



Former VP, IFAS founder York dies at 88

■ HE FOUNDED IFAS IN 1964.

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
 Alligator Writer

E.T. York, the founder of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and lifelong supporter of agriculture education, died Friday. He was 88.

York, who also served as executive vice

president and interim president at UF as well as the chancellor emeritus of the State University System, was best known for creating the institute in 1964 and developing it into a nationally recognized program.

He went on to be an adviser on agricultural issues for six presidents and the chair of the federal Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

"E.T. embodied the ideas of service,

loyalty and generosity," UF President Bernie Machen said in a statement. "He was an absolute giant of a man in every sense, and we will all miss him terribly."

UF Administration York was born in Alabama and grew up during the Great Depression. He received a bachelor's degree in agriculture sciences from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now known as Auburn University,

served in the Army during World War II and returned to Auburn University to get a master's degree.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Vermelle, whom he met while he was a graduate student.

He also is survived by his daughter, Lisa, and his son, Travis.

Funeral services will be for family, per his request. A public memorial will be scheduled at a later date.

UF FINANCES

30 percent tuition hike unlikely, Machen says

By **HANNAH WINSTON**
 Alligator Writer

UF students may be happy to hear that their tuition won't greatly increase this fall, but it may mean cuts to academic programs and employee benefits.

In Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting, UF President Bernie Machen said his proposed 30 percent tuition increase would be a far stretch to get by state legislators.

"I haven't given up," he said, "but I'd say it's a Hail Mary at this point."

Machen's proposal would be a one-time 30 percent increase that would help UF keep core programs and benefits for employees. It was suggested to counteract the budget cuts proposed by Gov. Rick Scott.

The possible increase would raise in-state tuition at UF from \$5,000 to \$6,500 a year.

Even after the increase, tuition would still be lower than the national average of about \$7,600, according to CollegeBoard.com.

The state allows universities to increase tuition up to 15 percent a year.

For UF, that would be \$750 more for tuition per semester.

Machen said the 15 percent increase might cover the proposed \$17.5 million cut to faculty benefits at UF, but it won't cover the base budget that is also proposed to be cut by legislation.



Machen

Book sale offers steals

By **MEREDITH RUTLAND**
 Alligator Writer

Armed with a green Tupperware bin bearing his name, Bob Nudelman showed up at a book sale a day early.

Traveling from Chester, Va., he wouldn't say exactly how long he'd been there because he didn't want his competition to find out.

Saturday was the first day of the five-day-long sale, and hundreds of dealers, bookworms and penny-pinching students alike lined up hours before the sale opened at 430-B N. Main St.

"This is probably one of the top 10 to 15 sales in the country," said Nudelman, a

book dealer. "It's the best sale in Florida."

At 9 a.m., book sale staff opened the doors to customers. Those in the block-long line power-walked past a police officer into the warehouse.

"It's the best sale in Florida."

Bob Nudelman
 book dealer

Inside, the building smelled of old books with a tang of cement dust, but shoppers didn't have time to stop and smell.

It's all about speed, said Emily Rodriguez, a 28-year-old Gainesville resident.

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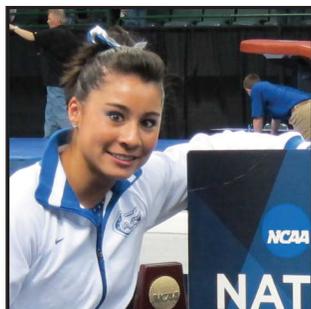


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Gator Dawg

UF's Albert the Alligator holds up a puppy during the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's open house Saturday. The event was to promote the hospital and show people the facilities.

■ UF sophomore gymnast Marissa King (right) brought home an NCAA title in the vault on Sunday, but the Gators gymnastics team fell short of the Super Six in the national semifinals. See Story, Page 15.



Online photos of belly dancing sink NYC woman's disability claim

NEW YORK — A New York City woman who was getting \$850 a month in alimony because she was supposedly disabled and unable to work had her payments slashed after her ex-husband spotted online photos of her belly dancing.

Brian McGurk went to court after discovering a blog that showed his 43-year-old ex-wife dancing at a gallery.

In other Internet postings, she wrote about dancing vigorously for several hours

every day.

Dorothy McGurk told the court that the dancing was physical therapy for injuries she suffered in a car accident in the mid-1990s.

A county judge didn't buy it — and reduced her payments to \$400 per month.

The judge also ordered her to pay her ex-husband's legal fees and 60 percent from the sale of their home.

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Robot Demonstration

Today, 2 p.m.
New Engineering Building,
Harris Rotunda
Twenty-five students in the
Intelligent Machines Design
Laboratory course will be pre-
senting 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 [mil.ufl.edu/
imdl/robot_info_s11.htm](http://mil.ufl.edu/imdl/robot_info_s11.htm) for
more information.

Computer

Demonstrations

Today, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
First Floor CSE
Come out to see students
from Artificial Intelligence in
Computer Games and Theory
and Practice of Multimedia
Production host the annual
"Game Day" open house to
demonstrate computer games
they developed this semester.

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Christian Siriano, the winner
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ON CAMPUS

Rubio talks government reform at induction ceremony

By MORGAN WATKINS
Alligator Writer

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio visited his alma mater Saturday, joining UF students and alumni for the Florida Blue Key banquet and induction ceremony.

Rubio, a UF graduate who defeated former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and former U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek in November for the Senate seat, gave the banquet's keynote speech to an audience

that included UF President Bernie Machen, former Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink and UF Student Body President Ashton Charles.

During his speech, Rubio cited the national debt as a central threat to America and called for an end to crisis-oriented government in Washington, D.C.

"We can't lurch from one crisis to the other," he said in an interview before the banquet. "We've got to figure out a way to get ahead of the issues before the issues get

ahead of us."

Rubio said the United States distinguishes itself from other nations not through its government but through its people. America, he said, is a nation of citizens who come from many backgrounds but are all "descendants of go-getters."

"If tomorrow America decided

we want to be just like everyone else — who takes America's place?" he said. "There is no one waiting in line to be who we have been."

The 64 Florida Blue Key inductees, including UF basketball player Chandler Parsons, were then officially welcomed into the organization, which is the university's oldest honor and service society. According to Florida Blue Key President Craig Thompson, the organization has about 160 student members.

For many in the audience, the

banquet was the first opportunity they had to hear Rubio speak, he said.

"He's a die-hard Gator and loves the University of Florida," Thompson said of the senator.

Kiel Green, a UF junior who was inducted into Florida Blue Key Saturday, said that while Rubio's speech was more political than he expected, it included ideas that people needed to hear.

"It's nice to have [our] service to the University of Florida rewarded," he said.



Rubio

Weather delays egg hunt

By KAITLYNN FLOYD
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The skies of Alachua were predicted to rain with Easter eggs, but 15 mph winds changed the forecast.

About 2,000 people gathered for Egg Drop Alachua on Saturday at the future location of Christ Central Alachua church, located on Cellon Creek Boulevard, where plastic eggs were scheduled to drop from a hot-air balloon for children to find along with 10,000 eggs already scattered on the ground.

But there was one problem: The hot-air balloon couldn't fly in 15 mph winds.

After 40 minutes of attempting to

get the balloon in the air, Mark Johns, lead pastor of Christ Central Alachua, improvised by starting a countdown himself, and the hunt began.

It took the children 15 minutes to find all the eggs.

Though the egg drop didn't go as planned, the event had different activity stations for the children such as face painting and bounce houses.

The Easter bunny even made an early visit.

Johns said he wanted to provide a safe, fun and entertaining environment for families to spend their Saturday afternoon.

Johns said he hopes to drop the eggs from helicopters next year.

Local News

.. THIS WEEK in GAINESVILLE ..

April 18, 1971: About 400 students gather on the Plaza of the Americas to symbolically bury the living UF President Stephen C. O'Connell.

The demonstration was in reaction to the arrest of 67 black students a few days earlier as they protested at the president's office and demanded his immediate resignation in the face of what they believed to be a racist and problematic university power structure.

The students then march to his house to present his wife with a wreath of lilies.

April 18, 1979: In the face of financial uncertainty the University Athletic Association votes to drop wrestling and women's volleyball.

Dropping the programs will save the uni-

versity \$130,000, and all athletic scholarships for those involved will be discontinued. It's estimated 75 percent of the athletes will transfer to other school because of the cuts. The women's team will return in 1984.

April 20, 1982: A public relations class breaks a Guinness Book World Record by building a leather wallet that was 3 feet by 5 feet with the intent of presenting it to President Reagan.

"We want Gov. [Bob] Graham to bring the wallet with him to Washington when he tries to get federal funds for the state of Florida," said UF student Richard Widick, a member of the class attempting the project.

— KAT BEIN

InsideUF

Your campus news source

Museum expands sale of butterfly plants

The Florida Museum of Natural History will host one of its largest plant sales April 22-24 to celebrate Earth Day.

Butterfly-friendly plants may be purchased from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The sale features 80 to 100 species of native, host and nectar plants ranging from \$3 to \$25 and marks the beginning of the museum's daily butterfly plant sales.

"This plant sale will offer more than four times the species offered during our regular plant sales," said Jeffrey Hansen, Florida Museum Butterfly Rainforest operations manager.

The list of plants for sale is on the museum website at www.flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflies/plant_sales.htm.

"Many factors like clearing land for housing and crops or using pesticides destroys butterfly habitat," Hansen said. "However, many species can survive with small backyard plots of the plants they



FMNH photo by Eric Zamora

Florida Museum of Natural History Butterfly Rainforest operations manager Jeffrey Hansen offers gardening advice to a visitor during a previous plant sale. The museum is planning a large butterfly-friendly plant sale in celebration of Earth Day April 22-24.

need. The museum decided to begin offering butterfly-friendly plants each day of the week due to the increased interest in butterfly gardening and demand for the plants."

Those interested in learning more about building an attractive, butterfly-friendly garden will find additional information on the Florida Museum website. During the sale,

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visitors may also speak with experienced museum employees and volunteers.

Hansen recommends gardeners:

- Include all types of plants in your garden. Butterflies feed on nectar plants and lay their eggs on specific host plants. Caterpillars also feed on host plants before transforming into butterflies.
- Research local butterflies if you want to attract specific species. Some butterflies lay their eggs in the shade while others prefer sunny environments. Each butterfly has a specific host plant: Monarchs lay eggs on Milkweed and the Zebra Longwing lays its eggs on Passion Flower.
- Take the necessary precautions when planting during periods of extremely high or low temperatures, and ensure new plants receive the correct amount of water.

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APA slates HR speaker

Paula Varnes Fussell, vice president for human resource services, will speak at 3:30 p.m. April 28 in G001 McCarty D (ground floor of McCarty Hall) to the Academic and Professional Assembly.

Fussell plans to speak to APA on a number of issues and will update members on how UF faculty and staff may be impacted by the results of this legislative season. Space is limited, so RSVP at your earliest convenience to APA Membership Chair Chris Stetter at cstetter@ufl.edu.

Danza performs Friday

The University of Florida's student-run Danza Dance Co. is performing its free bi-annual recital at 8 p.m. Friday in the Phillips Center for Performing Arts. The group of 50 female UF students will incorporate four dance styles — lyrical, jazz, hip-hop and tap — into the recital's theme: "Danza on the Big Screen."

"Everything is going to be music from a movie or tied into a movie," said Devon Burhoe, 19, the group's show director. Burhoe said the dance group recently performed at Downtown Disney in Orlando and in UF's Homecoming parade.

The group gives students from a variety of dancing backgrounds the opportunity to continue dancing after high school.

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UF Calendar of Events

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Lobster shells valuable for golf balls, plant pots

■ THE BIODEGRADABLE BALLS CAN BE USED ON CRUISE SHIPS.

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Lobsters aren't just for eating anymore.

The shells from Maine's signature seafood are being used to manufacture decorative tiles, trivets and drinking-glass coasters. Work is under way to utilize them in countertops and tabletops. And at the University of Maine, a professor has developed prototypes of biodegradable golf balls and plant pots made out of ground-up lobster shells.

"Instead of dumping the shells at landfills, the idea is to add value to the product, which hopefully will funnel back into the industry," said David Neivandt, a professor of chemical and biological engineering who created a biodegradable golf ball with a core made of lobster shells.

Lobster processors dispose of tons of lobster shells that are left over after the meat is removed. In-

dustry leaders have long wondered if there might be a way to make money from the part being thrown away.

Neivandt and one of his students, Alex Caddell, together developed a golf ball using ground-up lobster shells mixed with a glue-like substance for its core.

The shell is also made out of naturally derived biodegradable material, but they aren't giving specifics because they don't want to give away any secrets.

The ball is the same size and weight as a standard golf ball but is intended for use on cruise ships or at driving ranges that are on lakes or the ocean.

Dumping golf balls into the sea is prohibited under international convention because they are made of plastic and don't break down, but the lobster golf ball is biodegradable and disintegrates in the water in about three weeks.

Caddell, who played golf in high school, said he and Neivandt tested numerous balls that cracked, didn't fly quite right or otherwise didn't make the cut.

Finally, they came upon just the right mixture that makes the ball hit nearly like the real thing.

"The first time I hit it, I was surprised it didn't shatter into a million pieces," Caddell said. "And it flew straight. I usually have a pretty bad slice, so to hit it straight was amazing."

With an iron, the ball flies nearly the same distance as a standard ball. With a driver, it'll go 60 to 70 percent of the distance.

There are other biodegradable golf balls on the market, which sell for about \$1 each, Neivandt said. The raw materials for the lobster golf ball cost about 19 cents per ball, which could make it competitive in the open market.

The university has filed a provisional patent for the lobster-shell mixture. Neivandt said a private company could buy the licensing rights and market the ball, or the school could spin off a company that would produce it.

While developing the golf ball, they also came up with a plant pot

made out of lobster shell mixture, which has a high calcium content beneficial to flowers and vegetables, to place directly in the ground with flowers or vegetable plants.

Turning seafood waste products such as lobster or clam shells into products with commercial value would benefit the seafood industry, said Bob Bayer, head of The Lobster Institute Research and Education organization at the University of Maine.

Most lobster shells are dumped in the garbage or at landfills, Bayer said, with some of it going toward seafood compost used for gardens or turned into lobster meal, which is an animal feed additive.

There have been failed efforts to turn the shells into other marketable products, such as lobster bait, over the years, so Bayer is pleased to see new products come on line.

"The whole idea is to add value to our lobster," he said. "The more value we can extract, the more fishermen will be paid and more jobs will be created."

EcoSeaTile LLC, a small company based in Mount Desert, for

the past year has been making tiles of reclaimed lobster, mussel, clam, oyster and scallop shells for use in homes and businesses, selling at dozens of high-end tile shops in New England and New York. It recently added a line of drinking-glass coasters that are sold at gift shops.

Owner Mickey Shattow said the tiles seem to be most popular among customers who live on or near the ocean.

Aron Buterbaugh is making trivets in the shape of lobster claws, made of lobster shells and recycled glass, among the products at his Beachstone, Inc., a company he runs out of South Portland.

He's also working on developing vanities, bathroom countertops, tile accessories and tabletops for patio furniture, coffee tables for the home and restaurant dining room tables that utilize shells from mussels, clams, oysters, scallops and lobsters in combination with recycled glass, he said.

"They're plentiful. They're a waste product. They're decorative," he said. "It's a win-win-win strategy in my opinion."

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LOCAL

Gainesville Borders location closes doors for good

By **KRISTIN LOPOPOLO**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Borders closed its doors for the final time Sunday after purging almost its entire inventory, including furniture. Dozens of customers searched through the leftover books, magazines and CDs left in the store, 6837 W. Newberry Road, while others left with bookshelves.

Most books were sold for less than \$5.

"It's really sad the store is gone."

Nandy Ferguson
general store manager of the Florida Book Store

"Chords of Strength: A Memoir of Soul, Song and the Power of Perseverance" by David Archuleta was one of the last books on the shelves.

"It's really sad the store is gone," said Nandy Ferguson, the general store manager of the Florida Book Store. The store's 26 employees are now out of a job, including Ferguson's husband, Brian. He was Borders'

inventory manager for five years.

She said he became close friends with his co-workers, which is an-

other reason he will miss his job.

UF English major Alexandra Murnaghan went to the store two

nights before it closed. Inside, it was silent. People tiptoed in between bookcases and whispered

to their friends. Customers glared at a man who sneezed, as if the noise bothered them.

"I felt like I was in a library," she said. "It was very eerie."

The store is one of 200 within the Ann Arbor, Mich.,-based company to close due to lack of sales. The business filed for Chapter 11 reorganization in February.

The Gainesville branch opened in November 1999 but was placed on Borders' list of "underperforming stores."

Its closure was announced Feb. 16, and the location had closeout sales since then. The store recently had signs in the windows announcing 80 to 90 percent off the store's inventory.

David Denslow, a UF economics professor, said the increase of sales in electronic books on iPads and Nooks contributed to the store's downfall.

The ebook of the New York Times bestseller, "Water for Elephants," is \$4.17 on Amazon. Amazon's hardcover edition is \$16.29.

The large paperback version is sold for \$14.95 at Borders stores that are still open.



Matt Tripp / Alligator Staff

The Borders book store at 6837 W. Newberry Road sits empty after its last weekend of business. The company filed for bankruptcy in February and is closing about 200 stores to make the company profitable.

The sale, held twice a year, usually brings in about \$150,000

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"I'm in heaven," she said as she put a \$3, unopened Led Zeppelin record in her box. "We're all taking advantage of these prices, which you won't find ever."

Pete Roode, president of Friends of the Library, said their patronage will be worth more than the shoppers know.

He said the only money the Friends of the Library spends from the proceeds is what's needed to pay the warehouse electricity bills. Everything else goes to the Alachua County Li-

brary District to buy books. He said the sale consistently brings in about \$150,000 twice a year.

Saturday brought in \$91,700 from thousands of shoppers, and he said that's especially important this year because the state legislature is considering cutting funding for library districts.

"I think it's more important than in years gone by," Roode said.

A mother with a sleeping baby strapped to her back flipped through learning-to-count books.

Retired experts-turned-volunteers kept watch over the books they know best. And because prices are low, book-loving students come flocking.

"This is ridiculous," said Melika Hadziomerovic, a UF junior, as she sorted out what she couldn't afford. "It's everything that I want to buy but can't afford to buy in a big store."

The sale, she said, is wonderful. So wonderful, in fact, that it left the English major at a loss for a fitting metaphor.

But, then again, she had been waiting in line since 6:30 a.m. "It's like the highlight of the semester," she said.

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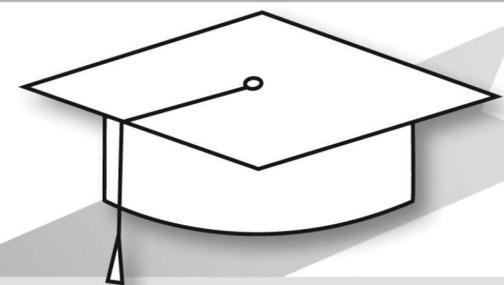
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Editorial

Single Whammy

Thirty-percent tuition hike looks unlikely

Although most of the Editorial Board is graduating in a few days, we're happy to hear Bernie Machen's proposed 30 percent tuition increase is now merely a dream, unlikely to come true.

We want everyone to have the same types of opportunities we've had while at UF, and stressing students with financial burdens doesn't help achieve that end. It seemed like our administration was willing to rain down a perfect storm of price hikes on students, especially with block tuition gaining steam despite student protests.

We could have understood had the proposals been for either block tuition or a 30 percent increase, but hitting students with both at one time was nonsensical. We're thinking that's what someone told dear old Bernie to make him understand that although our students' median household income breaks \$100,000 a year, there are many who are scrounging for cash and working jobs to fund their education.

We're not out of the woods yet, though. The price of tuition still can increase legally by 15 percent per year until we meet the national average.

It looks like no matter what we do, attending college is going to become more expensive even as Bright Futures dies a slow, painful death. Although we applaud our Machen for coming to his senses, we still have a feeling that students aren't going to like tuition prices increasing, especially for classes they're paying for but not taking under the block tuition plan.

Revenue Review

With Tax Day here, we've come across news saying taxes collected on our nation's top 400 incomes amount to 10 percentage points less than those collected in 1992. Sounds crazy compared to the average drop of 0.6 percentage points, doesn't it? Well, keep in mind that 45 percent of American households pay no income taxes, according to the Tax Policy Center.

The majority of those not paying, and note this doesn't mean they don't pay payroll, state and local taxes, make \$50,000 or less each year, but there are five million people making between \$50,000 and \$1 million who don't have to worry about the tax man. People in both groups have exemptions and credits to thank, but their days are likely numbered.

Both sides of the aisle have been discussing ways to generate revenue through taxation, whether it be through eliminating tax breaks but lowering the highest tax rate or through forcing the rich to pay the same percentage the average American does. We're getting ready for a long, ugly battle between people who agree we need more revenue but who disagree on who to take it from.

We have to give both sides a nod for understanding the tax system is entirely too complicated as is, but Obama certainly won us over by saying he wanted to create a system where "the amount of taxes you pay isn't determined by what kind of accountant you can afford." Nicely said, Mr. President. Making that happen, however, is going to be a different story.

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Column

What a difference a year can bring

What a difference a year can bring.
Some years are good.
Some years are bad.

Some shoot by in a flash while others seem to drag on for an eternity.

While the jury still is out on the next twelve months, the next year is certain to be a memorable one.

Crises at home and abroad still will exist.

Record budget shortfalls still will be hanging over our heads, and power struggles between the president and Congress still will be playing out in our nation's capital.

However, all hope is not lost.

Patrick Henry said, "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past."

Surely, America's past has been bright. For most of the 20th century, the United States was a light to a dark and hopeless world.

In addition to twice saving the world from tyranny, the U.S. survived, and recovered from, the crash of its stock market, the assassination of a president and numerous other tragedies that should have crippled this relatively new nation.

While these uplifting thoughts certainly come to mind today, Patrick Henry was offering his words as a cautionary tale against those who would undermine individual liberties protected by a republican system of government.

It was Thomas Jefferson who said, "History has informed us that bodies of men as well as individuals are susceptible to the spirit of tyranny."

During these times of heightened national security



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and record budget shortfalls, all Americans must be mindful of these words.

Fortunately, there is no reason America's future cannot be as bright as its past.

Many experts often say the first and hardest step on the road to recovery is recognizing a problem exists.

As a nation, we have done this and are beginning to discuss the next steps necessary to treat our current financial condition.

The problem, though, is that many of the remedies currently being discussed are merely superficial fixes — remedies akin to only lifting one's foot off the accelerator of a speeding car rather than wholeheartedly applying the brakes when confronted with the possibility of a crash.

U.S. domestic security, national security and ultimately its protection of individual liberties at home and abroad depend on our ability to place our nation on a sound financial footing.

As both Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson implied, much can be learned from history. History has seen many great nations rise but unfortunately fall from their own internal failings.

The United States is at a crossroads.

We can join these other nations that have fallen by the wayside, or we can reform and continue to show the world what can be rather than being remembered merely for what once was.

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

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Reader response

Today's question: Did you attend the Friends of the Library sale?

The results for Friday's question are unavailable due to technical error.

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Letters to the Editor

Government regulation not conservative

In response to Bob Minchin's column on Friday, I find it surprising that one who is appalled by intrusive government agencies and overbearing regulation believes government intrusion and regulation is necessary in the case of unwanted pregnancy. I guess I was wrong to assume a "true conservative" is actually conservative and not just a shill parroting the Republican party line.

Chad Kimes
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Conservatives can't have it both ways

Bob Minchin mentions that any true conservative is appalled by intrusive agencies and overbearing regulations. He then proceeds to completely contradict those principles as he talks about regulating abortion. A government telling a woman what to do with her body is not only intrusive and overbearing but also degrading. Comparing abortion to genocide is offensive toward all people who have lived through an actual genocide.

It is not right to "punish" a girl for having sex by forcing her to have a baby and then pay to raise it. Conservatives will fight for that fetus until it is actually born and then refuse to give it welfare.

Conservatives, make up your mind. Will it be an overbearing and intrusive government that regulates everything, or will people be al-

lowed their individual rights and liberties?

Rachel McGovern
UF student



Abortion the civil rights issue of the day

I would like to say thank you to Bob Minchin for sharing his views in Friday's column "Abortion stance key to conservatism." His extremely well-written dialogue not only exposes the shallow and inhumane actions of the "pro-choice" movement but also calls conservatives to act with passion and conviction.

He has inspired me to do more to make a difference in the civil rights issue of our generation.

Tasya Williamson
Gainesville resident



Women face undue burden in child care

What is with the Bob Minchin column published on Friday? It's like he doesn't even try to understand what these women are going through. I will admit I am against abortions, but I at least try to understand why someone would do such a thing. How is a woman supposed to take care of a child if she gets paid a lower salary than a man? How is she supposed to take care of a child if child care costs are ridiculous? There are

no American laws that give nursing women a break.

Everything is about some absurd idea that people are on their own and shouldn't receive help when they desperately need it.

Yes, abortions disrespect the sanctity of life, but at least they make it easier for women, especially single mothers, to take care of their children.

Take Europe, for example, where women are given two months after giving birth to recuperate and are given adequate child care assistance by law. The foster care system in America is so lacking that most of the children in there aren't going to college to get an education. So if you are going to say no to abortions, at least make that choice an easier one. Yes, society is on a moral decline, but that shouldn't justify being cruel and denying aid to those who make mistakes.

Umair Asghar
UF student



LGBT community only wants equality

After reading the replies to Megan Bisell's letter, published April 13, regarding Chick-fil-A's support of anti-gay organizations, I must say that I too am an angry lesbian. The point both Andrew Robb and Ryan Galloway seemed to miss is that the university allows a corporation to profit off a Student Body that it oppresses. A business

is entitled to its "moral" convictions just as much as anyone else. However, these ideals are not consistent with the inclusive and accepting values UF espouses. It is extremely unsettling to know that my school, which insists upon cultivating a diverse student culture, continues to involve itself with a corporation that blatantly perpetuates discrimination and hate against me. UF's seemingly indifferent attitude in regard to this matter is just as good as its consent and agreement with Chick-fil-A's actions. How can one feel safe and comfortable on a campus that funds political causes directly targeting its students?

As for the gross over-generalizations of the LGBT community's ability to tolerate differing opinions, I believe we tolerate screaming preachers and fellow classmates every day who express their "inability to approve of the way [we] choose to live [our lives]."

We do not seek commendation, praise or even approval. I do not need my university to proclaim itself "pro-gay." All we expect is equality, and all we reject is our status as second-class citizens. If these basic needs are misconstrued as "intolerance," I feel that some of our students need a drastic reality check.

Think we're on a level playing field? Think again.

Katie Faris
UF employee

Guest column

UF's Pride Student Union perpetuates LGBT stereotypes

People mock what they don't understand. Last fall, our country witnessed a string of suicides by gay teens as a result of bullying. These teens weren't mocked for who they were — they were mocked because of who people assumed they were because of the labeling and gay stereotypes that have been forced upon us by specific members of our community.

We are lucky to live in a city with a gay mayor. We are lucky to have been blessed recently with our own chapter of Equality Florida. We are lucky to live in a place that is as accepting as Gainesville.

However, everyone else isn't as lucky as we are. In many places, organizations like UF's Pride Student Union provide a safe haven for men and women who are grappling with their sexuality, but here at UF our organization is more concerned with drag queens and perpetuating the homosexual stereotype than actually making a difference on campus. Don't beg for equality and acceptance and then blatantly promote the "cultural stereotype." Equality stems from being equal, not from making an example

Jonothon Mitchell
Speaking Out

of yourself for the heterosexual community to mock.

Programs like The Trevor Project and It Gets Better have been integral in the effort to show that the gay community is made up of a plethora of different people. For the first time, the world is able to see not all of us fit the stereotypical mold of a flaming homosexual. The community has come a very long way since a time when being branded as homosexual automatically meant you loved glitter, interior lighting and Cher. However, all you have to do is turn to UF's Pride organization, and suddenly we've been set back a hundred years.

Drag shows, an event with Christian Siriano and viewings of "I Love You Phillip Morris" are exactly the type of events that cause homophobes to assume all gay men and lesbian women are exactly the same, which couldn't be farther from the truth.

Do I wear womens clothing? No. Because I'm gay, am I required to think anything Lady Gaga has to say is rel-

evant? No. Is it wrong for gay men to enjoy football or things more commonly associated with heterosexuals? No, not at all. However, many people automatically assume these things to be true. Why? Because the unfortunate truth is that organizations like Pride have made it impossible for the rest of the world to see not all gay men want to flaunt their sexuality around like they got it half-off at Neiman Marcus.

For the closeted gay man who is terrified to come out because he assumes our culture is nothing but limp-wristed, drag-queen-loving femmes, let me be the first to tell you it's not. There is nothing wrong with being proud, but there are certainly many other ways to celebrate who you are. Don't let the negative stereotypes perpetuated by organizations like Pride dissuade you from just being yourself.

We don't need these events to make us feel proud of who we are. I'd have a lot more pride if blatant homosexuals would stop embarrassing our community.

Jonothon Mitchell is a fourth-year English major.



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Vet school opens doors for tours, animal adoptions

By **RACHEL STEPHENS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Eight-year-old Kendal Binkley loves horses and wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. On Saturday, she got a glance of what a day in the life of a vet looks like.

Binkley and her mother came from Lake Mary to join more than 1,000 others at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's annual open house.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors toured the animal hospitals, petted animals and observed medical equipment in use on live animals. This year's event featured the addition

of the new UF Small Animal Hospital tour and pet adoptions.

Groups of about 20 people were led on 30-minute tours through the first floor of the new hospital, which contains the emergency receiving area and exam rooms.

On the tour, people were showed the emergency room, the intensive care unit and progressive care unit.

Guests also got to see an array of about 60 different dogs and cats available for adoption.

The animals were provided by Helping Hands Pet Rescue, a local volunteer animal adoption agency.

"Part of our mission here is to encourage people to join our profession..."

Dana Zimmel
chief of staff of the UF Veterinary Hospitals

Along with tours and adoptions, this year's open house also featured events specifically geared for children, according to Dana Zimmel, the chief of staff of the UF Veterinary Hospitals.

"Part of our mission here is to encourage people to join our profession, and it starts at a young age," Zimmel said. "And so we want

to expose people when they're small about this career path."

The UF Veterinary Hospitals hosted a pet-drawing competition for children at local elementary schools to raise interest in the event. A teddy bear clinic also was available for children who needed to have their stuffed animals repaired, she said.

Lectures were given for parents and teens who were interested in what it takes to get into the UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Zimmel said.

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Answers

- Dave Morehead, in 1965.
- Wes Ferrell of Cleveland hit nine home runs in 1931.
- The Garden State Bowl, in 1979.
- Benoit Benjamin was 25 when he hit the 1,000-block mark in the 1989-90 season.
- Sergei Fedorov, Alex Kovalev, Slava Kozlov, Alexei Zhitnik and Sergei Zubov.
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21 Transvaal settler
22 With all one's heart
24 What daredevils seem to lack
25 Place to fish from
26 Wore an upside-down frown
29 Rail chemical carriers
33 Burgundy, for one
34 Pitched shelter
35 Dickens's Uriah
36 State purposefully
37 Latin ballroom dance
38 Mythological ship
39 Hop out of bed
40 Whizzes
41 Monastery member
42 Fix
44 University officer
45 Greenhouse containers
46 Constructed
47 It starts after the overture
50 Newspaper unit
51 Captain's "I need help ASAP!"
54 Extinguish, with "out"
55 Gust of wind, e.g.
58 Hamster's home
59 Drop anchor
60 Counters with beads
61 Train for a bout
62 Japanese wrestling
63 Water bottle capacity

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1 Antiquated exclamation
2 "Don't think so"
3 Does better than
4 Sinuous swimmer
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7 Estate beneficiary
8 Org. with Raiders and Steelers
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10 Nightclub minimum
11 Each
12 Bridal accessory
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Familiar struggles on beam come back to haunt Gators in NCAA semifinals

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been a wreck all weekend. I knew the same things were going through her head — all that I've been through, and now to end on this amazing note was just a blessing."

Despite the heartfelt ending to Smith's career as an individual, the final moments of the Gators' 2011 season were far more bitter than sweet.

UF finished fourth in Friday night's semifinals with a final score of 196.125, coming in just behind third-place Utah's 196.2.

Utah joined the top two finishers from the second session, Nebraska and Alabama, in the Super Six. Saturday, the Crimson Tide became national champions.

The blockade that held UF back from the chance to duke it out for the title was all too familiar.

It was no secret that the balance beam was Florida's weakest event throughout the season.

Following a string of flawed beam routines in the NCAA North Central Regionals on April 2, the team honed in on its biggest splinter in the practices leading up to the weekend's competition.

The Gators created pressure situations while performing

intrasquads on the beam nearly every day prior to Friday, and the gymnasts said their confidence level had increased and their routines had improved as the meet grew closer.

Faehn said the team had at least seven intrasquads since regionals — all without one mistake, without one fall.

But when the fifth-seeded Gators jumped onto the event to open the meet, all of their hard work seemed to vanish almost immediately.



Smith

Florida's first beam performer, junior Elizabeth Mahlich, fell off the beam, stumbling to a disappointing 9.275. Moments later, Johnson wobbled her way to a 9.2.

Florida's gymnasts posted two of the meet's four lowest scores in the event.

"I really don't know what happened," freshman all-arounder Mackenzie Caquatto said. "We had a good practice [Thursday], and warm-up was great. It is just one of those fluky things, I guess."

Faehn wondered in retrospect if she made a mistake slating Mahlich as the beam's opener after her shaky regional performance.

"Even though she hit every intrasquad, she probably

still had that in the back of her head and didn't have the confidence to go up aggressively," Faehn said. "It made everyone tight when she had a mistake."

After beam, the Gators had a bye, giving them time to recharge before the remaining three events.

On floor, Johnson and Smith had particularly impressive performances, as each earned an impressive 9.9 and King added a 9.925.

The Gators also had solid vault and bars routines, with each gymnast scoring a 9.725 or better. Though some performances had missed landings, there weren't any major mistakes.

But, it was too little, too late.

"We had a really big hole to fill and just couldn't come out of it," senior Alicia Goodwin said.

What made the run especially stinging was Florida's impressive year leading up to the competition. The Gators at one point held a No. 1 national ranking and beat Alabama, Utah and Nebraska in their regular season.

"It is extremely disappointing because we know how talented this team is," Faehn said. "But I told them talent doesn't win championships — you've got to stay on the equipment. Unfortunately, we didn't do that."

Normally reliable UF bullpen gives up 11 runs, 18 hits in 8.2 innings on weekend

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to record an out, allowing four straight hits and leaving with the bases loaded.

Steven "Paco" Rodriguez, who recorded the save in UF's 5-4 win Friday, replaced him. But the left-hander struggled with command, walking in a run and surrendering the tying score on an RBI single.

Greg Larson was summoned, and the

right-hander stopped the bleeding. The junior was the unsung hero for Florida on Sunday, throwing 3.2 scoreless innings while scattering five hits.

In the eighth, Tucker added some insurance with a monster grand slam to right.

"He left a changeup waist-high," Tucker said. "I turned on it, and good things happened."

The five-run explosion in the inning gave

the Gators' reeling bullpen some much-needed breathing room.



Baseball

Florida's heralded pitching depth struggled over the weekend, as its pen allowed 11 runs and 18 hits in 8.2 innings.

On Saturday, after a strong start by Brian Johnson, who collected his second homer of the year with a two-run

shot Sunday, the bullpen collapsed, giving up six runs with the game tied in the eighth en route to a 7-2 loss.

"That happens from time to time," Tucker said. "We have one of the best bullpens there is out there. [Sunday] just showed we can pick each other up. Sometimes the hitting has struggled and the pitchers have put up a zero, or the pitchers have had a rough inning, and we get a run the very next inning."

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UF GOLF

Florida men's team brings home SEC Championship

By **ALEX PECKHAM**
Alligator Writer

After a seven-year drought, the Florida men's golf team captured the Southeastern Conference Championship tournament Sunday.

The No. 5 Gators' 8-over-par score for the event was enough to beat No. 3 Alabama.

An already memorable day for Florida was made unforgettable by fifth-year senior Andres Echavarria winning the individual title in a dramatic, sudden-death playoff against LSU's John Peterson.

"I can't put my emotions into words right now," Echavarria said. "I've been through tough times as a Gator, and this win is the product of five years of hard work and preparation."

Florida was able to maintain the six-stroke lead it held going into Sunday's final round on the strength of 1-under-par rounds by Echavarria and Bank Vongvanij. The Gators were also aided by an even-par performance from sophomore Phillip Choi and a 3-over-par showing by Tommy Mou.

Vongvanij got off to a hot start Sunday, at one point notching four consecutive birdies on the front nine to lower his score to 3-under-par for the round. That put him in contention for the individual title, but two bogeys on the back nine ended his chances.

Vongvanij and Choi finished in the top five, with Choi tying for third at even-par and Vongvanij coming in fifth with a 1-over-par tally.

"I was a little nervous in that we kind of blew a six-shot lead at the Schenkel (Invitational) about a month ago, and we hadn't won in a while," UF coach Buddy Alexander said. "We just felt like it was our turn to win if we played like we played all year."

The win is Florida's 15th SEC golf title and the university's 200th SEC Championship overall.



Echavarria

"We really have prepared well as a team all year," Echavarria said. "Winning this tournament was one of our goals at the beginning of the year, and it feels good to actually win it."

The team now has a long layoff before teeing off at NCAA Regionals in nearby Ocala on May 19-21.

The Florida women's team's struggles in the SEC Championship tournament continued Sunday, as UF shot 8-over-par to finish ninth.

The Gators' woes overshadowed an impressive round by sophomore Mia Piccio, who rebounded from a 9-over-par nightmare on Saturday to shoot a 3-under-par 69. Piccio tallied five birdies on the back nine to finish the round under par.

Tucker, Gators crush Bulldogs for series win

■ **UF OVERCAME ANOTHER BULLPEN COLLAPSE TO BEAT UGA ON SUNDAY.**

By **JESSE SIMONTON**
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While vicious storms up the east coast brought cooler temperatures down south, Preston Tucker was on fire Sunday in Athens, Ga.

The Gators' slugger mashed two home runs, including the go-ahead shot in the seventh, propelling No. 4 Florida (28-9, 11-4 Southeastern Conference) to a 14-7 blowout and series win over Georgia (19-18, 9-6 SEC).

"The bats just came alive," Tucker said. "I was looking for a pitch I could drive, and I got what I was looking for, and I handled it."

The versatile lefty's two-run shot in the seventh inning snuck

over the right-field fence, and the Gators regained their lost momentum after blowing a five-run lead.

For the second consecutive game, UF's bullpen suffered a demoralizing meltdown. But, unlike Saturday, Tucker and Co. rallied with the bats as the Gators plated



Baseball

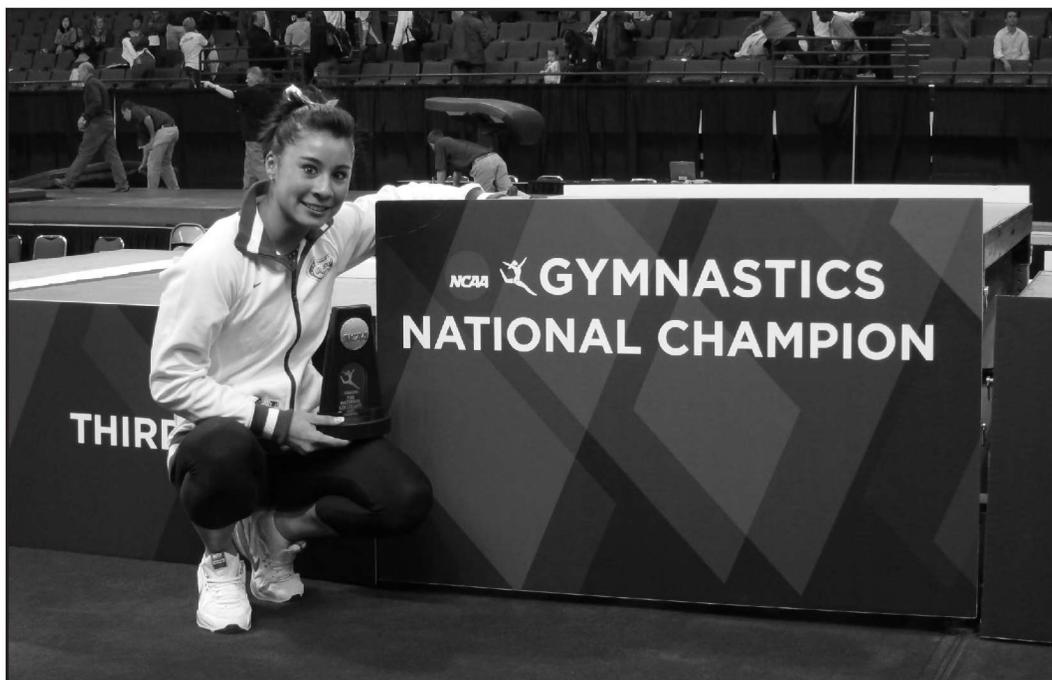
eight runs in the final three innings.

"We wanted to get a few runs for them (the bullpen), and hopefully they could shut it down at the end," Tucker said. "They did a great job."

Leading 6-3 in the sixth, UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan pulled freshman starter Karsten Whitson and inserted Alex Panteliodis. The unusual decision to give the junior his first relief appearance since March 1 backfired as the lefty failed

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King takes NCAA vault title as UF falls short of Super Six



Courtesy of UF Communications / Alligator

Florida sophomore gymnast Marissa King poses Sunday with her NCAA Championship trophy after posting a 9.8750 score on vault, capturing the national title in the event.

By **ALLISON BANKO**
Alligator Writer

Florida's season came to a disappointing close Friday night, but one Gator left Cleveland as a national champion.

The UF gymnastics team failed to place in the top three in the semifinals of the NCAA Championships on Friday in Cleveland, Ohio, by a mere 0.075 points, but sophomore Marissa King captured the Gators' first individual title since 1998 on Sunday.

With a score of 9.8750, King brought back the NCAA vault championship to Gainesville. The native of Cambridge, England, said she trusted herself to go into her routine with the same confidence she displayed in practice.

"I went up there and saw all the parents and the rest of the team in the stands," King said. "I gave them a smile because I was proud they were there and cheering for me. I just went into it knowing I could do it."

King was joined by freshman Alaina Johnson and senior Maranda Smith in

the floor exercise finals, where Smith finished in a three-way tie for second place with a 9.9 in her final performance as a Gator.

Johnson, meanwhile, became the first Gator to compete in three individual events since 1998, performing on vault, bars and floor. Though she didn't place in the top three in her events, UF coach Rhonda Faehn said she was pleased with the newcomer's performance.

After her lengthy journey through what she once thought was a career-ending injury, Smith said it was an emotional moment.

"There were tears in my eyes but I had to stop that and get focused," Smith said. "I wanted to remember every moment of the minute and 30 seconds I was up there for my final routine."

Smith said she had always wanted to compete in the floor finals, and to have her dream come true in her final year was amazing.

"I saluted the judges, I looked up at [my parents] and I knew they were emotional," Smith said. "My mom's

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DUNKLEY, McROY TO TRANSFER

■ Florida wide receivers Chris Dunkley and Javares McRoy are planning to transfer, UF coach Will Muschamp announced Friday. Dunkley, a redshirt freshman from Pahokee High, was suspended for parts of spring practice for academic reasons. McRoy, a freshman who enrolled in January, is reportedly going to Texas Tech to play with his brother, Ben.

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Bottom of lineup comes around in sweep of Tigers

■ FRESHMAN CHEYENNE COYLE HIT THREE HOMERS ON THE WEEKEND.

By **STEPHEN SHEEHAN**
Alligator Writer

For the past few weeks, Florida coach Tim Walton has been waiting for production from the bottom of the lineup.

This weekend, his patience was rewarded.

Led by shortstop Cheyenne Coyle's three homers over the first two games, and third baseman Kasey Fagan's solo shot Sunday, UF's Nos. 6-9 hitters went 16 for 39 at the plate as No. 10 Florida (37-7, 13-6 Southeastern Conference) earned the series sweep with

a 13-4 drubbing of No. 24 Auburn (32-12, 11-9 SEC).

"Two weeks ago, people were talking about how we're down," Walton said. "Here we are having our best weekend of the season. Once you get it going on offense, it can be contagious."

The Tigers had no answers for the Gators' suddenly deep lineup as UF pounded 16 hits Sunday and set the single-game school record with eight home runs.

Sophomore Brittany Schutte and senior Aja Paculba each hit a pair of long balls Sunday as UF exploded for 35 runs in the series.

"When a team gets hot, it doesn't take a whole lot to keep them going," Walton said.

While the middle of the order produced at its usual pace, the team's two freshmen in-

fielders opened some eyes.

Coyle's steady production from the seventh spot has been key given Fagan's inconsistency hitting out of the nine hole.

"The key was the bottom of the lineup keeping us going," left fielder Kelsey Bruder said.



Softball

"With every single series, they get better," Bruder added. "That's to be expected with more experience and the knowledge they gain on how different teams approach us."

BROMBACHER'S RETURN GOES WELL: Although it will take some time for her bicep to get back to full strength, Saturday was a big step for Stephanie Brombacher.

The senior ace pitched for the first time since March 12 and tossed 4.2 solid innings in UF's 8-2 win, giving up one run on five hits and one walk while striking out four.

"I was a little nervous since I haven't faced hitters in so long," Brombacher said. "My approach was a little different, but after the first inning, I was comfortable."

Brombacher said she needed to let her bicep "cool down" to limit inflammation over the past month.

After putting her on a 50-60 pitch count Saturday, Walton plans to take things slowly with Brombacher as she builds up her velocity.

"We're not going to put a timetable on it," Walton said. "We're very optimistic she can get better as we go forward."

UF LACROSSE

Florida avoids letdown with close win over Vanderbilt

By **JOHN BOOTHE**
Alligator Writer

Three days after Florida snagged a share of its first American Lacrosse Conference title with a dramatic upset of No. 2 Northwestern, Vanderbilt didn't let the Gators take the crown outright without a fight.

After five ties and six lead changes against the Commodores on Sunday, the No. 6 Gators (14-1, 5-0 ALC) needed a Brittany Dashiell free-position goal with just 30 seconds left to edge Vanderbilt (7-7, 1-4 ALC) 8-7 in Nashville, Tenn., and

secure their first outright regular-season ALC championship.

"We came out flat because we were on such a high from Northwestern," Dashiell said. "We weren't really focused too much on the Vanderbilt game. I know that's how it was for me personally ... but I had confidence the whole time that we would come out with the win."

The Gators were limited to a season-low 23 shots, including four without a goal at the free-position arc before Dashiell's final attempt. Florida's cause was also hurt by an injury Kitty Cullen suffered against

Northwestern. The nation's leading scorer was limited to about 30 minutes of action and one assist.

"It took a lot of work, not only by Kitty, but by [athletic trainer] Anna [Hale] as well," UF coach Amanda O'Leary said. "We traveled with training equipment that I had never seen before. They had her in the boot, they had her in the game ready, they had her do-



O'Leary

ing another machine. I mean, Anna worked a lot to make sure that Kitty was ready to go."

O'Leary also said sophomore midfielder Haydon Judge was limited by an injury and was "50-50" before playing against Vanderbilt.

Sophomore Ashley Bruns stepped up in the first half to fill the Gators' scoring needs, recording a hat trick and two assists. But she was held scoreless the entire second half as Florida managed just two goals.

While UF wasn't doing its defense any favors with a season-low

seven goals, the back line held Vanderbilt scoreless for the last 27:16.

Dashiell's late-game heroics were made possible when sophomore Mikey Meagher made one of her seven saves on a Commodores' free-position attempt placed perfectly at the center hash of the 8-meter arc.

"It's definitely really exciting that we were able to go 5-0 in conference play," Meagher said. "We've had three conference games in one week, so I think we were a little tired, but it's good to know that we can work through it and come out with the win."

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