBIs on the weekend, proved to be Rogers' toughest nemesis.

The outfielder started off Sunday with a solo shot to left before adding a two-run homer later in the inning.

While Rogers was able to settle down for the rest of the game, the damage was already done.

"Hannah's been having to throw every single game, and that's been hard on her mentally and physically," left fielder Kelsey Bruder said.

Walton said Kentucky's lineup matched Rogers stride for stride, fouling off good

pitches and turning bloopers into hits.

More concerning for UF than the pitching performance was its inability to put together quality at-bats.

The Gators' typically potent lineup seemed timid and provided little firepower, mustering only two runs on five hits and striking out 10 times.

"I didn't think we were aggressive at the plate," Walton said. "I've tried getting different players in, but it doesn't get any better when you look at the box score."

While center fielder Michelle Moultrie and second baseman Aja Paculba combined to go 7 for 21, the rest of the lineup barely made a mark on the stat sheet.

Power hitters Bruder, Megan Bush and Brittany Schutte accounted for only three RBIs and struck out 11 times, while the bottom of the order was nearly nonexistent. After a string of impressive performances against Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Georgia, Bruder described her weekend as just "average."

"For some girls, going 1 for 3 is a good weekend," she said. "But I expect much better of myself. We have to be more aggressive, especially earlier in the count, and shorten up with two strikes."

With the team stuck in a six-game slump, everything from the team's pregame meals to weight lifting sessions will be re-evaluated.

"We're going to shake up the process with everything we do," Walton said. "We'll turn the table over and pick everything back up and go from there. We're not going down without a fight."



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Florida freshman pitcher Hannah Rogers threw every inning of the Gators' weekend sweep at the hands of Kentucky, giving up 24 earned runs in three losses.

Cullen scores record seven goals as UF rolls over PSU

■ THE SOPHOMORE LEADS
THE NATION WITH 56 GOALS.

By **JOHN BOOTHE**
Alligator Writer

It only took Kitty Cullen eight seconds Saturday at Penn State to answer whether the Gators were ready for their first road game in 45 days.

With one whip of her stick, the sophomore buried the quickest goal in Florida's two seasons of play, one of her seven on the day, and helped lead a banner day for the No. 6 Gators (11-1, 2-0 American Lacrosse Conference) in a 13-7 victory over the No. 16 Nittany Lions (6-5, 1-1

ALC).

"It's really hard to put into words," UF coach Amanda O'Leary said of Cullen's performance. "She just dominated the offense. Her shooting was spot on. She made very good decisions. ... Just the fact of how many points she's put on the board speaks for itself."

Cullen, who leads the nation with 56 goals, tacked on five more by halftime to tie her and Ashley Bruns' Florida record of six goals in a game. The two have matched their shared mark six times, so it was only fitting both had a hand in the record-breaking goal.

On the Gators' opening possession of the second half, Bruns fed the ball inside the 8-meter arc to Cullen,

who beat Penn State goalie Dana Cahill to notch her school-record seventh goal of the game.

"(Brunns) really played well," Cullen said. "She kept her head up and was able to get a lot of really great feeds, and we were able to have great options off of the shots because of the way she was working the ball."



The game wasn't all positive for UF, as sophomore Brittany Dashiell suffered a concussion with less than 10 minutes left in the first half after she collided with a Penn State player and fell to the turf. O'Leary said the midfielder also cut

her chin in the process, and that injury alone would have been enough to keep her out the rest of the game.

"When Brittany went down, it was definitely scary because she is one of our best players from defense to transition and offense — she's awesome," Cullen said. "But then other people just realized, 'Hey, this is my time to step up.'"

Led by three straight goals from Cullen and four assists by Bruns, the Gators responded to their teammate going down with a 5-0 run, breaking a 5-5 tie.

Adding to the offensive surge in Dashiell's stead with second-half goals were sophomores Colby Rhea, Janine Hillier, Caroline Cochran and Caroline Chesterman, who scored

twice.

"Penn State wasn't ready for us to come out and play like that as a team, together," Bruns said. "And that was the best part about coming out today was that we didn't care about the distractions. We just played together."

When the dust settled, Penn State found itself down 10-5 and was only able to manage two more goals the rest of the way, as sophomore goalie Mikey Meagher shut down the Nittany Lions' offense with eight saves.

The victory extended the Gators' winning streak to 11 (second-longest in the nation), including two in ALC play, topping UF's regular-season and conference win total from all of last season.

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