



Machen names committee to advise UFPD

■ THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE EIGHT MEMBERS.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Staff Writer

UF President Bernie Machen announced the members of the Ad Hoc UFPD Campus Advisory Committee on Wednesday, following up on a promise to improve communication between UPD and the rest of the campus community.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said the eight members were chosen to represent all shareholders on campus, including students, faculty and administration.

The committee will advise the police chief on issues directly affecting the campus community, including officer-student relationships and the use of force by police.

"The goal obviously is to encourage some open discussion on

tough subjects," Sikes said.

Three students will sit on the committee, including Student Body President-elect Ben Meyers, three faculty members, University Police Chief Linda Stump and a representative for university administration.

Meyers, who will take office this summer, said so much of the trouble surrounding UPD-student relationships stems from each party not understanding the motivations of the other. He said he hopes this committee will help prevent misunderstandings in the future and rebuild trust after incidents such as the shooting of graduate student Kofi Adu-Brempong last spring.

"Opening up the lines of communication between the student body and UPD is going to be critical to repair the wounds that have been made over the past couple of years," Meyers said.



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Sir Mix-A-Lotta Cello

Comedian Jim Tavare performs in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Wednesday night. Tavare, who played Tom the Innkeeper in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and placed fourth in season six of "Last Comic Standing," used a large cello as part of his skit, even playing his own rendition of Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back."

Regretting Rick? Polls show GOP rifts

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
Alligator Writer

Although Gov. Rick Scott has had a shaky relationship with GOP leaders in the state legislature since he took office in January, several Republicans at UF are choosing to stand by the former health executive-turned-politician — at least for now.

A Quinnipiac University poll released April 6 showed that voter disapproval for Scott has more than doubled since Feb. 2. In April, 48 per-

cent of voters who responded disapproved of Scott's work so far, while 35 percent approved.

In Quinnipiac's February poll, 35 percent of those polled approved of his work so far while only 22 percent did not.

State News In a poll by Public Policy Polling released March 29, respondents indicated that in a hypothetical rematch Scott would lose to Sink in a 56-37 result.

Sixteen percent of polled voters
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LOCAL

Former City Commission, mayor candidate arrested

By **KAT BEIN**
Alligator Staff Writer

A former candidate for Gainesville mayor and City Commission was arrested Tuesday night for sexual crimes committed almost a year ago.

Oswald "Ozzy" Angulo, turned himself into Gainesville Police and admitted to the felony sexual assault charge Tuesday, according to GPD spokeswoman Tscharna Senn.

Last July, Angulo was watching a movie at the victim's home with her and her friend.

The victim, a woman in her 20s who had never had a sexual relationship with Angulo, fell asleep before the movie was over and awoke to find Angulo performing oral

sex on her.

She pushed him away, and he left immediately.

The woman told her friend, but she didn't report the incident to police until March 7.

GPD detectives opened an investigation and, on Tuesday, issued a warrant for his arrest.

Angulo turned himself into police at 11:12 p.m. Tuesday and was taken to jail. He was released at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday on \$30,000 bond.

Besides his political pursuits, Angulo has been attending Santa Fe College and volunteering at the St. Francis House.



Angulo

■ UF sophomore goalkeeper Mikey Meagher (right) will lead the No. 6 Florida lacrosse team against No. 2 Northwestern in a battle of conference unbeaten today at 6:30 p.m. See Story, Page 18.



Ohio police chief cancels hundreds of speeding tickets

HAMILTON, Ohio — Motorists are off the hook for more than 900 speeding tickets automatically issued by a mobile police camera in southwest Ohio.

The camera had been stationed in a park in Hamilton on April 2 at the same time a youth soccer tournament, the Mid-American Soccer Classic, was being held.

Police Chief Neil Ferdelman tells

The JournalNews of Hamilton that he canceled the tickets because of the tournament, which he says drew many out-of-towners who were unaware the camera was in use.

At \$95 each, the 900 tickets would have totaled more than \$86,000. The chief says 70 of the tickets were mailed. Those motorists have been sent letters telling them: never mind.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spirit Night

Today, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chick-fil-A on Archer Road Benefiting Preston Winslow's bone marrow transplant. Twenty percent of all sales will go directly to the Winslow family. Email prestonleague@gmail.com for more information or to get a flier for donation.

PAM Drag Show

Today, 8 p.m.

Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Hosted by Jujubee, Pride Awareness Month's "The Diva Wears Prada, a Drag Show" will feature drag queens from "RuPaul's Drag Race," drag kings, UF students and community members strutting down the catwalk. The show is open to the public and free of charge. Visit uf-pam.org for more information.

Europe at the Harn

Today, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Harn Museum of Art Some of the fun activities include Make a Postcard of Europe, Art Meets Music and mini language lessons. The Mystery of the Missing Masterpiece is an in-gallery mystery for visitors to solve. It's up to them to discover who stole a missing work of art from the Harn, why they took it and where they've hidden it. Get started now by viewing the videos at the Harn's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/HarnMuseumofArt>.

Tie Dye for Tissue Donation

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Plaza of the Americas Come celebrate Donate Life Month with Get Carded by tie-dyeing free t-shirts donated by LifeSouth. Sign up to be an organ and tissue donor, and help UF win the collegiate donor registration challenge. More than 1 million tissue transplants are done each year, and the surgical need for tissue has been rising steadily. One tissue donor can help 50 people.

A Starry Night: The Masquerade

Friday, 8:30 p.m.

Reitz Union Rion Ballroom Put on a mask for Pride Awareness Month's Masquerade. Free food and refreshments will be provided as well as a limited supply of masks. Dress to impress. For more information, visit uf-pam.org.

Gator Stompin' Pool Party

Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

The Enclave Come to the official Gator Stompin' Pool Party hosted by The Vault Nightclub and Pledge 5 Foundation. Free

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entry for those who pledge five hours of public service. Come enjoy free food, drinks and music.

LifeSouth and UF Rec Sports Blood Drive

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
LifeSouth Community Blood Center on 13th Street

Come out to support the local community as well as the UF Men's Rugby Club during its semiannual blood drive. There will be food, refreshments and car washes for all who donate. For more information, email bstubby@ufl.edu.

Robot Demonstration

Monday, 2 p.m.

New Engineering Building, Harris Rotunda

Twenty-five students in the Intelligent Machines Design Laboratory course will be presenting their robots and two other prize-winning robots designed and built at UF. The autonomous mobile platforms for the course were designed this semester. See http://mil.ufl.edu/imdl/robot_info_s11.htm for more info.

Victoria's Secret PINK Collegiate Showdown

Ends April 21

The Collegiate Showdown is a bracket-style voting competition during which 59 schools compete to have Victoria's Secret PINK host its annual Back-to-School Concert at the winning university. Log in or sign up at vspink.com/pinknation. Votes can be cast once a day. Last year's winner, West Virginia University, received a concert with Drake, DJ Irie, PINK model Chanel Iman and tons of prizes.

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NATIONAL

Maine man teaches legal pot growing techniques

PORTLAND, Maine — A Maine man is teaching people how to grow medical marijuana at what's being called "Mari-

juana State University."

Fifty-six-year-old Ray Logan has been growing marijuana for 30 years, but when he started it was a recreational and illegal hobby. Now he's taking advantage of Maine's medical marijuana law to share his expertise legally.

He taught his first class earlier this month in Portland. More classes are scheduled.

The Portland Press Herald says Logan is offering three-hour workshops for people who want to learn how to grow high-quality marijuana in their homes.

Maine's medical marijuana law allows registered patients, caregivers and dispensaries to grow marijuana to treat certain medical conditions.

To avoid conflicts with police, Logan uses basil rather than marijuana in his classes to demonstrate the growing techniques.

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INTERNATIONAL

A Czech president to be sent thousands of pens

PRAGUE — Some say the pen is mightier than the sword. If true, Czech President Vaclav Klaus will soon be a very mighty man.

More than 5,000 Czechs have signed up to a Facebook campaign to mail pens to the president after a video of him sheepishly pocketing a pen he took an obvious liking to during an official signing ceremony last week in Chile became widely popular on the Internet.

Klaus says it's customary for leaders to keep pens after signing accords. But the manner in which he sized up the pen — encrusted with semiprecious Chilean stones — and then sneakily slipped it into his pocket while he sat at a desk alongside Chilean President Sebastian Pinera has earned him the ridicule of some of his countrymen.

"It seemed to me absolutely inappropriate to do anything like that during an official ceremony," said Vojtech Palous, a 23-year-old student of medicine from Prague.

"To do that in front of television cameras was just insane."

Palous said the country's image will survive, but the video makes the president seem a little weird.

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Greek students' grades slightly above average

By **MINA RADMAN**
Alligator Writer

Members of UF's Greek community are proud to flash their letters — and not just the ones on their jerseys and badges.

The average GPA for the Greek community for the fall 2010 semester was 3.28, according to the UF Interfraternity Council.

This is slightly higher than the average university GPA for all students that semester, which was 3.27.

"It's pretty typical for the Greek GPA to be above the all-university GPA," said Jack Causseaux, the associate director for Sorority and Fraternity Affairs. "It has fluctuated, but it's not out of the ordinary."

The Greek community expects their members to have an above-average GPA, according to Causseaux, because scholarship and academics are two of the organization's main principles.

He said the slightly above-average GPA seems to dispel negative Greek stereotypes.

"They are not putting their academics secondary," he said.

Causseaux said the UF Greek community also has a higher GPA, on average, than Greek communities at other universities.

"People who come here are pleasantly surprised by the chapters' performance on this campus," Causseaux said.

Greek Life

AROUND GAINESVILLE

New club opens downtown

By **COURTNEY STEINBERG**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A new club in Gainesville is giving away \$2,500 in prizes to celebrate its grand opening.

The festivities at Fubar, once known as Silver-Q, will include a beer pong tournament and scooter raffle Monday at 9 p.m.

The two-story club, 225 W. University Ave., was recently renovated and will include a \$100,000 lighting and sound system.

Anyone 18 years and older can enter the nine-table tournament for \$10 a person as long as one team member is 21 or older.

The first through fourth place teams will win cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500.

Everyone who attends opening night will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$1,500 scooter from New Scooters 4 Less.

There will be free drinks all night, and two live DJs will play a mixture of electro, house and hip-hop music.

The Fubar in Orlando is one of the University of Central Florida's most popular bars, so the owner, Matt Merdian, 35, decided to open one in downtown Gainesville.

He said someone would have to go to Los Angeles or Las Vegas to be able to experience the same kind of light show his club will provide.

Monday nights will be called Mug Night Mondays, where there will be weekly \$250 beer pong tournaments.

"We'll be having the most ridiculous drink specials that Gainesville has ever seen."

Matt Merdian
Bar owner

Aside from opening night, the cover will cost \$9 to receive a Fubar mug and unlimited drinks.

"We'll be having the most ridiculous drink specials that Gainesville has ever seen," Merdian said.

The club is non-smoking, which he said allows for a healthier environment.

"Most people generally do appreciate not having to feel like they have to burn their clothes, shave their head and scrape their skin off at the end of the night," Merdian said.

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UF ADMINISTRATION

Provost, president-elect discuss tuition increases

By HANNAH WINSTON
Alligator Writer

In an effort to calm tensions that have risen between university administration and some UF students, UF Provost Joe Glover and Student Body President-elect Ben Meyers took to the podium Wednesday.

Speaking to a crowd of about 25 students, the two answered questions regarding block tuition, tuition increases and the overall future of UF.

Block tuition would charge a flat-rate tuition fee for 15 credit hours, even if students take 12 or 18 hours.

Meyers said it's always great to see students and administration create a dialogue.

He said administrators and students have the same desire to do what is best for the university on all issues.

Students in the crowd disagreed.

They asked questions about uneven student-to-teacher ratios and tuition increases, but block tuition still remained a concern for some students.

"My purpose is not to sell [block tuition] to you today," Glover said.

He tried to explain the issue and how it would affect specific cases.

He said block tuition would not be imposed on graduate students and it would apply only for the fall and spring semesters. Also, block tuition would affect only full-time students or students who take 12 or more credit hours a semester.

Glover said some of the best initiatives the university has taken have been opposed by students at first.

"People fought like crazy against critical tracking," he said referring to the system that requires all students to meet certain GPA and class requirements to graduate.

Glover was also asked what the revenue from the tuition increases of the past year and years to come will be used for.

"The general answer to that is: The president always decides," he said.

But he assured the group that \$10 million generated from the tuition increase will be used to hire new faculty this year.



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Virgil Mathis, a UF student, speaks out against block tuition in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Wednesday. Mathis, who works full time and doesn't receive scholarships, was considered "atypical" by UF Provost Joe Glover during an Academic Issues Forum.

Obama: Cut spending, raise taxes on the wealthy

■ HIS PLAN IS TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT BY \$4 TRILLION.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama coupled a call for \$4 trillion in long-term deficit reductions with a blistering attack on Republican plans for taxes, Medicare and Medicaid on Wednesday, laying down markers for a roiling debate in Congress and the 2012 presidential campaign to come.

Obama said spending cuts and higher taxes alike must be part of any deficit-reduction plan, including an end to Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy. He proposed an unspecified "debt failsafe" that would go into effect if Congress failed to make sure the national debt would be falling by 2014 relative

to the size of the overall economy.

"We have to live within our means, reduce our deficit and get back on a path that will allow us to pay down our debt," the president said in a speech at George Washington University a few blocks from the White House. "And we have to do it in a way that protects the recovery, and protects the investments we need to grow, create jobs and win the future."

Obama's speech was salted with calls for bipartisanship, but also bristled with attacks on Republicans. They want to "end Medicare as we know it," he said, and to extend tax cuts for the wealthy while demanding 33 million seniors pay more for health care.

"That's not right, and it's not going to happen as long as I am president," he vowed.

Obama spoke to an audience that in-

cluded Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., author of the House Republican budget that drew repeated presidential scorn. The Budget Committee chairman later told reporters he had been excited to receive an invitation to the speech, believing the administration was extending an olive branch.



Boehner

"Instead, what we got was a speech that was excessively partisan, dramatically inaccurate and hopelessly inadequate to addressing our country's pressing fiscal challenges," Ryan said. "What we heard today was not fiscal leadership from our commander in chief. What we heard today was a political broadside from our campaigner in chief."

Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, noted that the administration has asked Congress to raise the debt limit, but said, "the American people will not stand for that unless it is accompanied by serious action to reduce our deficit. More promises, hollow targets and Washington commissions simply won't get the job done."

The president spoke less than a week after he reached a compromise with Boehner on an unprecedented package of \$38 billion in spending cuts for this year just in time to avoid a partial government shutdown. Both houses of Congress are expected to pass the measure in the next 24 hours or so, closing the books on the current budget year and clearing the way for a far more defining debate about the size and shape of the government.

Polls indicate that Democrat Alex Sink would win in a rematch

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who said they voted for Scott also indicated they would switch to Sink, and 21 percent of Republicans said the same.

Despite the fact that November 2010 exit polls expected Scott to win the independent vote by eight points, the March poll indicated that in a rematch Sink would score the independents' support by a 61-29 margin of victory.

While Democrats' dislike of Scott comes as no surprise, there is concern that Scott's scruples with Republicans in the legislature and his actions concerning the budget may have caused some Republican voters to falter in their support for the new governor.

Former chair of the UF College

Republicans and current UF law student Bryan Griffin said although Scott's recent actions cannot please every Republican, let alone every Florida resident, they are the necessary moves for a state burdened with economic woes.

"He has done what is necessary to make sure Florida doesn't find itself in a worse-off place financially," he said. "He's following through with his campaign promises."

Griffin said sliding poll numbers should not be taken as an ultimate indicator of Florida voters turning their backs on Scott, as such data could be considered questionable given the number of those willing to answer the approval rating polls who already have a bias in mind.

Nevertheless, he believes the favorable fiscal results Scott will

bring to the state by the end of his tenure will trump the backlash his administration is feeling now.

Christine Pratt, a UF law student and a registered Republican who voted for Scott, said in an email interview that she supports his budget cuts because, while painful at first, they will improve Florida in the long run.

State News When she graduates in May, she hopes to practice law for a government agency and knows she'll feel the sting of those cuts when she applies for those jobs.

"But Rick Scott isn't implementing these cuts to be evil and miserly," she said. "He's trying to do the right thing — he's trying to keep the State of Florida out of bankruptcy."

Kenneth Wald, a distinguished professor of political science at UF, said the problems between Scott and the Republicans in the Legislature arise from his inexperience with political office and the need to listen to other officials, Wald said.

"He is trying to run the state as if it were a corporation, and the reality is you have a board of directors in the Legislature that wants [to be] deeply involved," he said.

Albert Matheny, associate dean of the UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a political science professor, said in an email interview it is unclear how Republicans will handle Scott.

His campaign stance that conventional politics pitting Republicans against Democrats are a problem in Florida made him unpopular with traditional Republi-

can leaders in Tallahassee.

Scott's failure to consult Republican officials in the state capital about his initiatives and his disregard for their input will probably upset even the most conservative Republicans, he said.

Wald said Scott's ideologies are more in line with the Tea Party than the Republican Party as a whole.

If he appears to defer to a single political faction like the Tea Partiers, it could backfire by alienating more moderate Republicans.

"We've seen Republicans dump governors who they felt were too far moderate," Wald said. "Whether they would dump somebody who's too far to the right (is uncertain)...we haven't seen that before."

Alligator Staff Writer CJ Pruner contributed to this report.

No Southern Accent concert celebrates CD release

The group spent 180 hours recording the CD

By **ALEX ORLANDO**
Alligator Writer

In the pitch dark of the Phillips Center Black Box Theatre, a group of 18 students stands in a half-circle, humming.

Ever so slowly, the hum becomes more discernible.

"Wen-o-way-oooh-way," they repeat.

More voices chime in. The beat builds onto the harmony. Then come the words.

A song emerges. It's "Wake Up" by Arcade Fire.

Just as the song takes shape, they stop; waved off by the arm of Christopher Rienas, who stands about 10 paces away among the theater seats.

"Can you hear me?" one singer asks out of the cluster.

"Yes," Rienas says.

"Can you hear the bass mic?" asks another.

"Yes."

With another wave of his hand, Rienas sends them backstage for final adjustments.

This was just a snippet of the hour-and-a-half performance Wednesday night. The show marked the release of No Southern Accent's CD, "Group Therapy." The next show is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m.

The group sang and beat-boxed 14 songs ranging from "Heavy in Your Arms" by Florence and the Machine to James Taylor's "That Lonesome Road."

Over the past year, the group recorded the CD in Rienas' roommate's closet.

He said members spent 180 hours recording before the CD's release in hard copy and on iTunes.

The night also marked the beginning of the end for its senior members.

After four years of 10-hour-a-week practices, UF senior Mallory Zuckerman said she'll miss those moments when the group "gelled."

When she missed the first round of auditions as a freshman, she remembers sending an email to the group, begging for a second chance. If the group gave her an opportu-

nity to sing, she wrote, it "wouldn't regret it."

Zuckerman said members took her email as over-confident. When she came in to audition, she said, they wanted her to mess up.

She didn't.



Alex Orlando/Alligator Staff

UF senior Mallory Zuckerman leads the rest of No Southern Accent, a co-ed a cappella group, Wednesday night at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts to mark the release of the group's CD, "Group Therapy."

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Editorial

Warping Time

China's stance on TV time travel ridiculous

Picture our television shows and movies swept clean of any element that "disrespects history." According to the Chinese government, which apparently is trying to make historical scholars out of its populace, shows and movies shouldn't include elements of time travel lest they change the look of history.

There's obvious hypocrisy in that statement when made by a government that won't let its people research uprisings against it. Beyond that, hearing about this policy made us wonder what that change would look like in the U.S. Of course, we'd be bereft of such high-brow concepts as driving cars at insane speeds toward town halls and having Terminators appearing naked in little energy balls on LA streets.

But beyond that, we can think of countless other instances in which writers have "disrespected history" by trying to spice it up to entice viewers to watch something they otherwise may not. Have you ever watched "The Tudors"?

As dismayed as we are when we see blatant sensationalizing of history ala "The Kennedys," we understand the artistic license allowed to writers making shows or film. This is their view of history, even if that means turning it into a soap opera. Such a presentation may interest more people in learning about the time period and people portrayed. As for the time travel, that helps put the viewer in the midst of the story and given era. We're not saying "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" was brilliant, but we can see the appeal behind it.

And, note to China, putting embellishments on a story loosely based on real events is far less offensive than banning people from seeing the facts altogether.

Lesson in Slavery

Teachers get put into some tough positions, and we're not even talking about questions about unions or budget cuts.

They have to find ways to drive home the most important concepts in our society, and those often bypass the three R's. How do you teach a child about slavery, a long blemish on our country's record? How do you get them to understand such a grand scale of injustice?

Dividing your class by race and role-playing purchasing slaves probably won't drive the point home, as Virginia fourth-grade teacher Jessica Boyle now knows.

Her April 1 lesson came

under fire from angered parents. We understand the outcry, but although it seems like a stupid mistake, we feel for Boyle, too.

Kids often can't see how something would affect them until it happens to them, as the teacher knew. However, the division by race just gives white children the wrong message: It's not my history and not my problem.

She should have taken a different approach and categorized the children randomly. The worst road to take, however, is to gloss over the topic with a quick mention. Slavery is and will continue to be a touchy subject for our country, but we have to address it.

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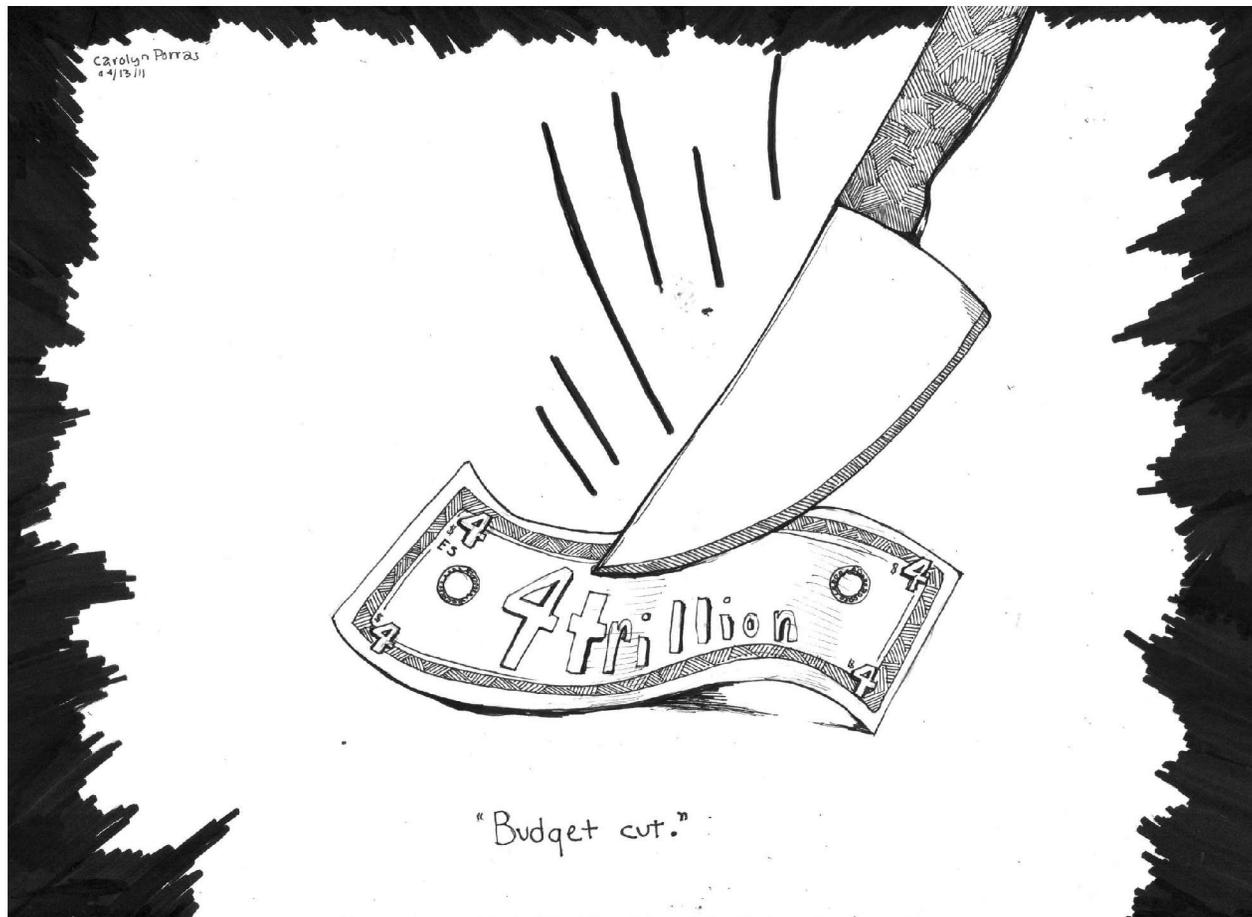
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Column

Obama charts middle ground on deficit

On the heels of an 11th-hour deal late Friday night that averted a government shutdown, the real debate has only now begun. Debate over the debt ceiling will be heating up; if we stay on the current course, the U.S. will reach the maximum borrowing limit of \$14.31 trillion by mid-May. Additionally, the fiscal budget for 2011-2012 will be taking place. The reality of the situation is that the only remedy would be major cuts, coupled with tax increases. However, many on the right say we only have a spending problem and not a revenue problem, and many on the left refuse to cut spending in favor of only raising taxes.

President Barack Obama finally embraced main suggestions from his National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, headed by former Republican Sen. Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, a former Chief of Staff to former President Bill Clinton. Obama needs to embrace the Bowles and Simpson plan.

The plan achieves fiscal sustainability and an almost even split of tax increases and program cuts. In regards to taxes, the plan would remove many of the tax deductions while lowering the overall tax rate among all Americans. Another novel idea I believe in is a reform of the tax code where the billionaires are not grouped with those making \$250,000. Additionally, the plan will require cuts in the non-discretionary budget from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Department of Energy. Obama plans a \$400-billion cut over the next 12 years as well as a pronounced decrease in defense spending. The goal is to reduce the national debt by \$4 trillion over the next 12 years.

The Republicans are banking on Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan and his "Path to Prosperity," which would eviscerate branches of the government that the majority of Americans approve of, such as Education and Labor. The cuts from the non-discretionary budget here would be well over \$1.6 trillion, despite the fact that these programs are the most critical to most Americans. The "Path to Prosperity" also keeps the defense budget untouched despite the foreseeable mitiga-



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about slashing domestic programs with a plurality against cutting them.

With regards to Social Security, the best plan would be to raise the age gradually from 67 to 69 and demand that the highest income bracket contribute more. The Republicans' path for prosperity ignores any means of rectifying the impending long-term solvency of the program. Obama is correct when it comes to the plan using Medicare's large size as leverage against higher prescription prices.

Regarding the debt ceiling, the limit was more than doubled from below \$6 trillion in 2001 to over \$12 trillion by the end of 2008. Since the financial downturn, the ceiling is now \$14 trillion. Finally, there seems to be some real apprehension about raising the limit. But those on the right have the wrong idea; they believe simply not raising the limit would fail to bring about any repercussions. The fact is the limit needs to be raised but large cuts must also be made to prevent an increase of the limit further down the road. A fiscally savvy budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year will be the first step to sustainability.

Obama's plan will anger many on the left and even more on the right, but it is the only viable way to set the country on the correct path. Hopefully, those in Congress will be shrewd enough to do what is best for us all and not make a budget built on social issues and derision.

Chad Mohammed is a second-year chemical engineering major. His columns appear on Thursdays.

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Reader response

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Letters to the Editor

No one wants to be tolerated

The LGBT community doesn't really care about tolerance. This couldn't be any clearer after their reaction to Chick-fil-A.

Tolerance implies allowing or suffering through something you disagree with. The owners of Chick-fil-A practice tolerance daily in employing and serving members of the LGBT community and treating them with the same respect they offer to those who hold their Christian values.

Yet not one word suggesting tolerance was raised when the LGBT community discovered Chick-fil-A had the audacity to hold a moral belief different from their own. So much for their vaunted tolerance. Their plea for tolerance is a sham. A tolerant world makes allowance for disapproval of others' actions without being called a bigot or a hater.

What the LGBT community wants is open approval and vigorous acclaim, as Megan Bissell's column on Wednesday made clear.

Her world makes no allowance for being accepted or valued if her actions are not heartily commended. Nothing will satisfy the LGBT community but wholesale support and praise.

Megan, though I do not know you, I do value your life despite my inability to approve of the way you choose to live it. Your worth comes from your humanity, not your sexuality. Love and disapproval are not mutually exclusive. Just ask the father who checks his alcoholic son into rehab.

Can you tolerate that?

Andrew Robb
UF Student

Chick-fil-A not anti-gay

If Megan Bissell labels herself as an angry lesbian, I'd have to label myself as a broken-hearted Christian. Why? Because it sucks that our world breeds angry people, let alone angry lesbians, and it sucks that "Christians" often have been the least compassionate of all. For that, I'm sorry. Jesus' message was uncompromising and offensive, yet the soft-hearted flocked to Him because of His supernatural love. I regret that many "Christians" don't follow His example.

As it concerns the WinShape Organization and Chick-fil-A's support of it, I must say Bissell's assertions are over-reaching. After examining their websites, I disagree with the claim that it is anti-gay and would advise others to look for themselves. Westboro Baptist Church is anti-gay; WinShape is pro-Jesus. Their mission is to impact the world around them by cultivating leaders who have been revolutionized by the message of Jesus. Via marriage, college and foster care, the only thing explicitly promoted is the Bible.

While I sympathize with Megan's frustration, it does not merit painting an organization as something it clearly is not. When questioned on the matter, Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy responded with: "We have no agenda against anyone. While my family and I believe in the Biblical definition of marriage, we love and respect anyone who disagrees." It is the right of any patron to decide whom they will support, but it is intellectually dishonest to characterize Chick-fil-A or WinShape as anti-gay.

Ryan Galloway
4EG

Abortion came as relief from pregnancy

I'd like to thank the Alligator for the coverage of the abortion speakout sponsored by the Gainesville chapter of National Women's Liberation.

The article left out parts of my testimony that were crucial to fully understanding the experience of having an abortion. It was my brief pregnancy that made me feel lonely and terrified, not the abortion. After my abortion, I felt tremendous relief. Yes, my medical abortion was physically painful, but nowhere near as painful as giving birth. The entire experience was not as bad as I had imagined, and I have no regrets, a sentiment echoed by every woman who spoke out at the event.

Facing an unwanted pregnancy is terrifying. If I had no option but to endure the full pregnancy, the terror would have only intensified, as would have my feeling of isolation and desperation to have some control over my body and my future. I am now a mother of two, and I know how emotionally and physically exhausting pregnancy can be. No woman ever should be forced to continue a pregnancy she does not feel "ready" for. Yet, women's options continue to be limited more and more by the state legislature, and we need to make our voices heard.

Whitney Mutch

Abortion changes lives for the worse

I wanted to respond to the Alligator's April 10 article on the abortion rights event at the Civic Center because on April 7, I hosted a campus event with UF's Pro-Life

Alliance in the Reitz Colonnade for Floridian women who regretted their abortion, an event called "Silent No More," which WCJB TV-20 News featured on the 6 o'clock news. This event, juxtaposed with the women Saturday, significantly enlightens the personal repercussions of post-abortion.

Regardless of your stance on abortion's effect on women, I believe everyone must acknowledge, like Whitney Mutch, that abortion changes the trajectory of one's life.

At the event, Mary Huston had a similar story to these women: She was 19, in college and pregnant.

Huston did choose abortion, but her flippancy turned to regret, and 30 years later she admits to the negative effects abortion had on her health (she was unable to conceive), her psyche (she spent years as an alcoholic) and even her current marriage and some of the tension with her new husband that the abortion caused.

To be statistically accurate, abortion does actually hurt women. A 2006 New Zealand study shows 76 percent of post-abortive teens experience severe depression, versus 31 percent of non-abortive teens. Pregnancy should change the trajectory of one's life.

It's not Whitney Mutch's first child's fault that he or she was conceived at an "inconvenient time."

I think our children deserve better. Florida's legislature realizes there is better than abortion for our men, women and children.

Caroline Pilgrim
UF student

UWire

AT&T T-Mobile merger raises concerns of a telecom duopoly

AT&T's acquisition of its competitor, T-Mobile, will give birth to a new juggernaut in the American telecommunications industry, producing a company which can supposedly better serve its customers by providing a faster and stronger network. But is it really worth risking consumer interests?

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, the second- and fourth-largest wireless service providers respectively, is expected to create a duopoly of AT&T and Verizon Wireless, which makes the market far more consolidated than necessary. The deal, which is expected to close in a year, makes AT&T by far the largest service provider in the nation with 130 million total subscribers. Various market analysts are raising concerns over the upcoming change in the market.

Kenny Kyunghoon
UWire

AT&T justified the acquisition in a statement on March 20, claiming that the acquisition will benefit the customers by "enhancing network capacity, output and quality in near term for both companies' customers." This statement is realizable as AT&T and T-Mobile have similar technology, and their networks, which already cover large areas of the country, can contribute to each other to create an even stronger and faster wireless network.

However, it still seems that consumers have more to lose than to gain. The customers may enjoy enhanced services after the acquisition, but they have to expect a future increase in price when two or three behemoths dominate the market.

Concerns over future price hikes are well-founded. AT&T

presents itself as the provider of the highest quality mobile services, which collides with T-Mobile's brand image as a provider of affordable services. Thus, some of T-Mobile's more price-efficient contracts may be terminated or altered to maintain AT&T's brand image and profit margins.

In a recent media release by T-Mobile, the company suggested that future rate plans may be subject to a price increase. T-Mobile merely states "all customer contracts entered into before the change of ownership will be honored (for their applicable period)," suggesting the looming possibility that prices may rise in the future.

In this acquisition, at least for now, the banes seem to outweigh the boons.

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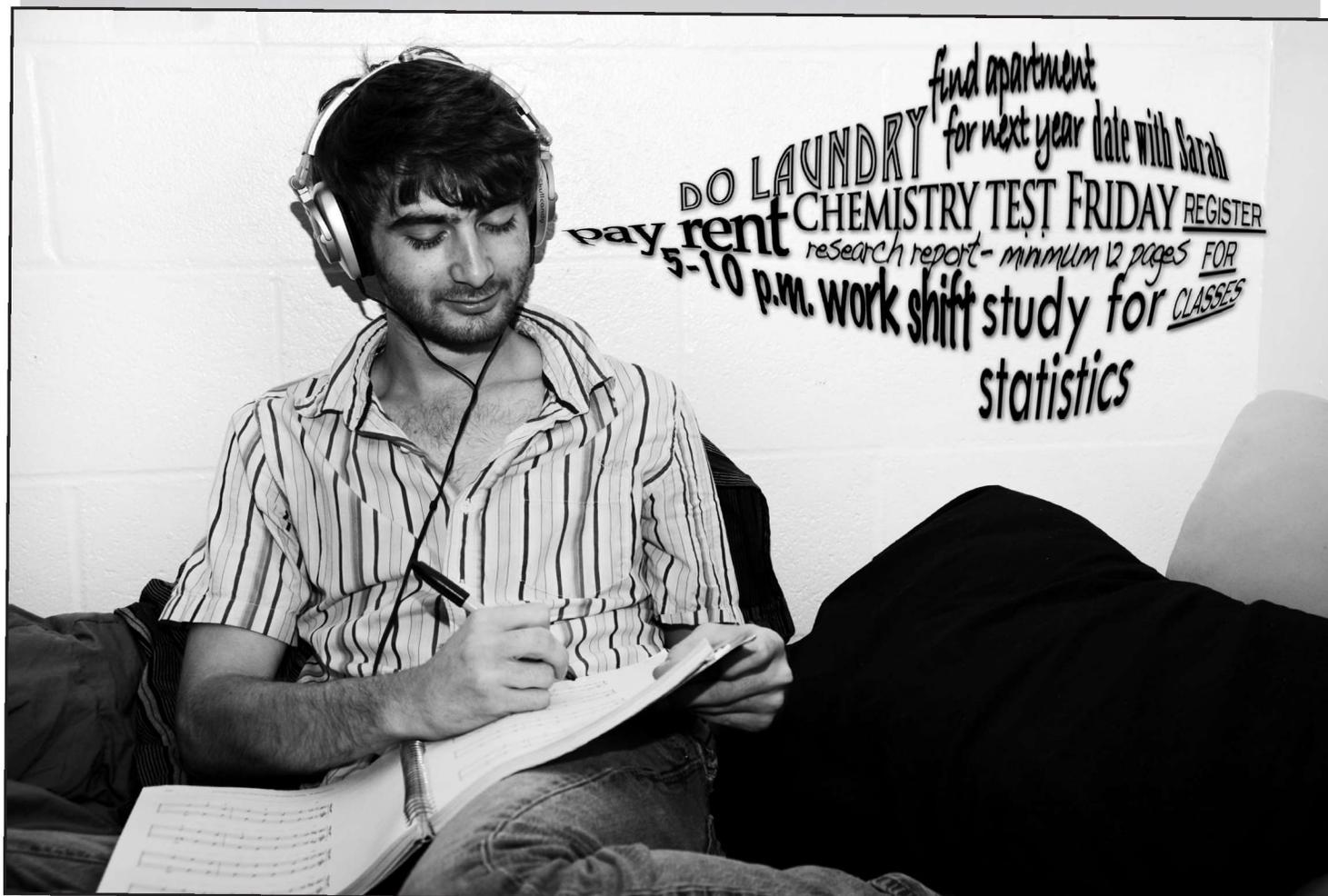
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Listening to music between classes or while on the bus is an everyday habit for many students, and it's no mystery why: Music is relaxing. However, according to a recent study conducted in Japan, listening to music also could help lower blood pressure. (Above: UF philosophy freshman Evan Rippe poses for a photo.)

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Study: Music could lower blood pressure

By **THOMAS NASSIFF**
avenue contributing writer

When Beau Muniz walks around the UF campus, he's almost never seen without his headphones.

Muniz, a UF mechanical engineering sophomore, is like many students in that he listens to music often and uses it to help him relax.

"I usually just listen to music to enjoy it," Muniz said, "but sometimes music is the only thing that can really calm me down if I'm mad about something."

As it turns out, Muniz may have stumbled naturally onto something more effective than he realizes.

A recent study conducted at the Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine in Japan indicates that listening to music or comedy could do more than release stress or anxiety — it actually could help people on a physical level.

Led by researcher Eri Eguchi, the study found that subjects who participated in bimonthly group sessions of listening to music or comedy saw their blood pressure reduce significantly.

Those who participated in these sessions, which consisted of an hour of listening to music or comedy every two weeks, saw their systolic blood pressure drop by an average of five to six points.

Michael Miller, M.D., is the director of preventive cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center. According to Miller, that drop in blood pressure could be compared to a similar drop

produced by losing 10 pounds, adopting a low-salt diet or taking medication to lower blood pressure.

Miller said that although the demonstrated drop is somewhat modest, it could help lower the risk of death from heart disease or stroke by 5 to 15 percent.

Eguchi said it isn't clear exactly how music and laughter can help lower blood pressure, but he is confident in the study's findings.

In contrast to the results from the groups that received bimonthly treatment, a control group that got no treatment reported no sign of lower blood pressure.

"I think there's definitely a physiological effect going on, some sort of mind-heart connection," Miller told CNN Health.

But Miller cautioned against overextending the study's findings, saying he wouldn't recommend replacing medication with listening to music. However, he said, "It could increase your likelihood of going off medication or reducing the dosage." So, just how much should students read into these findings? One thing that's notable is the study subjects' characteristics: men and women between 40 and 74 years of age.

Jayne Standley, a professor of music therapy at Florida State University whose focus is medical music therapy, said that although a wealth of research shows that listening to music can affect people physically, this study still stands out.

"Music can affect a number of physiological levels," Standley said. "It can reduce heart rate and help calm anxiety. But this study is unusual because it's with blood pressure, which usually doesn't have a response to music."

Standley said the study was something that should interest music lovers of any age.

"People who love music can use it to their advantage no matter how old they are. It just has to be the individual's preferred music."

Clifford Madsen is a colleague of Standley's at FSU. He focuses on perception cognition in music and has years of experience researching physiological and psychological effects of music on people.

"We used to think there was a specific music that would make people physiologically excited and other music that would calm them down," Madsen said. "What we've found after a lot of research is that it isn't in the music but rather the association in the music."

However, Madsen cautioned against taking the results of the blood-pressure study too seriously because there always is variation when measuring physiological reactions.

But he said there is one way young people can get results.

"Something that we've researched at some length is that you're not going to get any of the effects if you're multitasking," Madsen said. "You've got to clear out your head and just go with the sounds that are coming in. Background music won't work the same."



The **A** List

LISTEN: "S & M" by Rihanna

Rihanna may be bad, but she's perfectly good at it. Her new song is perfectly catchy, too. The raunchy lyrics will give you a good laugh but soon enough you'll be singing along: "Sticks and stones may break my bones..."

SEE: "Scream 4"

This is a must-see. A sequel made more than a decade after its previous installment is always quality. Also, this one's got a star-studded cast, including Courteney Cox, Anna Paquin and Emma Roberts.

WATCH: "The Paul Reiser Show"

Paul Reiser, the lead actor in "Mad About You," premieres his new comedy at 8:30 p.m. Thursday on NBC. Check out the entertaining trials and tribulations of middle-aged life from the famous writer, actor and producer.

DO: Paint the wall on 34th St.

If you haven't already, buy a few cans of paint and take your friends to paint the wall on 34th Street. It's one of those things you simply must do before you leave Gainesville. If you're graduating, now is the time. If you're not leaving just yet, why wait?

by LAUREN GOLD

local food

Downtown cupcake shop serves vegan-friendly fare

By **BRITTANY BRAVE**
avenue writer

Claire Browning had to withdraw from college during the spring semester of her senior year. A roller-blading accident caused her to fracture her back, and she said the time off that followed left her restless.

Surrounded by business-savvy people, Claire, 24, found herself inspired and called her twin sister, Stephanie, in the middle of class.

"Do you want to start a bakery?" Claire, co-owner of Gainesville-based Sarkara Sweets, asked. Stephanie agreed, and the pair of UF graduates, who had always loved baking, got started right away.

"I'm glad we did," Claire said. After closing their former business,

Yum Cupcakery, in November after about seven months of business, the two sisters decided to revamp their cupcake shop, renaming it Sarkara Sweets and filling it with vegan-friendly fare.

They made the move downtown to 201 SW Second Ave. and changed the name to make their business a more comfortable environment for themselves and for their customers.

Claire said the transition was rough, but ever since the move customers have referred to the new location as their "cupcake lounge."

"Hopefully it's a slightly more enjoyable atmosphere to stay and enjoy our treats," Claire said.

When it came time for a name change, Stephanie said the pair

wanted something more identifiable with baking but original enough to expand nationally and stand out from other chains.

Sarkara, a Sanskrit word, describes a natural sugar and taste, which Stephanie said fit perfectly with the business's image and organic efforts.

Sarkara Sweets offers 21 kinds of ready-made cupcakes for \$3 each. Guests can pay an extra 50 cents to customize their cupcakes with the shop's frosting and 40 toppings. All ingredients are vegan, meaning no included animal products.

Claire said she and her sister wanted the business to be a place where diet restrictions wouldn't interfere with people's cravings and

preferences.

"We find it depends on the customer's mood or personality type," Claire said. "We don't want to alienate anyone, especially since our generation is very much into choice."

Sarkara Sweets also builds mutual support with Gainesville businesses by including them in their inventory and reaching out for their ingredients.

These connections have helped to sustain local businesses and markets, Stephanie said, all the while allowing Sarkara Sweets to expand its own flavor and product possibilities.

The pair reached out to Gainesville Sweets for caramels, and this month they will sell sodas provided by E&K Floatz, both of

which are local providers.

With another tentative location in the works, Stephanie said she's working to collaborate with other places.

"We put all this work and effort into something that we hope they feel safe and happy eating," Browning said. "There's a high level of caring about the product and the customer."

The shop was chosen to host the Victoria's Secret PINK Collegiate Showdown today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., where UF currently is ranked sixth out of 59 universities competing to win a free concert.

Students are welcome to pass by the shop, cast votes and receive free samples of Victoria's Secret products and complimentary pink champagne cupcakes.

Locals escape the day-job blues with casual jam sessions

By **BENJAMIN EVANS**
avenue writer

Gary Evans' light was the only one on in the cul-de-sac Monday night. From the street, you could see heads bobbing through the second-floor window. Indoors, Justin Bieber's face watched over the band from a calendar on the wall.

Welcome to the weekly rehearsal of 10-piece local music combo Uncle Morty's Rhythm Cream.

Evans, a clinical psychologist during the week, used to be an associate professor of psychology at UF.

Now, along with his regular job, he hosts UMRC's practices at his home and plays drums in the band, which covers rhythm-and-blues, pop and rock tunes.

It can be hard to schedule practices with professional schedules, Evans said.

"With 10 people, you get three hours of

their life to practice," he said. "You better use it."

Other band members, who are all local residents, include Tim Ketterson, trumpet; LeVar Thomas, lead vocals; Ken Booth, saxophone; Marcy Coleman, vocals; Randy Hensley, guitar; Doug Meyers, trumpet; Joel Schrank, keyboard and vocals; and Kevin Pizzuti, bass.

Evans also shares the stage with his wife, Deb Evans. Deb, who works from home, sings backup vocals with Coleman. Monday, the band practiced upstairs in a yellow-painted room next to where the kids play. Past the video games, past the stuffed bear, past the framed crayon drawing of ladybugs on the wall, next to the exercise equipment, UMRC were set up in a circle.

The practice was casual. It was the kind of casual that could come only from a band with no dream other than to have a good time. Larry, the neighbor, heard the band from his driveway and went upstairs to sit through the

practice. Gary Evans, the unofficial band leader, gave a couple of tips at the end of songs but never more than a few constructive words.

No one argued about the band's image; an almost uniform wear of khaki cargo shorts and no shoes seemed to do just fine. A few people had beers, but, with the kids asleep downstairs, no one got rowdy. Plus, they had to stay on task.

While the band doesn't have plans to pursue music professionally, they do hope to keep playing local shows and events.

So far, UMRC has played at the Kickin' Devil Cafe, 2017 NE 27th Ave. in Gainesville, at a charity event, at a holiday party and at a BBQ.

But the gig everyone is waiting for, "the big one," Ketterson said, is Aug. 26, when they play the Bo Diddley Community Plaza in downtown Gainesville.

At rehearsal, the band blew through a set of songs including John Mayer's "Waiting on the World to Change" and The B-52s' "Love Shack." The backup singers synchronized their dance steps while Thomas belted out soulful melodies.

The group found Thomas and saxophone player Ken Booth on Craigslist.

Deb Evans said, "We listened [to Thomas] and were like, 'This is the guy we've been praying for.'"

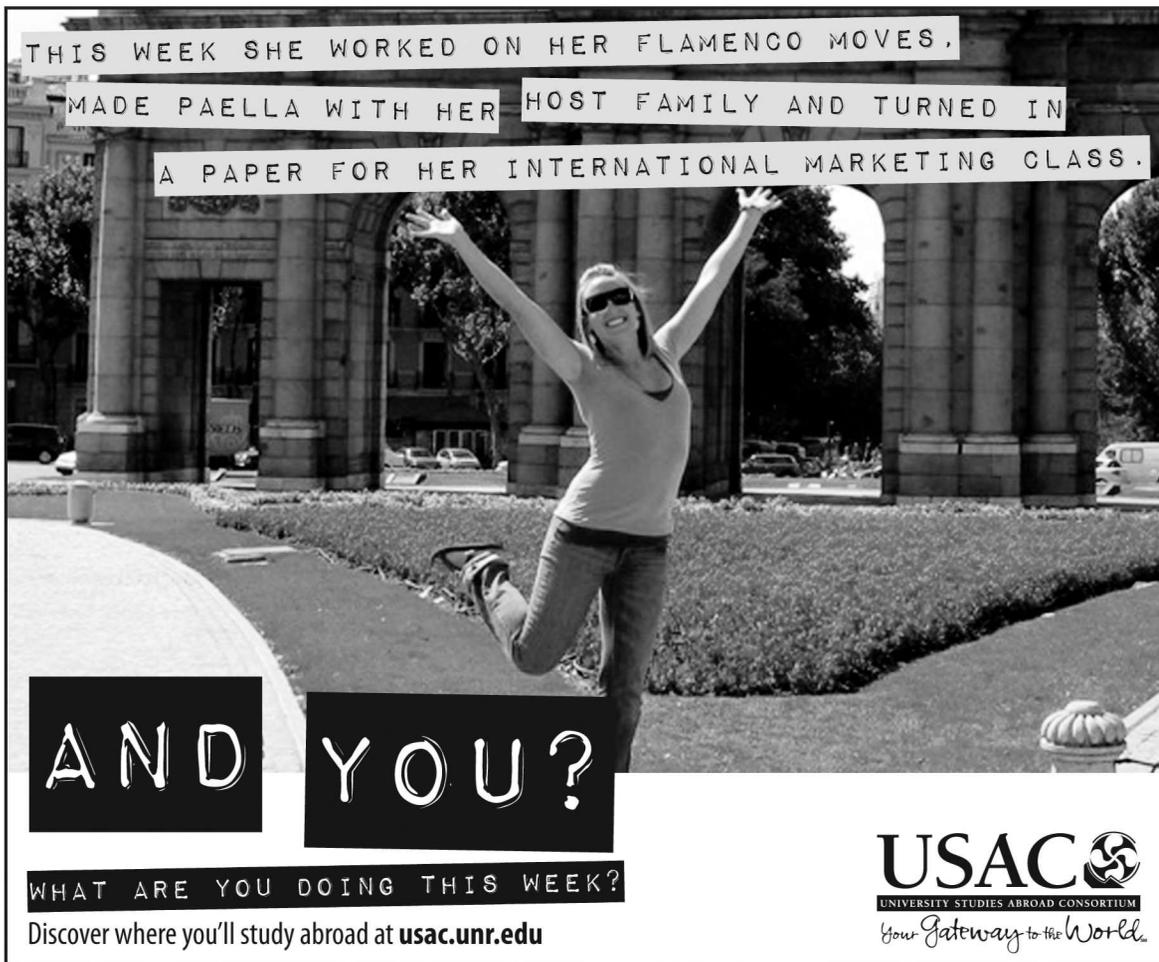
Booth, who said he has been playing the saxophone for only two years, is the manager of the UF Help Desk's Application Support Center. "I've loved it," Booth said of playing in the band.

Like Gary Evans, Ketterson is a clinical psychologist. Ketterson also brings 30 years of playing experience to the combo.

"We're weekend warriors," Ketterson said.

For more information on UMRC, visit <http://uncle-morty.com>.

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For fresh culture, head to Micanopy

By RICHARD O. STEHLI
avenue writer

To most of us, Micanopy probably is known as “that exit off Interstate 75 just south of Gainesville with Cafe Risque.” But don’t be fooled: Although Micanopy is one of the oldest towns in Florida, it also might be one of the neatest.

It’s stuffed to the rafters with trinkets, antiques, musical instruments, old books and history, but it’s still a quiet, friendly, slow-paced Southern town. Give it a few hours on a lazy Saturday or Sunday afternoon and you’re sure to find something that tickles your fancy.

To start your journey, I would recommend lunch. Right on U.S. Highway 441, just a few minutes past Lake Wauberg, you have two excellent choices: Blue Highway and the Pearl Country Store. The former serves pizza that could give Satchel a run for his money.

However, if you’re more in the mood for barbecue like I was, go to the Pearl Country Store. It may look like a gas station, but hidden inside is one heck of a good Southern eatery.

While sinking my teeth into a beef sandwich that must have weighed a pound — and it wasn’t even the “jumbo” size — I felt the hectic college life back in Gainesville begin to melt away. The diners to my right were decked out in hunting gear. On my left, a group of bikers were out for a joyride. Decorating the ceiling above me hung a model airplane made of Beast cans. You won’t find that sort of decor in Midtown.

My first stop in Micanopy proper was the history museum. Housed inside what used to be a warehouse and a general store, the museum dedicates half of its space to the Florida that existed before white settlement and half

to the history of the town of Micanopy. Marnelle Cripe, a conservator at the museum since its inception 21 years ago, said the best thing about the museum is its dedication to authenticity.

“Everything here is real. We don’t use any replicas,” Cripe said. “I work a lot with the town archives to make sure everything here is presented correctly, just as it was.”

“It’s all happy things people will enjoy. I can’t call it a gift shop or holiday shop, but ever since I opened, it just slowly evolved into — this.”

MARLENE OBERST
The Shop owner

Next door to the museum is the Mosswood Farm Store. Operating out of a centennial cracker-style house, the farm store sells a plethora of products aimed at natural and sustainable living. Along with clothesline supplies, natural soaps, aromatherapy goods and environment-friendly cleaning products, the store sells delicious artisan breads and pastries. Whether you’re keen on knife-making or totally stoked to build your own brick oven, the farm store has the literature you need, offering a fantastic selection of books on all types of do-it-yourself endeavors.

My next stop in town was Leonardo’s, billed as a purveyor of “Antiques, Junque, and Musical Instruments.” Along with the usual array of knick-knacks and bric-a-brac, Leonardo’s sells new, used and refurbished instruments. Some real gems among the strings included a 50th anniversary Les Paul, a Resonator mandolin and

a solid mahogany Fender ukulele. On a cool-instruments-per-square-foot basis, Leonardo’s is a musical jackpot.

A little farther down the street, I encountered another Micanopy mainstay, The Shop. The Shop is difficult to describe. In a word: stuff. Room after room of it. You want giant ceramic pears? Check. Have a thing for rooster statues? Got ‘em in spades. From decorative birdcages to velvet pumpkins and everything in between, The Shop puts it all under one roof. Even the furniture is for sale — even though you can hardly see it under the thousands of other eclectic items populating the store.

Marlene Oberst has owned and operated this unique shopping destination since 1980, and even she isn’t quite sure how to classify it.

“It’s all happy things people will enjoy,” Oberst said. “I can’t call it a gift shop or holiday shop, but ever since I opened, it just slowly evolved into — this.”

Along with a slew of antique shops, Micanopy also has two used booksellers, a stained glass store, an art gallery, a gorgeous bed and breakfast, and a fascinating store selling thousands of cameos.

But the town isn’t just about the stores. In truth, you could go online and buy any of the things you find here — plus, you probably don’t need an antique butter churn in the first place. There really is more to Micanopy than its selection of purchase-worthy merchandise.

There’s a feeling about the place that you never would be able to find in Gainesville. It’s the TV town you didn’t grow up in but always wish you did, a place full of friendly folks and where everyone knows everyone.

Lens Flair

by Dana Burke 

For the latest frills, flair and everything fashion, check out what our lens caught this week.

UF alumnus Terrence Taylor considers himself a suit-and-tie kind of guy. With most of his clothes from Express, including this army green button-down, Taylor likes to make a professional first impression.



Dana Burke / Alligator Staff



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UF industrial and systems engineering junior Zeldee Pineda plans to end this semester by wearing all the clothes she has yet to debut on campus, like this bold black and white print dress. “I am so addicted to shopping that I had to give it up for Lent,” Pineda said.

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Gamer Bait

Gamers, beware: Monopoly's not just a game

All is not well in the Mushroom Kingdom. There is a boogeyman in the gaming industry — an unspoken Cthulhu-like horror that threatens to derail all the progress the industry has made over the years should it fully awaken from its slumber.

And, the most unfortunate thing about this threat is that for much of the mainstream audience, this boogeyman is the face of the industry and is as strong and terrible as the mightiest of American corporations.

I'm referring to GameStop.

GameStop is the definition of a monopoly, and, as such, it has more power in the industry than any of the world's biggest publishers like EA or Activision. The company can control what games are sold to consumers and, most dangerous in the long run, limit the profits made by the game makers themselves.

For the company's 2010 financial year, ending Jan. 29, GameStop reported a record-high sales figure of \$9.47 billion with sales of used games totaling \$2.47 billion. That's one hell of a piece of the pie graph.

I don't need to shout statistics to confidently say nearly everyone reading this column has bought a used game



Andrew Wyzan
Columnist

from GameStop. When someone buys a used copy of "Call of Duty: Black Ops" for \$5 less than a new copy, neither the publisher nor the developer sees that money. The profit GameStop earns from selling a \$45 used game is a heavy chunk of change.

See the problem?

Now, imagine not every game is "Call of Duty," which is published by the world's largest publisher and has a large enough fan base to guarantee a profit. Smaller titles by independent studios don't have the brand recognition and marketing funds to have a large presence on GameStop's shelves. What if "Angry Birds" was sold at GameStop and sold only 1,000 units, 900 of those being used sales? With only 100 of those units actually bringing in money for the studio, the game likely would be considered a failure. Meanwhile, those 900 units sold used is added to GameStop's ever-growing pile of cash. This type of monopoly is dangerous to every independent developer and publisher in the industry.

Whether you like GameStop or not, I think it's a great idea to support local and independent businesses.

And, luckily, Gainesville has its very own independent game retailer.

R.U. Game?, 5186 SW 34th St., sells used games but with a much smaller stock and at fairer prices than GameStop does, not to mention it has a mind-blowing selection of classic games and consoles that GameStop doesn't carry. The store even offers students a 10 percent discount for used games (so no need to spend \$20 on a stupid card), and its trade-in values are significantly higher than GameStop's "half-price only if the game came out yesterday" company line.

To be fair, any store that sells used games is limiting the profits of the makers of those games, but the ethical implications of the used game market is a whole other matter.

The point is just to be aware of where exactly your money is going.

It's up to you whether you want to give your money to a developer who has made some of your favorite games and really has had an impact on your life or to a monopoly that cares only about your wallet.

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Hippodrome cast perform Hitchcock classic 'The 39 Steps'

By **BRITTANY BRAVE**
avenue writer

Ric Rose plays a clown, a hotel owner, a train passenger and more. He switches roles with the change of a hat or the swift swing of a ladder.

He's one of a cast of four that juggles nearly 140 characters during 35 scenes of Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps."

From Friday to May 8, The Hippodrome Theatre will bring the mystery classic adapted by Patrick Barlow to its stage, with an early viewing tonight at 8.

The two-time Tony Award-winning piece has had successful runs on Broadway and in London after being remade three times for the stage and silver screen since the book, by author John Buchan, was released in 1915.

The production pokes fun at the theatricality of the theater, telling the story of Richard Hannay and his whimsical encounters through a film noir lens and capturing large acting, speedy choreography and a myriad of dialects.

Hannay runs from the police on an alleged murder charge, all the while letting the illusion of the 39 steps progress the real story — his growing romance with Pamela, played by Jessica Morris.

Despite its entertainment, Morris said the cast made it a priority not to let these antics take away from the script's message.

"They can say it's the story of the 39 steps and the trajectory of adventures Hannay lands himself in, but it's about him falling love," Morris said, "not the gimmicks."

Aside from a 15-minute intermission, the story speeds through two hours of multitasking for the cast of veteran Hipp actors. They were the characters, setting and props, as they coordinated their stunts and costume changes and manipulated their escape plans and environment.

A layer of smoke covers the thrust stage floor throughout every scene, adding curiosity to the play's mystery. A streetlight lets the outdoors coexist onstage with the interior of Hannay's apartment. A picture frame acts as a windowpane, and a bright turquoise sheet, tugged and tossed, serves as a river.

One minute the three wooden chests were the dinner table, and the next, they were Hannay and Pamela's bed as they found themselves handcuffed to each other and trying to hide their unusual, secret circumstances.

Lauren Caldwell, the show's director, has spent 15 years as artistic director at the Hipp.

Caldwell said Hitchcock was a part of her early life and inspiration, and she remembers being introduced to his half-hour weekly TV program, "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." She has followed his work ever since.

When it was time to direct, Caldwell said it was important for her to stick close to Hitchcock's adaptation more than the others.

Cast member Justin Sease juggled characters and made a note to familiarize himself with Hitchcock for his role. He said the best part of "The 39 Steps" is that no background knowledge is necessary to enjoy the show.

"This is my fourth show at the Hipp, and they're all very different," Sease said. "And now I'm doing this, when I'm playing about 15 different characters, but you don't need to have seen the movies to understand."

The physicality of the piece pokes fun at the illusion of the stage, and for Jason Weiss, who has acted professionally since 1998,

the play presented him with his most strenuous role yet.

The Hippodrome picked its season last spring but had

only two weeks of rehearsal for "The 39 Steps," an unusual amount of preparation time for Weiss.

Every time Weiss stepped on stage and into Hannay's character, he said he left each act with sweat sticking to his T-shirt and his body begging for rest.

For him, acting with a dialect enhances the experience, and, as a longtime fan of film noir and British theater, the play spoke to his interests.

"The Brits have more composure than us," Weiss said. "The best moments are when Hannay lets his guard down now and again, and you really see the cast's chemistry."

It's the fun of playing Richard Hannay that drove him to accept the role, Weiss said, and it's also a chance to honor Hitchcock while he's at it.

"When I found out I had this opportunity, I knew I would have fun," Weiss said. "The day I say, 'I have to go to work,' is the day I'll quit."

For more information, including showtimes and ticket prices, visit <http://thehipp.org>.



Universities offer kooky classes

◆ **The Science of Harry Potter at Frostburg State University and Maple Syrup Making at Alfred University are among the off-beat courses offered at U.S. universities.**

By **SHELBY WEBB**
avenue contributing writer

If you long for elementary-school field trips — specifically ones to exotic, never-before-explored areas — Santa Clara University may have a course for you. Santa Clara students can take a course called The Joy of Garbage, which allows them to visit some of the most intriguing landfills and sanitation plants in California.

This course, among others, seems to be part of a trend emerging at UF and at other U.S. universities: the offering of unusual, unorthodox and sometimes just plain weird classes.

For example, Cornell offers a course called Tree Climbing, the University of Wisconsin offers Elvish, the language of "Lord of the Rings," and Alfred University has a class called Maple Syrup Making.

At UF, quirky courses offered include Plants, Gardening and You; Russian Fairy Tales; and the Queer Theory. Perhaps the most classically bizarre course that exists, Underwater Basket Weaving, is offered at Reed College in Portland, Ore., and at the University of California at San Diego. During the course, students learn how to make wicker baskets with a method that involves first soaking materials in water.

One can't help but wonder, what could, say, an accounting major learn from taking Underwater Basket Weaving?

That's a question Linda Behar-Horenstein, a professor in the UF College of Education, was all too eager to answer. "The basket weaving could increase a person's dexterity and focus their concentration on weaving," Behar-Horenstein said, "and in some sense an accountant must have dexterity and be able to concentrate on one task for a long period of time." She also said English and other creative majors could benefit from taking Underwater Basket Weaving because doing a craft transcends people's

cognition and might open more connections in their brains than when they're not being creative. Indeed, several unconventional classes have core themes rooted in standard curriculum. Among others, The Science of Harry Potter, offered at Frostburg State University, emphasizes using science to better describe the magical aspects of the Harry Potter series, applying physics to things like Quidditch, the series' signature sport.

Nik Bajorek, a UF English instructor, teaches a course that examines how African Americans are represented in animated films, TV series, anime, comics and graphic novels.

"So often students feel locked and only focus on their major. But if you take a risk and do or learn something unorthodox, you could broaden your horizons."

NIK BAJOREK
UF English instructor

He said his course helps those who have unrelated majors gain critical thinking skills and a new perspective.

"So often students feel locked and only focus on their major," Bajorek said. "But if you take a risk and do or learn something unorthodox, you could broaden your horizons."

Mark Lower, a 19-year-old business administration major, learned how to use Library West's resources for research when he enrolled in the UF course called Witches, Trolls and Garden Gnomes.

"I needed another humanities class," Lower said, "and it had a cool name."

Lower said he still uses the research skills he learned in a German culture class and recommends that other students take unusual classes.

"The stuff you learn in these classes is so random, and I think you learn more than you would if you were taking a class that you're familiar with," he said.

Social media generation seriously lacks social skills

By **TYLER FRANCISCHINE**
avenue contributing columnist

On a biting, harsh morning last November, I was late for school. In my haste to get to campus on time, I forgot to eat breakfast. Ten minutes into my bike ride down Stadium Road, black spots entered my vision, and I broke out into an icy sweat. Pedaling my bike seemed to take an enormous amount of effort. Then, I realized — low blood sugar and skipping meals was a dangerous combination.

The next thing I remember, I was lying facedown on the sidewalk near UF's Riker Hall, my bike tires spinning and my bike chain a tangled mess. I picked my cheek up off the freezing cement and saw brown furry boots walking over me. They belonged to a girl with a matching Eskimo-like hoodie who tiptoed daintily around my head. She held a phone close to her face, texting furiously. I wondered if she had

confused me for some trash on the street — or if she knew she was stepping on my hair.

As I shakily stood up, I realized what a joke this Facebook generation is.

For people who pride themselves on being connected, linked in, hooked up — whatever — there definitely was a lack of face-to-face communication.

My friend Jackie notices it, too, especially on the bus to and from campus.

She told me there's an unspoken code of silence among bus riders: You don't speak to each other, and you definitely don't make eye contact. She said this generally doesn't bother her except when a fellow rider piques her interest.

"I saw this girl with really cool shoes, and I wanted to tell her that I liked them," Jackie told me. "But I thought she would think I was weird, so I pretended

not to see her."

Why does our generation have such an aversion to speaking directly to each other?

The sheer number of "Missed Connections" on Craigslist speaks to this issue: "To girl on Route 20 bus: I should've tried to start a conversation with you;" "To blonde at Club Twenty: I didn't have the man juice to go and talk to you." Though the latter woman probably was lucky no guy approached her with any "man juice," it sucks to think my peers turn first to technology instead of to each other.

There's got to be a solution. Here's my take: Put down your cellphones, and look up at the people around you. You may find the love of your life is sitting next to you on the bus, or you may find someone to shoot the breeze with on the Plaza between classes. And if you see someone with his or her head on the pavement, don't tweet about it — help the person up.



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352.376.7041
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8 minutes to campus on bus;
walk to campus
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352.376.6720
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Convenient location to Shands, UF & Butler Plaza. Asking \$750/mo. Please call Ketty 352-332-6566. yttek@hotmail.com 5-10-11-28-2

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●NW 39 Ave Huge 3BR/2BA apt, w/lg loft Tile flr & nice carpet. Bright, wdlike flr \$800
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5 Real Estate

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6 Furnishings

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BED - FULL SIZE - \$100 ORTHOPEDIC
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MICROFIBER SOFA & LOVESEAT - \$400
Brand new still packaged w/warranty. Must sell. Can deliver. Retail \$1600. 352-372-7490 4-20-10-70-6

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

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

SOFA & LOVESEAT 100% Italian leather.
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FUTON Solid oak mission-style frame w/ mattress. New, in box. \$160 332-9899

DINETTE SET 5pc \$120 Brand new in box.
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Full \$100 Queen \$125 King \$200
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Celebrate with hand-woven kente stole/sash imported from Accra, Ghana.
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12 Autos

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12 Autos

98 Cadillac Deville \$1999
95 Ford Explorer \$1999
98 Ford Explorer \$1999
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13 Wanted

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14 Help Wanted

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TRADITIONAL BIRTHSTONES

Meagher ready for showdown with No. 2 Northwestern

■ THE NO. 6 GATORS WILL TAKE ON THE WILD-CATS TODAY AT 6:30 P.M. IN DIZNEY STADIUM.

By JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Writer

Each time Mikey Meagher takes her place between a pair of familiar orange goalposts, she finds herself up against the odds.

No matter how many shots she saves or how tough she is in goal, Meagher knows the other team's scorers will eventually find the back of the net.

"I don't think a lot of people ever want to step into the goal cage in lacrosse," Florida coach Amanda O'Leary said. "It's just not a place where too many people want to be."

The No. 6 Gators (12-1, 3-0 American Lacrosse Conference) will square off against No. 2 Northwestern (12-0, 2-0 ALC) at Dizney Stadium tonight at 6:30 for sole possession of the conference lead. Both teams have goalies ranked in the top 10 in the nation for fewest goals allowed but also feature the NCAA leaders in goals (UF's Kitty Cullen with 61) and points (NU's Shannon Smith with 72) to challenge them.

While shutting down prolific scorers like Cullen and Shannon would be a tall task for any goalie, keeping a clean sheet for a whole game has proven to be an elusive accomplishment in women's lacrosse this season. Through 554 Division-I games, not a single goalie has managed to seal a shutout.

"You just have to be poised and forget about the shot that just went in and worry about the next one," Meagher said. "Because the more you let yourself get down, it just kind of goes downhill from there."

As with any team sport, the blame of a goal rarely rests on one player's shoulders. Meagher was able to grab ALC Defensive Player of the Week honors against Johns Hopkins last Saturday despite giving up 10 goals. With Florida's offense sputtering for an 11:21 stretch, it was up to the defense to hold



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

Florida sophomore goalkeeper Mikey Meagher is ranked in the top 10 in the nation in goals allowed and hopes to slow down Shannon Smith and No. 2 Northwestern tonight at 6:30 in Dizney Stadium.

firm against the rallying Blue Jays.

"It kind of kept me on my toes to be able to keep going and make the next save," Meagher said. "When my team's been there for me multiple times, it was my turn to step up and

help them out."

Faced with wave after wave of JHU attacks, Meagher responded with a school-record 10 saves in the second half after

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Coming to Jesus moment narrowly misses

"Hey you, Spartacus. Take it outside, asshole."

The aggressor hesitates. One bouncer appears, then another.

I say, "This guy's history."

My customers want to get loaded and laid, and I ain't serving holy water.

I sit back at the end of my 60-foot bar and eyeball the entries. Bloated from beer, I switch to cognac.

A stunning blonde walks in. I perk up. She's better than beautiful — she's cheap.

"Butch, send that young lady a squirt."

He says, "Usual line?"

I wink.

I'm holding court with three regulars. I ignore her. Soon astonished by my indifference, she marches the length of the bar.



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We swap amenities. I smile like a child who has just been told his dad bought him a pony.

She's as insightful as an oyster. We fence verbally.

Shetells me she's Lutheran. "I don't go to motels."

I say, "Oh, a follower of Martin Luther, huh?"

She snaps, "There's not one black person in my congregation."

"Butch, give us a couple of belts of Courvoisier."

Many cognacs later, Pam blurts, "At 15, I fulfilled every young girl's fantasy."

"What was that?" I asked.

"I had sex with my best friend's father."

Yet, later, when I have the room key, she asks, "Did you get the Egyptian Room?"

■ ■ ■

Monday afternoon at work, I'm sleeping when I awake to see probationary fireman Marty Santiago.

"What the f*** do you want?" Veteran firefighters don't talk to probies until they prove themselves.

"Bill, do you have three kids?"

"What's it to you?"

"I go to a religious adviser. She

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Arrest audio released

By GREG LUCA
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A 34-minute audio clip from St. Augustine police features Erik Murphy and Cody Larson admitting to underage drinking and breaking into a car.

The two Florida basketball players were arrested early Sunday morning and charged with third-degree felony burglary. Josh Adel, a 21-year-old team manager, accompanied them and was charged with principal to burglary.

Each has been suspended from all team activities by Florida

coach Billy Donovan, who said Tuesday he would wait to learn all of the facts before taking further disciplinary action.



Men's Basketball

According to the recording obtained Wednesday by First Coast News, Adel and Murphy received multiple phone calls from Larson in the back of a police cruiser.

Adel and Murphy urged Larson to turn himself in, according to the recording.

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PITCHFORD SIGNS WITH FLORIDA

■ Walter Pitchford signed his national letter-of-intent with Florida on Wednesday, he announced on Twitter. The 6-foot-9 forward from Grand Rapids, Mich., posted, "Lets just say im an official GATOR!!!"

UF GYMNASTICS SIGNS SLOAN

■ The Florida gymnastics team received a letter-of-intent Wednesday from 2009 World Championships all-around champion and 2008 Olympian Bridget Sloan.

UF MEN'S GOLF NEWS

■ On Wednesday, Florida senior golfer Andres Echavarria was named a semi-finalist for the 2011 Ben Hogan Award, the most prestigious honor in men's college golf.

GATORS WOMEN'S TENNIS AWARDS

■ Florida sophomore Lauren Embree was named the Southeastern Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week, while Sofie Oyen picked up SEC Freshman of the Week honors on Wednesday.

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said a heavy gambler I work with has three kids and needs my help. She'd like to see you."

I scan the card. It reads: Trudy, 204 Street.

Written across it in pen, "7 p.m. Friday." I stash the card in my shirt.

■ ■ ■

My next shift is Thursday night, Friday day. Thursday night is slow, but Friday we catch a cockloft fire in a string of row-frame residences. A cockloft is the open space between a ceiling and a roof. Row-frames have common cocklofts. This allows oxygen to spread a fire like smallpox. We fight it for four hours.

My shift ended at 6. I need a shower and a beer.

Upstairs, the showers are full. I remember there's a small shower in the weight room on the third floor. I start to shave, and there at my feet is Marty's card.

What the hell's that doing here? I never use this bathroom. Probies clean and mop these bathrooms every morning.

I'm secular, but I know about odds. This one's a long shot.

The address turns out to be a Presbyterian church. The buzzer on the huge, foreboding doors produces a Catholic nun.

"You must be Bill."

"Yeah, sister, but I'm shocked to see you. Since when does the church believe in fortune tellers?"

"Trudy has visions."

In front of the altar, two chairs await. An overweight woman sits in one.

Trudy smiles and says, "You must be Bill. Sit. Do you mind if I hold your hands? It helps me see things."

She clasps my hands, closes her eyes and begins to pray. After a few minutes of silence, I start to smirk. Suddenly, she shakes like an epileptic.

She chants, "Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Jesus."

The smirk leaves my face. I need to get the hell out of here,

but her hands are like vices. My body shakes along with my hands. Suddenly, her gyrations cease. Her eyes open.

She hesitates, then speaks slowly, "Someone is praying for you very, very hard. Do you know who it is?"

"My mother."

"Praise God. Save God. Thank you, Jesus."

Her eyes look toward heaven then fix on me, "You are a womanizer, a gambler and a drunk."

I nod.

"You were in Vietnam, and your brother Timmy died in a fire."

This sentence blocks my breath. How does she know this?

I nod.

"Praise God. Thank you, Lord, and thank you, Jesus."

She pauses again, glancing upward, "Think back. Think way back. You heard something."

I say, "No."

She's emphatic. "You heard something that upset you as a child — something. Think, think." She closes her eyes. "Lord, please help him to think."

My memory stings like a cracked whip. I remember a little boy, awake too early for school, who hears an argument.

A gruff voice yells, "You never wanted Billy. You never wanted another child."

My mother says, "Why would I want another child after the way you acted when Timmy was born?"

In anger, my mother said I wasn't wanted.

I never, ever thought of this before. Why am I remembering this now?

I say, "I remember something."

"Thank you, Lord. Praise Jesus."

Then, she stops praying and begins shaking, worse than before — violent convulsions. Not just her hands, her whole body.

She's vibrating. I'm searching for an exit.

Suddenly, she stops.

Catching her breath, she stares at me and says calmly, "When your brother died, you blamed God. You swore to live a fast life. You disavowed your creator."

I'm dumbfounded. I thought it was ironic that Timmy burnt to death and I run into 20 fires a week. I also know Viet-

nam taught me life is short.

She continues, "Lord, pray Bill stops gambling, stops drinking and straightens out his life. Let's pray he sees your holy light."

I'm chanting, "Amen, amen." But I'm thinking, "I got to get a drink."

Outside the church, I replay the incident. Was that on the level? Is there really a God? Is he trying to reach me, rescue me — for whom, for me, my mom? Why does my mother have to pray so much?

Sure, I gamble, drink and do too much drugs, but I don't need prayers. I'm in control.

I look at my watch. The NBA starts at 7:30. I can bet a few basketball games then shoot out to Queens, pick up an eight ball and call Pam. I call my bookie.

"Fruity? Billy. What ya got in the NBA?"

I bet four games at a nickel apiece — two grand.

I need booze, and fast.

■ ■ ■

At 2 a.m., I'm sitting in my office whacked. I crush a Quaalude and use a razorblade to meld it with lines of coke. The NBA games I bet went in the toilet.

I'm out \$2,200 for the evening. Unfazed, I bet three games Saturday. More of the same — all in the shithouse.

Sunday, I bet six games. They all go south. Thirteen straight losers, and I'm down over 10 large for the week.

What's going on? Ever since that bloody Trudy, not one winner.

Monday night, I call Fruity, "What ya got in the NBA?"

He says, "All-Star game tomorrow. No baskets tonight. ... I got hockey."

Disgusted, I pull the glass vial from my inside pocket and search my other pockets for the cut-off straw, "Hockey? Forget about hockey. I mean, shit, Fruity, use your head."

"What the f*** do I know about hockey?"

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Rogers picks up fourth straight win

■ UF BEAT FIU 8-0 ON WEDNESDAY.

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**
Alligator Writer

Ten days ago, Hannah Rogers was in the middle of a four-game winless streak.

The freshman allowed 29 earned runs in 24.2 innings during Florida's six-game losing skid.

But with a newfound confidence and better execution of her pitching arsenal, she is back on track.

The right-hander earned her 20th win as No. 10 Florida (34-7, 10-6 Southeastern Conference) blanked Florida International (23-21, 9-6 Sun Belt) 8-0 on Wednesday in Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

Rogers tossed her second straight two-hit shutout, using only 84 pitches to get through six innings and striking out nine batters as her changeup kept hitters off-balance.

"I've been feeling really comfortable with my pitches lately," Rogers said. "We've been working on them over the weeks, and they're breaking a lot better."

After struggling against Georgia and Kentucky, Rogers has rebounded with four straight wins.

Over the last 26 innings, she has allowed one run on 14 hits while striking out 32 batters.

"We're starting to throw a couple different pitches in our sequences," UF coach Tim Walton said. "She's really unpre-



Harrison Diamond / Alligator

Florida freshman Hannah Rogers throws a pitch during UF's 8-0 win against FIU at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium on Wednesday. Rogers gave up two hits and struck out nine.

dictable. The last four games, we haven't been down. That's been the biggest key for her."

While Rogers shut down FIU's lineup, UF's blend of power and speed was too much for the Golden Panthers to handle.

The Gators wasted no time getting on the scoreboard as Michelle Moultrie almost single-handedly produced the first run of the game.

The speedy center fielder dropped down a perfect bunt in front of home plate, stole second base and advanced to third on Aja Paculba's flyout to right.

Kelsey Bruder walked, and

on her attempt to steal second, FIU shortstop Kayla Burri mishandled the throw, which allowed Moultrie to score.

But Moultrie's biggest play of the game didn't come at the plate or on the base paths. In the second inning, what seemed like a sure hit by FIU cleanup hitter Brie Rojas turned into a defensive gem.

Rojas laced a hanging line drive into right-center field, but Moultrie showcased her speed and made a terrific diving catch, bringing the crowd to its feet.

"As soon as I saw it off the bat, I knew I wanted to catch it, so I was going to do anything I could," Moultrie said.

Florida kept the momentum on its side in the bottom of the inning when catcher Tiffany DeFelice smashed her second home run of the year to left.

Holding on to a two-run lead heading into the fourth, UF scored four runs on three hits and two walks to give Rogers some breathing room.

With two outs and the bases loaded, Paculba came up with a bases-clearing double to push the score to 6-0.

Pinch hitting for Kelsey Horton, sophomore Samantha Holle ended the game by crushing a two-run homer off the scoreboard to secure a run-rule victory.

Canington's support eases goalie's tension

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just three in the opening period, staving off the comeback.

"Mikey is an elite goalie for sure," O'Leary said. "It's one of those things where she gets out there each and every day, and you can see the improvement."

The last time a Florida goalie faced the Wildcats, who won five consecutive titles between 2005-2009, she wasn't able to bring her team back into the game.

After just 30 minutes of last season's game, the Gators trailed by 14 goals en route to a 19-5 loss.

"Luckily, Mikey wasn't in the goal last year. Cara [Canington] was in the goal," O'Leary said. "So, Mikey's going to go into this in sort of a different situation since she hasn't been out there seeing those types of shots from Northwestern just yet. But she will on Thursday night."

While Meagher now has the advantage of a vastly improved offense behind her, she said the support of Canington has helped her deal with the pressure of playing a position that almost sets her apart from the rest of the team.

"It's definitely more of an individual position," Meagher said. "That's why Cara and I are there for each other every day, letting each other know what's going on and what we can improve on."

UF BASEBALL

Smith's status still unclear after return to dugout

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In Tuesday's 3-1 loss to Florida State, a familiar face was back on No. 4 Florida's bench.

Bryson Smith, part of UF's center field platoon who has been suspended indefinitely since a March 13 arrest for driving under the influence, was in uniform for the first-time in 17 games.

The senior did not play, and according to coach Kevin O'Sullivan, his status is still unclear.

When asked about Smith's future involvement with the team, O'Sullivan responded, "We don't know that quite yet. We'll handle that within our team."

When prompted for a more specific timeline, O'Sullivan said, "No comment."

Despite the uncertainty of when the outfielder will actually play again, several of Smith's teammates expressed satisfaction about his return.

"It was great to have him back," right fielder Preston Tucker said. "He's one of the leaders. It changes the attitude of the whole team knowing he's on the field with us. I know he isn't playing right now, but he'll

swing momentum when he gets back on the field."

Smith started nine of UF's first 16 games — and appeared in all but two — batting .345 with eight runs and five RBIs, including a game-winning pinch-hit single against Miami in Florida's 1-0 win on March 5.

"Bryson is a big part of this team," senior second baseman Josh Adams said.

"Just seeing him on the bench knowing he's there is kind of a comfort feeling for every-

body."

Smith is one of just three seniors on the roster and is viewed by teammates as a vocal leader and valuable piece moving forward.

"He's hitting almost .350," Tucker said. "He's fast and hits for average and power. He's a great defensive player, too. He adds another right-handed bat in the outfield."

But Tucker may have spilled the beans on Smith's possible return to action, saying, "That versatility is going to be great against a tough pitching team, against Georgia."

The Gators will take on the Bulldogs this weekend in Athens, Ga., in a three-game series starting Friday.



Smith

Murphy, Adel speculate about Larson's future at UF in recording

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Larson: "I can't get in trouble."

Adel: "I understand that, man, but you got to come back."

Larson: "No, I don't."

Adel: "Yeah, man, you got to."

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Adel: "They're going to find you, man. You can't be a f***ing fugitive."

Larson is currently amid a two-year probation period stemming from a February 2010 incident in which he shared Hydro-

codone pills with a high school teammate, leading Murphy and Adel to speculate that his punishment would be severe.

Adel: "Do you understand Cody is on probation? He's going to be kicked off the g** d*** team because of this."

Murphy: "I know."

As they waited, Murphy suggested a number of ways the group might get out of their predicament, with Adel shooting down each one.

Murphy proposed reporting Scarlett O'Hara's Bar and Restaurant for letting them enter

underage and also recommended telling police that he, Larson and Adel were looking for a lost wallet or playing a prank on the employees.

Adel quickly rejected each plan, but Murphy said he was "pulling everything out."

Adel: "That makes us look like assholes. That we're, that you two are wasted and f***ing break in cars. That looks f***ing dumb."



Murphy

Murphy: "Whatever, bro. I'm doing it."

Throughout the process, Murphy seemed confident he and Adel would be able to get off because they did not take anything, according to the recording, but Adel countered that St. Augustine police would be harsher than law enforcement closer to UF.

Adel: "We're not in f***ing Gainesville. They (St. Augustine police) don't give a f***."

Murphy: "We're prior good behavior. We can get off, but Cody is going to get..."

Adel: "Cody's f***ed. We're all

f***ed."

Adel, who said in the recording he was against the break-in and was not acting as a lookout, added he believed Murphy would get a second chance, while Adel would lose his job.

Adel: "Do you understand I'll be fired and I have no chance of ever pursuing any type of career in basketball?"

Murphy: "I'm getting you off. I don't give a f***."

Adel: "It doesn't matter." The nature of the conversation makes it seem they had no knowledge they were being recorded.