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NOW WHAT?

Questions linger after death of terrorist

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
 and **CJ PRUNER**
 Alligator Staff Writers

Thousands of miles away from all the camera flashes, Twitter posts and press conferences, the corpse of Osama bin Laden aimlessly drifts in the Arabian Sea current.

For a man who spent nearly a decade in the limelight as the United States' public enemy No.1, the burial at sea, carried out by the U.S. military under decorum procedures sanitized of publicity, highlights the obscurity and ambiguity associated with his legacy.

Though the narrative of bin Laden's life has come to a brutish conclusion, many questions, both old and new, remain. Some of these questions, local experts say, have endless possibilities. Others can only be met with a shrug of the shoulders and a "wait and see."

Terje Ostebo, an assistant professor in UF's Department of Religion, said that bin Laden's death probably won't be the blow that ends terrorist threats altogether for the United States. While it is a major hit for al-Qaida, there are other terrorist movements, Ostebo said, that will most likely continue to pursue their own goals.

It probably won't lead to a major decline in attacks fueled by religious beliefs either, Ostebo said, because the tension between Muslims in the Middle East and the Western world is based on issues that run deeper than bin Laden's leadership.

Patricia Woods, an associate professor of

political science at UF, shared similar sentiments. She acknowledged that while bin Laden commanded the support of several Muslim extremists, he was never representative of the overall sentiments in the Middle East.

"I think our understanding of the Muslim world is getting better and that we understand a little better now that he never had anywhere close to even a plurality of the Middle East supporting him," Woods said. "He never represented a big constituency — it's just that it only takes a few people to carry a bomb these days."

The current rise of protest against authoritarian governments in the Middle East, which has become known as the "Arab Spring," illustrates this non-allegiance to bin Laden and his methods, Woods said.

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 associate professor of political science at UF

The United States, Ostebo said, should take this into consideration. If the West can come to the aid of the young demonstrators in the Muslim world and others there who are trying to find a better life, tensions that have historically strained both sides might gradually ease, he said.

"I think we would score a number of points by acknowledging and supporting their cravings for a better life," Ostebo said. "I think that's something that could ease the tense relationship that has been between the Muslim world and the West."

One country whose relationship with the United States has come under scrutiny follow-

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Photo Illustration by Max Reed/ Alligator Staff

This undated AP file photo shows Osama bin Laden. Americans are expected to get a glimpse of Osama bin Laden's daily life with the disclosure of home videos showing him strolling around his secret compound...

Gov. Scott taps three for UF Board of Trustees

■ ALL THREE APPOINTEES ARE UF ALUMS.

By **EMILY MORROW**
 Alligator Writer

Three UF graduates are coming back to their alma mater to serve on the UF Board of Trustees. Gov. Rick Scott appointed William Michael Heekin, Alan M. Levine and Juliet M. Roulhac to the Board on Friday. Their appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

"These accomplished individuals bring a high level

of expertise to our board," UF President Bernie Machen said in a statement. "No doubt their advice and counsel will help well-position the University of Florida for the future."

UF Administration

The Board, which meets at least four times a year, is the governing body of UF. The 13 trustees, who serve five-year terms, appoint the university president and may adopt or change university rules and policy.

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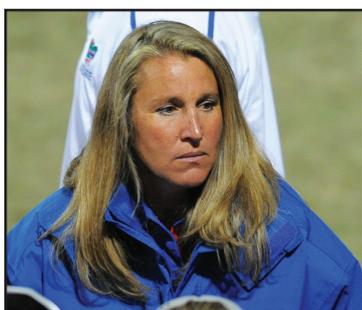
Board of Governors. The Student Government president and the chair of the UF Faculty Senate are the final two members.

Heekin, from Sandy Springs, Ga., earned an accounting degree from UF in 1975 and a law degree in 1978. He was the founding chief operating officer of WebMD, chairman of former Gov. Jeb Bush's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board and a former associate dean at the Florida State University College of Law.

He also worked as an accountant for the Independent Florida Alligator in the 1970s and has served on

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■ Amanda O'Leary, UF's women's lacrosse coach, has led her No. 3 team to a second seed in a the NCAA tournament in just the program's second year of existence. See Story, Page 14.



UF emergency alert sends false alarm text message

When UPD and GPD officers responded Monday to a call reporting the sound of gunshots from the East Campus area on Waldo road, they found nothing.

That's because the sound didn't come from a gun.

Capt. Jeff Holcomb, UPD public information officer, said the sound probably came from an impact wrench at a near by city construction site. UF sent an emergency notification about the incident to students via email at 2:53 p.m. Another email was sent at 3:21 p.m. saying no shots were actually fired and an on-going investigation is continuing.

—ALEX ORLANDO

■ What does Osama bin Laden's death mean for Americans and the world? See graphics and more analysis on pages 7-8.

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Ill. man who kept alligator to woo women charged

FORD HEIGHTS, Ill. — A suburban Chicago man thought he had the perfect chick magnet in his pet alligator.

Authorities only saw a dangerous animal.

A charge of possession of a dangerous animal has been filed against 43-year-old Dewayne Yarbrough of Ford Heights, who claims he kept the four-foot alligator to impress women.

Yarbrough told Cook County sheriff's investigators he kept the alligator in a small tank and fed it only 10 live mice a month to keep it from growing too large.

He said he bought the gator five years ago in Indiana for \$200.

Animal control investigators did not say how they learned of the alligator, which they found in Yarbrough's kitchen.

The alligator was taken Thursday to the Animal Welfare League and will be given to the Chicago Herpetological Society.

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Idaho residents report missing goat; kid-naaping?

LEWISTON, Idaho — A western Idaho couple is concerned there might have been a kid-naaping.

Buzz and Wilma Goertzen, of Lewiston, say their young goat has been missing for about a week and the kid's mother goat has been upset ever since.

Buzz Goertzen tells KLEW-TV their goats have gotten out before but have never been gone for such a long time.

He says the animal is friendly and would often play with kids — the human kind — as they walked past the family's property.

The missing goat is all black with white shoulders and has small horns.

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Kan. boy clawed by leopard leaves hospital

WICHITA, Kan. — A 7-year-old Kansas boy who was clawed by a leopard last week during a school field trip to a zoo in Wichita is out of the hospital.

The first-grader went home Monday, three days after his run-in with the big cat at the Sedgwick County Zoo.

Zoo officials say the boy climbed over a 4-foot railing around the leopard exhibit, crossed an 8-foot safety zone and stood next to the metal mesh fence.

The leopard was able to get its paws through the mesh and clawed the boy on the neck and face.

KAKE-TV reports the boy's

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family issued a statement Monday thanking bystanders who rushed to help after the attack.

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Olive Garden warned for serving toddler sangria

LAKELAND — A central Florida Olive Garden accused of accidentally serving a 2-year-old boy sangria instead of orange juice has been warned but not fined.

Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation announced Monday that state agents plan to train employees at that Lakeland restaurant and hold inspections at other Olive Gardens.

Officials acknowledged that it is illegal to serve alcohol to anyone under 21, but the agency found no criminal intent during its probe.

Orlando-based Darden Restaurants says the company takes the responsibility of serving alcohol very seriously.

Olive Garden has said it pre-mixed the sangria in containers, but the drink is now made to order.

Jill VanHeest says she took her son Nikolai to the hospital after the March 31 incident. He was given fluids and released several hours later.

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Fla. man pleads guilty to impersonating FBI agent

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Broward County man has pleaded guilty to impersonating an FBI agent using a fake badge and phony credentials.

Daniel F. Cleary of Weston admitted Monday in federal court that he pretended to be an FBI agent when sheriff's deputies came to his apartment in January to investigate a claim that he had damaged the unit.

The FBI has no record of the 48-year-old Cleary ever working there.

Court records show that Cleary also had a 9mm Glock handgun and more than two dozen other phony law enforcement badges.

Those included fake badges for the U.S. Marshals, Drug Enforcement Administration, Secret Service and Federal Air Marshals.

Cleary could get up to three years behind bars but

prosecutors have agreed not to seek prison time. Sentencing is set for July 15.

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Panhandle man hits scratch off jackpot twice

PANAMA CITY BEACH — Months after a 39-year-old man won \$3 million from a Florida Lottery Monopoly scratch-off ticket, he won another jackpot.

This time, it was \$10 million top prize in the lottery's Billion Dollar Blockbuster scratch-off game, lottery officials said Monday.

Jody Massengale, a general manager at Mellow Mushroom on Panama City Beach, chose a one-time, lump-sum payment, which amounts to \$6.5 million before taxes.

Massengale says it is "awesome" to win twice.

Lottery officials say the Billion Dollar Blockbuster game, which costs \$20 per ticket, has the highest cash payout of the scratch-off games. They say six \$10 million prizes remain.

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Gov. Scott signs Florida probation violator bill

FORT MYERS — Gov. Rick Scott has signed a bill honoring a Fort Myers police officer slain by a domestic violence suspect wanted for a probation violation.

Scott went to Fort Myers on Monday to sign the bill (SB 844). It will let judges order suspects arrested for community supervision violations when they appear in court on new charges.

Abel Arrango was freed on bond for a drug charge in Lee County while still on probation for armed robbery and other crimes in Collier County about a month before he fatally shot Officer Andrew Widman.

Police also killed Arrango during a shoot-out.

Under the new law, Arrango could have been arrested on suspicion of violating community supervision although the judge was unaware he was on probation due to a botched data search.

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Students get amnesty for reporting drug emergencies

■ COUNSELING WILL BE OFFERED.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Staff Writer

In the event of a drug or alcohol-related emergency, UF students can dial 911 a bit more confidently thanks to a new university policy.

Under the Medical Amnesty Policy, students will be referred by the Dean of

Students Office to GatorWell Health Promotion Services for assessment and counseling without Student Code of Conduct charges.

For student organizations hosting an event where a medical emergency occurs, the act of calling for medical attention will be taken into consideration during any potential sanction hearings.

"We want students to get help," said Maureen Miller, coordinator for Alcohol

and Other Drug Prevention at Gatorwell Health Promotion Services.

The policy, which was first announced at the April 25 meeting of the Community Alcohol Coalition, was written to reassure students it is safe to go to regional hospitals, including Shands Hospital, without fear of punishment from the university.

Student Life

UF's Emergency Room Policy, which

was announced in 2009, highlighted the fact that area hospitals are not allowed to notify police or the university in the event of an alcohol or drug-related emergency due to confidentiality laws.

The purpose of these policies, Miller said, is to reiterate that students are allowed to ask for help when they need it.

"A student's health and safety is our ultimate concern and number one priority," she said.



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STUDENT LIFE

After short break, students get back to the grind

By JESSICA KEGU

Alligator Contributing Writer

Monday marked the first day of Summer A classes at UF and the warm, slow-moving air across campus matched the sluggish nature of campus when summer rolls around.

The Reitz Union lunch-hour rush was less than intimidating, and the UF Bookstore line that usually snakes back and forth to accommodate the droves of students at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters instead formed a short straight line. Library West's revolving door was closer to stationary.

Lynne Vaughan, director of UF Bookstores, said this is the first summer the store will be offering books for rental. She said the rental option may drive book sales down, but more books are leaving the store.

"Business has been nice and steady and what we usually expect for Summer A," Vaughan said.

The bookstore gets much busier

when preview sessions start and incoming freshmen are constantly coming through the store with their parents, Vaughan said. Preview sessions begin Thursday.

Summer A classes in Gainesville mean fewer people, higher temperatures, and few new faces in sight.

While most students are using summer as a time to take a break from the fast-paced fall and spring semesters, migrating back home for the summer, others remain.

These students are here to focus on their hardest coursework, graduate sooner, repair GPAs, or even just ride out their apartment leases.

Austin O'Neill, a senior double-majoring in history and political science, will be taking constitutional law — a class he said is one of the toughest for his major — and acting for non-majors, a class he said he has wanted to take for a while.

O'Neill said his summer in Gainesville won't be one filled with action.

"Other than [classes]," he said, "I'll be playing Rock Band and getting back into shape."



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Students pass in between Martson Library and the Computer Science Engineering building on Monday during the first day of summer classes.

Restaurant fails routine inspection

■ EATERY CLOSED FOR ONE DAY.

By CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

You wouldn't necessarily call it a full house, but for a weeknight with no major athletic events, it isn't a bad crowd at Calico Jack's. Customers cluster around the bar with slightly overflowing glasses of beer, and employees pause to chat over the twangs of "Life is a Highway."

On April 28, however, the beer was not flowing, and the only visitors were cockroaches, flies and a health inspector.

Calico Jack's reopened April 29, the day after the restaurant failed a routine health inspection from the Division of Hotels and Restaurants with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The inspection information cited 27 critical violations and 28 non-critical violations.

Violations included the presence of cockroaches and flies in the kitchen, slime buildup in an ice machine, em-

ployees not washing their hands and grease buildup on the oven, stove and flat grill.

Calico Jack's was allowed to reopen the following day after the health inspector's office approved the restaurant's conditions.

Owner Vinod Bajaj, who took over within the past 10 years, said the staff cleaned the restaurant the day of the inspection, and the staff's cleaning training will be reinforced. He has since hired a different pest control company than the one Calico Jack's had been previously using.

"It's probably the cleanest place now to eat," Bajaj said.

Bajaj said that while it's hard to pinpoint what went wrong, he thinks the building's age and the restaurant's lack of a kitchen manager contributed to the unsatisfactory conditions.

He said he is in the process of looking for a kitchen manager. He is also renovating the restaurant in pieces. The second and third floors are currently closed for renovations.

These changes may not be enough, though. Stephen Solorzano, a UF engineering junior who has never been to Calico Jack's, said he would be skeptical about eating there after hearing the reports. He would want to see the restaurant for himself because even though it was just cleaned, the staff might fall back into neglecting cleanliness.

"Old habits die hard," Solorzano said.

But those who have been sitting at the orange and blue tables for decades are still coming back. Jackie Kerr, a life-long Gainesville resident and UF graduate, has been eating at Calico Jack's for the past 20 years. She and her husband, Bob, go there almost every night. Other regulars even save seats for them.

Kerr started going to Calico Jack's because it was in the neighborhood and some of her neighbors were regulars. Her late neighbor, who encouraged the Kerrs to visit Calico Jack's more often, had a gold plaque on the cabinet above her designated seat.

Now, Kerr and her husband come for the people and her four favorite dishes: wings, oysters, Philly cheesesteaks, and the half-pound burger and fries that are \$3 on Wednesdays.

And they're going to keep coming.

"One health department report does not make an establishment," Kerr said. She thought previous coverage of the failed inspection blew the situation out of proportion. She said she hasn't noticed a change in the restaurant's appearance, and the staff still works hard.

"I know for a fact these people try their damndest," Kerr said.

Bajaj said he hasn't seen his business affected by the failed inspection. He sees it as a challenge and part of the business. He takes responsibility for the violations and said he wants people to feel comfortable with the restaurant so they can enjoy what he calls "the CJ's hospitality."

"The buck stops with me," Bajaj said.

New trustees will meet Wednesday BOARD, from page 1

the Board of Trustees for UF's Levin College of Law. He will be succeeding Dianna Morgan on the Board. Levine graduated from UF with a bachelor's in health education and community health, a master's in health science and a master's of business administration.

He has served as the chief executive officer of several hospitals throughout Florida and worked as a health policy adviser for both former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal. Levine is currently the senior vice president of Health Management Associates based out of Naples, Fla., which manages 60 hospitals in 15 states. He will be succeeding Daniel Ponce.

UF Administration

Roulhac is currently a senior attorney with Florida Power & Light Company in Miami. She will succeed Roland Daniels on the Board. Roulhac graduated from UF's law school in 1987 and has served on the Board of Trustees for the law school as well as the Florida Bar's Board of Governors.

The new Board members will travel to Gainesville on Wednesday for a two-day retreat at Lake Wauburg for their first introductions.

Heekin said he'll be doing more listening than talking as he learns the ropes.

"I need to understand where the university is right now," he said. "I need to understand, at a granular level, what its strategic plan is — then I'll be in a better position to make recommendations for the future."



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Calico Jack's remains open at Creekside Mall on Monday. The restaurant closed for a day on April 28 after failing a health inspection.

Women getting more degrees than men

By **ALEXANDRA HAMILTON**
Alligator Contributing Writer

More women around the nation are hearing their names called at graduation than men are these days — even at UF.

Women surpassed men in earning bachelor's degrees nationally for the first time in 1996, but women had never earned more post-graduate degrees than men — until now.

Approximately 10.6 million U.S. women have post-graduate degrees compared to 10.5 million men.

Among adults 25 years and older, women are surpassing men in obtaining college degrees of all kinds for the first time ever, according to a recent report published by The Associated Press.

At UF, 8,132 women graduated last year, with 3,037 graduating with advanced degrees. This is in comparison with 7,159 male graduates, 2,952 of whom graduated with advanced degrees.

"We're bringing more women into higher education, so it makes sense that more women are earning their Ph.D.s," said Jeanna Mastrodicasa, assistant vice president for student affairs at UF.

For women, having more advanced degrees provides them with greater access to jobs and may mean women will be better protected against future



Mastrodicasa

recessions. The AP report also showed there were 3,479 more women enrolled at UF than there were men as of fall 2010. With about a 60 percent female freshman enrollment rate this

year, UF's gender gap shows little sign of closing.

"Nobody seems to know why this is happening because nobody has done any research on it," said UF spokesman Steve Orlando. "There's a lot of theories on it."

Students feeling the heat; find ways to cope

By **JASMINE EARLS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

A wave of heat has washed through Gainesville this month, leaving behind a sea of sweaty students.

Will Lusher, director of the Florida Automated Weather Network on campus cited the National Weather Service, saying temperatures in Gainesville are slightly higher than May 2010.

Last year's temperature high for this week in May was recorded at 88.6 degrees, but temperatures are expected to reach into the 90's every day this week.

And the heat is here to stay.

"Last week I was suffering, but I'm so glad the pool is finally open," said Giovanni Arizpe, a 21-year-old political science student. "This kind of heat can make you feel like you're melting."

Others lament about the weather chang-

ing throughout the day.

"It's beautiful out," said Sarah Manesh, a 22-year-old UF alumna, "but it's so hard to dress for the weather when it's cool in the morning and sweltering in the afternoon."

Other students have come up with ways to stay cool while saving money.

Craig Noles, a 22-year-old English student, said he tries to keep the air conditioning off in his home during the summer months.

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"I do whatever it takes," Noles said, smiling. "I open the windows, sleep naked and don't use a blanket."

Ren Mortz, a 26-year-old Jimmy John's delivery girl, said the summer heat keeps her healthy.

"When it's hot like this, I flourish," Mortz said. "I can ride my bike 30 to 40 miles a day, and it keeps me fit. I can still eat whatever I want. The sweating is good."

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Editorial

Dynamic Duo

Legislature stumbles as session closes

It's only been a little more than a week since the class of spring 2011 walked, and the rest of us are back at it in Gainesville — well, at least the lucky few of us who get to soak in the first dog days of summer during a much-less-populated Summer A term at UF.

While you were gone, Florida's best and the brightest convened for a legislative session that left a whole lot to be desired.

The state Senate and House of Representatives just finished a 60-day session. What was slated to be one of the most conservative legislatures in the state's history unraveled into political sissy-slapping, as both houses tried to see who was the bigger, badder legislative body. Senate President Mike Haridopolos, a Republican from Merritt Island and a faculty member at UF's Bob Graham Center for Public Service, found himself in a game of one-upmanship with a man he called his "friend" — House Speaker Dean Cannon, a Republican from Winter Park. Their chambers rejected each others' bills in what they perceived to be power plays. The bills concerned fringe issues like the regulation of interior design and mold assessment industries, and the budget debate didn't begin until late in the night.

Cannon, a UF graduate and former Student Body president, postured himself as a champion for reconvening his chamber early Saturday morning to pass the budget, forcing the Senate to immediately follow suit instead of continuing discussion later Saturday.

By the end of it Cannon looked petty for all of his power-tripping, and Haridopolos looked like a schoolboy who got punched in the nose and had his lunch money taken. The grandstanding resembled a scene out of UF's Student Government chambers — with meaningful discussion being replaced by ego and displays of power.

In the wake of all the sparring, we're left with state employees, including teachers and police, who must contribute 3 percent of their income to their pensions. We face cuts to education and the elimination of thousands of state jobs.

And to top it off, the petty infighting prevented the legislature from compensating Eric Brody, a Broward County man who was left brain damaged and paralyzed after a deputy crashed into his car, and William Dillon, a man who was wrongly incarcerated for 27 years.

Way to go, boys!

And Gov. Rick Scott sits in the middle of the fray — a man who led members of his own party to balk at his quixotic requests. Cut the state budget by \$5 billion? Sorry, Mr. Governor. A \$700 million reduction will have to do. An Arizona-style immigration law? Too much disagreement and not enough time.

Slick Rick, nevertheless, is calling the session a success.

For all the theater that permeated throughout our legislature's chambers this session, it became our elected representatives who accomplished very little. Instead, they spent their time playing political hardball, teaching a governor that too-much-too-fast doesn't work and passing some legislation ripe for late-night talk show mockery.

At least students in this indecent state will stop wearing their pants so damn low, and nobody will be having sex with animals.

Because, of course, job creation isn't as big a deal as those things. Right?

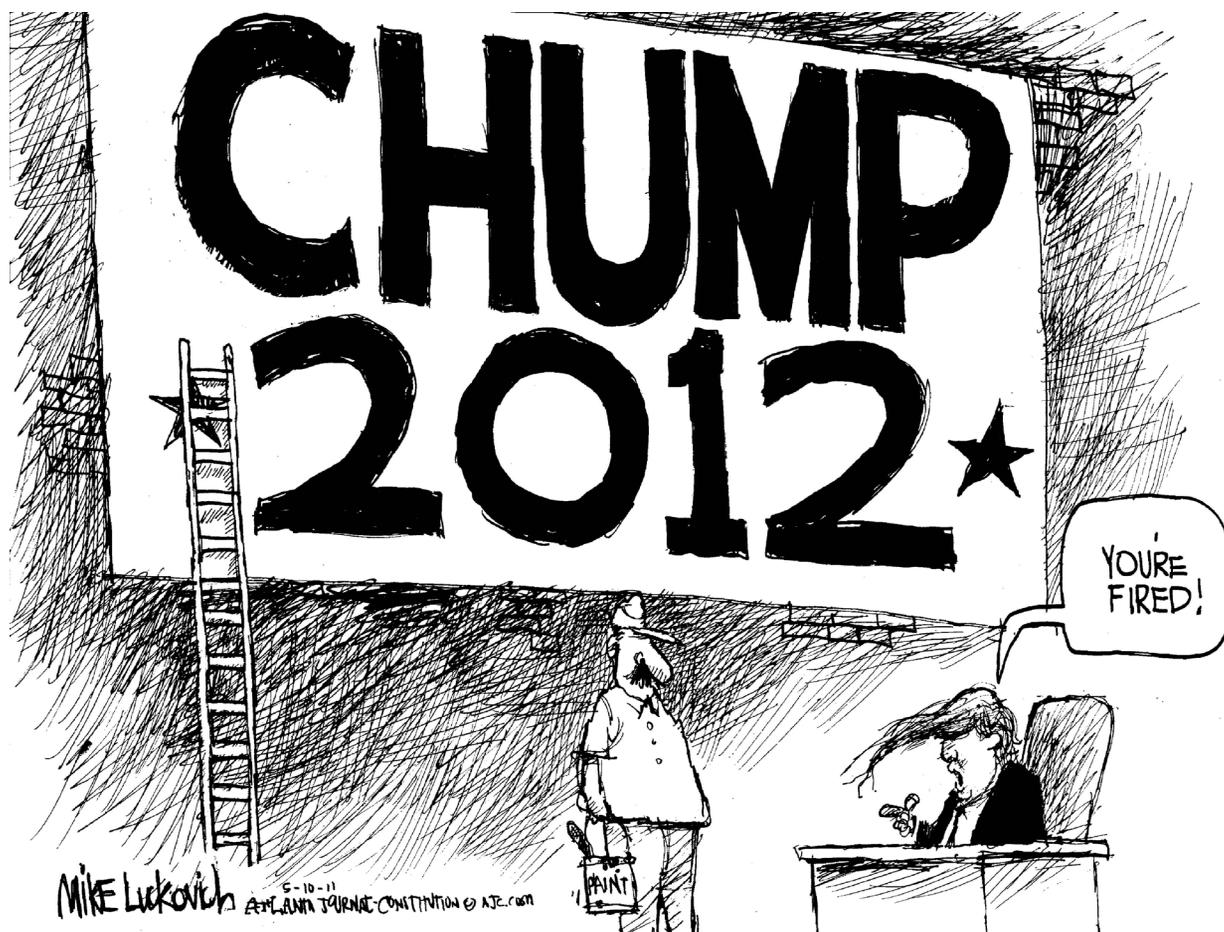
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Guest Column

This is no time to dance in streets

"Hey man, aren't you from New York? A plane just hit the World Trade Center."
"What? What kind of plane?"

"It's all over the news."

I put down the bar bells, hustle into the television room of my gated Florida community and see wreckage, smoke and flames.

My first counter-intuitive thought is, "Wow, what a job, I wish I was working."

I was lucky.

What followed was the worst day in department history. New York City lost 343 firefighters.

I lost 45 friends.

Unless, God forbid, a worse disaster befalls us, my career will always be defined by Sept. 11. After serving 23 years in the busiest houses, I feel like a soldier who missed World War II. Whenever I say I was a New York City firefighter, invariably the next question is, "Were you at the World Trade Center?"

Now, Osama bin Laden is dead. "Justice has been served," President Obama says. I hope so.

My heart screams, "You sonofabitch, rest in pieces." But as a Vietnam vet and a man who has seen suffering and death firsthand, I was troubled at the sight of hairless faces swelling in the streets chanting, "USA, USA."

If you wear the other man's caftan, one man's terrorist becomes another man's patriot.

What if an Iraqi assassinated George W. Bush and then screamed "justice" while Arabs danced in the streets?

When Muslims dance over our misfortune, we're repulsed. Similar reactions by Americans send the wrong message throughout the Arab world.

This isn't a sporting event. These inappropriate celebrations violate human dignity and the inherent sanctity of human life. Celebrating death, even the deaths of enemies,



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reminds me of the anger I felt when I saw Afghans dancing in the streets the day the Twin Towers fell.

Veterans and firefighters have no monopoly on graphic, agonizing memories, but men in uniform are painfully aware that casualties have faces, lives and stories.

Numbers can be adjusted or corrected; people can't. Bones shatter,

blood spills and limbs detach.

The words "rescue worker dead" flow easy from a commentator's well-paid lips, but someone who compresses his comrade's head to prevent his brain from sliding into the desert sand won't describe death so casually.

The uninitiated can't conceive what effect fire or explosives have on human flesh or the human psyche. We live in "The United States of Amnesia." Unless tragedy affects us personally, images of unknown heroes helping faceless victims won't last.

I encourage you to celebrate our humanity. Bin Laden's assassination might bring closure to victims' families whose experience with the Sept. 11 attacks was personal. One victim's brother had tears streaming down his face, but he wasn't dancing. We shouldn't either.

This is no game, no time to rejoice and no time for partisanship.

History's most expensive manhunt is over. I pray bin Laden's death brings the victims' families peace. Bush's mission completed, our boys should come home from Afghanistan.

But as a former bookie, I'll lay odds against it.

Bill O'Connor is a Vietnam veteran, former Bronx firefighter and pub and restaurant owner. He is a stand-up comic and a recent UF journalism graduate. The irreverent and acerbic O'Connor performs free stand-up in Gainesville.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you approve of the media's coverage of Osama bin Laden's death?

April 20 question: Are you staying in Gainesville for the summer?

66% YES
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OSAMA BIN LADEN

Closure, not celebration, for three NYC firefighters

By C.J. PRUNER
Alligator Staff Writer

Frank Santiago is not a vengeful man. As a child, he was taught to never take pride in another person's misfortune. All life, the nuns and the priests at the parochial schools would say, is a gift from God. When man suffers, God suffers. Who were you to dance while the angels cried?

In his 33 years as a police officer and a firefighter for the city of New York, Santiago had heard these voices often. They urged him on when he trudged through the infernos and rejoiced when he found life. They hummed whenever he drew his gun from his holster during duty and moaned whenever he put it back with fewer bullets than before.

But in the presence of poetic justice, they stay silent.

As the newsman's voice on the television announced to the world last Sunday that Osama bin Laden was no more, a tidal wave

of emotions hit Santiago.

Skepticism came first. It was hard enough to find something good on television on a Sunday night, let alone a well-financed fugitive in a region chock-full of mountaintops, pitfalls and all sorts of geographical traps buried between rocks and more rocks. How could they be sure?

Reserved anticipation followed with every channel telling the same narrative. "Secret mission ... sources confirm ... top leaders briefed ... president to address nation ..."

Then came the relief.

"It's a release," he said. "It will never take away the pain."

That pain comes whenever he thinks back to that Tuesday morning when he showed up to find one of the United States' greatest symbols of power reduced to a burning heap of rubble.

Everything had been pulverized into dust. Pockets of fire flickered as Santiago and

the men he calls his brothers dug. They used buckets, their hands and whatever else they could find to uncover those trapped beneath. The stench of decomposing bodies, crystallized glass and asbestos caused some to spit up blood. Many grown men couldn't stop crying.

"I don't think the word 'happy' is appropriate. [Bin Laden's death] will help with the closure. At least he can't hurt anyone anymore."

Richard Picciotto
Battalion Commander

Some didn't have time for feelings.

"You're pretty much numb," said Billy Rendino, a battalion chief who spent a month digging. "But you did the job."

For weeks they tried to find signs of life. When they couldn't find bodies, desperation

crept in. Santiago recalled finding a woman's left arm, a wedding band still attached to the hand. That stuck with him.

Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto was one of those trapped underneath the rubble. For five hours, he lay there, the dust and debris gnawing on his lungs with every breath. He didn't count on getting out alive.

But somehow he did.

Now, he gets to live in a world where there is no bin Laden.

That thought, however, leaves him with mixed emotions.

"I don't think the word 'happy' is appropriate," Picciotto said. "[Bin Laden's death] will help with the closure. At least he can't hurt anyone anymore."

Yet the hurt caused nearly a decade ago from thousands of miles away, the firefighters say, is still there.

"So many kids lost their fathers, parents lost their kids," Rendino said. "Just so much misery."

Tweets announce news to world

By ALEX ORLANDO
Alligator Staff Writer

Scott Foss was browsing Facebook when a familiar name began trickling into his newsfeed.

The 22-year-old recent graduate of UF's building construction program flipped on the TV and saw it there, too. In the bottom half of the screen was the same name he remembers from that September morning when he was in middle school.

Like millions his age, Foss had just caught wind of the news regarding the person some called the "boogeyman" of his generation.

In the 1940s, details of the Pearl Harbor attack crackled over radios. In 1986, Americans watched the aftermath of the Challenger explosion on their TV sets. News was broadcast the same way on Sept. 11.

But at more than 4,000 tweets per second, according to Twitter.com, social media was the lead courier for news on May 1.

"That's pretty freakin' amazing," said Gary Ritzenthaler, a UF Ph.D. student whose research focuses on the effects of technology on society.

With a global membership of 145 million, Twitter became a worldwide game of "telephone."

Some tweeted that the Air Force had made an air strike in Pakistan. Others questioned whether public enemy No. 1 had even been killed. A misquote attributed to Martin Luther King, Jr. cycled through statuses.

David Carlson, executive director of the Center for Media Innovation and Research at UF, said spotting false information online isn't as easy as doing so in the concrete world.

He compared finding an issue of the New York Times next to a National Enquirer, saying that the more valid of the two would be easy to tell.

"Let's face it," Carlson said, "there have always been good information and bad information. The Internet didn't invent those things."

Carlson said the social media explosion may also mean a new era for how the world gets its news.

He remembers standing in the Interactive Media Lab on the third floor of Weimer Hall at UF on Sept. 11, watching four monitors that showed a map of 250 news sources around the world broadcasting updates. He said it took about an hour for news of the planes flying into the towers to spread across the world.

This paled in comparison to May 1, when news, Carlson said, circled the globe multiple times in a matter of minutes.

"Regardless of the quality [of information]," he said, "dissemination is quicker."

Experts: death to mean little in election

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ing bin Laden's death is Pakistan. Though considered a U.S. ally, reports have suggested that Pakistani intelligence has dragged their feet in trying to fight terrorist operations within their own country. The United States' failure, or unwillingness, to notify the Pakistani government of their operation against bin Laden's compound illustrated a sense of distrust shared by the United States toward Pakistan.

Woods said it would be unwise for American politicians to point to Pakistan and argue that they knew about bin Laden's and whereabouts and should have done something differently.

In all likelihood, both the U.S. and Pakistan probably knew where bin Laden was, although the complete truth of the situation won't be fully clear for years, she said.

"I think it's a shame if we have our politicians pointing fingers at Pakistan saying Pakistan must have known," Woods said. "Because we both knew."



Obama

Then there's the issue with 2012. Almost immediately after President Obama announced bin Laden's death, political pundits and strategists began weighing in on how such a development would play out at the polls come next November.

Mitchell Norton, President of Alachua County Young Democrats, said it will be tough to attack Obama on terrorism issues following bin Laden's death, but that he may be vulnerable on economic issues and the ongoing divisions between Democrats and Republicans on taxation.

"[Republicans are] still going to want to talk about taxes and the economy," Norton said. "I think that's where the president is going to be most vulnerable, if he's vulnerable at all."

Justin York, vice president of Law School Republicans, acknowledged the fact that despite this victory for the Obama administration, critics would still take their shot at

the president.

"I think you're always going to have the implacables," York said. "Even if Barack Obama were to cure poverty and disease and everything bad about the human condition... someone would find something bad to say. If manna were to fall from the sky, it would hit somebody on the head and they'd say he had bad aim."

For the Obama administration, bin Laden's death represents a significant foreign policy trophy, if not the only one, said Michael Bowen, a visiting professor in the history department at UF. Other instances, such as the Nuclear Arms Reduction Pact signed by the United States and Russia in April 2010 and promises to lessen troop presence in Iraq, have been muddled in controversy. This episode, he said, represents a unequivocal win.

Bowen agrees that jobs, not a dead body, will dominate election discussion.

"We can kill 100 al-Qaida members, but if our employment is still above 9 percent, then it's still going to be about the economy," he said.



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In this May 2, 2011 file photo, crowds gathers outside the White House in Washington to celebrate after President Barack Obama announced the death of Osama bin Laden.

Students across the world react to terrorist's death

■ CELEBRATIONS WERE CRITICIZED.

BY ERIN JESTER
Alligator Writer

NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND — Nearly 4,000 miles away from Washington, D.C., as people gathered outside the White House to celebrate the death of Osama bin Laden on May 1, there were no loud cries of relief or retribution.

Reactions ranged from fear to disappointment, according to students in foreign countries. One UF student understood the emotions, but didn't understand the celebratory tone.

International News "It's a way of getting closure for the pain that was caused in 9/11, but in the end, it's still an eye for an eye," said Sixtine Gurrey, a third-year journalism student studying in Paris at L'Institut d'Études Politiques. "And I don't think anyone wins."

Gurrey, 21, said it was already May 2 in Paris as the news of bin Laden's death broke in the U.S. Her day began with a news alert via email from The New York Times.

As images of elated Americans in Washington, D.C., and New York City flashed on the news, she became anxious about pos-

sible retaliatory attacks, both in the United States and France. The security increase in Paris was immediate, she said. Just a few

blocks from where she lives, Gurrey saw more guards on patrol around national monuments like the Arc du Triomphe and the Champs Elysees.

"Maybe I would've been celebrating in the States, but here they try to analyze more things," she said. "I saw more of the questioning side."

For one UF alumnus now living in China, the news that Americans were celebrating bin Laden's death in the streets was downright disturbing.

"We need only celebrate justice, not murder, and if this brings peace to his victims and their families, then that is justice to celebrate," Nate Stein, 23, of Orlando, said in an e-mail.

Ed Pitcher, 21, a student of history and politics at the University of Nottingham in England, said cultural differences between England and the United States account for different reactions in the two countries. While a more emotional brand of patriotism is ingrained into American society, the English, he said, are more reserved.

"Even if we'd had 9/11 in this country, even if 100,000 people had died, we wouldn't have had that," Pitcher said of the celebrations outside the White House.



AP Photo

Supporters of Pakistan's Muslim League burn a representation of the U.S flag, during an anti American demonstration in Multan, Pakistan on Monday.



THE ROAD TO JUSTICE

1988

- Osama bin Laden establishes al-Qaida.

1993

- Terrorists set off a bomb at the World Trade Center, killing six people and wounding hundreds. Six individuals suspected to have connections to bin Laden convicted.

1996

- U.S. authorities indict bin Laden for his involvement in assisting those involved in a 1993 attack in Somalia that killed 18 members of the U.S. military.
- Bin Laden calls for a declaration of jihad against U.S. forces in the Middle East. "It is a duty now on every tribe in the Arab Peninsula," bin Laden states, "to fight, jihad, in the cause of Allah and to cleanse the land from those occupiers."

1998

- Two truck bombs go off in front of U.S. embassies located in Tanzania and Kenya, killing 224 people. Al-Qaida later takes responsibility for the attacks.

2000

- Seventeen American sailors are killed when suicide bombers attack the USS Cole, a navy destroyer stationed in Yemen. Al-Qaida later takes responsibility the the attack.

2001

- Terrorists hijack commercial airplanes and fly them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing close to 3,000 people. A fourth plane, intended for either the White House or the Capitol building, crashes in a field

2001

- The United States commences military operations in Afghanistan.
- Afghan Northern Alliance fighters, along with British and U.S. Special Forces, launch a major assault in the Tora Bora region after reports of a bin Laden sighting on Nov. 27 by the security commander for the city of Jalalabad, Hazarat Ali. The Pakistan Observer publishes information on Dec.

2002

- U.S. officials receive reports that bin Laden survived bombings conducted in February of his suspected hideout.

2005

- In Spain, Muslim clerics issue the first Islamic edict, or fatwa, denouncing bin Laden. The fatwa is released by the Islamic Commission of Spain, which is the primary body that represents the nation's Muslims.

2009

- U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates concedes there has been little good intelligence for years on bin Laden's location.

2010

- U.S. officials brief President Barack Obama on a potential lead on bin Laden's location.

2011

- Obama believes there's enough intelligence about bin Laden's location to support a military operation.
- Bin Laden is killed in a firefight with U.S. Navy SEALs at his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. U.S. officials say bin Laden was not armed but resisted being taken into captivity.

SOURCE: CNN

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"I'm pretty glad about it. It's like he's the boogey man."

Chip Ratliff
Owner of Athletic Cuts

"F—k him. He killed a bunch of innocent people."

Charlie Burg
Homeless Man

"Wow. I wondered if we were ever going to catch him. This was the first time in a long time that we got something right."

Jeff Kaplan
Program Director at UF Hillel

REFLECTIONS

"I'm glad they found him and we can put that to rest. But, we shouldn't be having parties over it. Should we be glad that justice was done? I think yeah, we should be."

The Rev. Gregory Magruder
Senior pastor at Parkview Baptist Church

"About time. It's been a long-ass time. 2001?"

Tuan Vo
UF Fourth-Year Civil Engineering Major

"Quite frankly, finally."

Austin Brinza
Former Santa Fe College Student Government President

"That was kind of interesting to watch on Twitter."

Bruce Floyd
UF Social Media Manager and Web Manager

"It's a tragic end to a tragic life. It's a life that's so centered around hate."

The Rev. Jose Mesa
St. Augustine Catholic Church

"It's come full circle."

Allison McCoy
Stay-At-Home Mom

"We didn't just get bin Laden, we got a treasure trove of information about al-Qaida."

Alan Beck
Santa Fe College Political Science Professor

"I just couldn't believe it."

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3. Tudor
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5. Chest
6. Beaufort Scale
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UF earns No. 2 seed in NCAA's, hosts Stanford

By JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Writer

On Sunday, the Gators could barely contain their excitement when the bracket came up on the screen.

In just its second year together, a team full of sophomores and freshmen earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

As the fourth overall seed in a field of 16 teams, Florida found out it will host a first round game on May 14 at 1 p.m. against 13-seeded Stanford.

With a closer look at their draw though, the players' expressions turned serious.

Stanford is far from an early tournament pushover, going 16-2 and winning the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship.

"The unique part about this matchup is that they were ranked in the top 10 throughout the season, so I'm sure they probably anticipated not having to travel all the way to Florida to play this game," coach Amanda O'Leary said.

Despite Stanford's impressive résumé, it will have to trek the



Matt Tripp / Alligator

Florida coach Amanda O'Leary has led the No. 3 Gators to a second seed in the NCAA Tournament in just UF's second season of existence. The Gators host Stanford at 1 p.m. Saturday at Disney Stadium.

2,338 miles from Palo Alto, Calif., to Gainesville, a distance farther than the other eight road teams have to travel combined.

Florida (15-3, 5-0 American Lacrosse Conference) has been perfect at home this year with 11 wins, while both of Stanford's

losses came on the road. "We're super excited, and the fact is that Stanford has to travel pretty far for this one," sopho-

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Caroline Chesterman said. "So hopefully, they're not ready for the heat and ready for the type of support we get because it's a whole different game down here in Gainesville. You never see the type of fans or just the excitement that lacrosse gets down here."

While Cardinal coach Amy Bokker has publicly displayed disappointment in her team's seeding, the Gators felt a sense of relief with their placement after losing two of their last three games in regrettable fashion.

Florida had its 14-game winning streak snapped in an upset loss to unranked Cornell in the regular season finale.

A week later, UF blew a three-goal lead late in the second half of the ALC Championship.

"The losses obviously didn't help, but we're right where we predicted we were going to be at the time," midfielder Caroline Cochran said.

Two of the three teams selected ahead of the Gators — Northwestern and No. 3 seed North Carolina — have beaten Florida this year.

The No. 1 overall seed is defending NCAA champion

Maryland, who is also in the Gators' half of the bracket.

UF SOFTBALL

Seniors pad lasting legacy

By BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

Four years ago, Tim Walton didn't have much to sell to recruits.

The Gators softball team had never been to a College World Series, won a Southeastern Conference Tournament or produced a first-team All-American. Florida won one regular-season SEC crown in 1998, and, according to Walton, played "a little bit above average" for 10 years.

Out of necessity, he stressed potential to prospective Gators.

"One thing that I tried to sell these players on in the recruiting process is that they were going to have the opportunity to build a program that wasn't built yet," Walton said. "We had everything you could want here — except the championships."

Fast-forward to this past Saturday where five seniors in orange and blue embraced one another in the Pressly Stadium pitching circle at the conclusion of the Senior Day ceremony.

As a sellout crowd gave them a standing ovation, the message was clear.

"That was pretty chilling," Walton said.

Since Kelsey Bruder, Aja Paculba, Megan Bush, Stephanie Brombacher and Tiffany DeFelice stepped onto campus, the Gators have been to three College World Series, added two regular-season SEC titles and, after sweeping No. 3 Tennessee this weekend, won the SEC East four years in a row.



Walton

"Coach Walton promised all of us that we were going to help build this program," Bush said.

"I think that we've fulfilled our promise to him, and he's fulfilled his promise to us."

Three of the five seniors (Bruder, Paculba and Brombacher) are All-Americans. Walton believes Bush should become the fourth this season.

Bruder, Bush and Paculba will continue their careers this summer in National Pro Fastpitch. For Brombacher and DeFelice, this sea-

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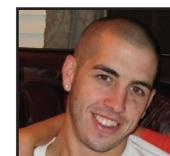
Yearning for that feeling

In a month's time, Titledown U.S.A. — or just Gainesville as the rest of the country refers to it — could be drowning in hardware once again. Florida athletics are at an all-time high. Any number of teams could bring a championship back to *The Gator Nation*.

But for my inaugural column, I would like to interrupt UF's anticipatory parade scheduling and tell you why I get a tad despondent watching all these title runs.

Look, I enjoy covering winning teams. It wouldn't be much fun covering coddled cellar-dweller losers. But what irks me is watching all these successful squads and witnessing their fans' reactions and thinking, "Damn. I desperately want to know what that feels like."

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CHARGES AGAINST UF BASKETBALL PLAYERS REDUCED

■ Third-degree felony burglary charges against UF basketball players Erik Murphy and Cody Larson have been dropped to misdemeanor trespassing by a St. Johns County state's attorney. Team manger Josh Adel's charge of principal to burglary has been dropped. Shannon Peters, a spokeswoman for the State Attorney's Office, said the crime lacked sophistication.

TWO GATORS NAMED TO USA TEAM

■ The US roster for the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup was announced Monday and it features two former Gators. Florida All-Americans Heather Mitts and Abby Wambach, members of the Gators' 1998 NCAA championship team, were both selected.

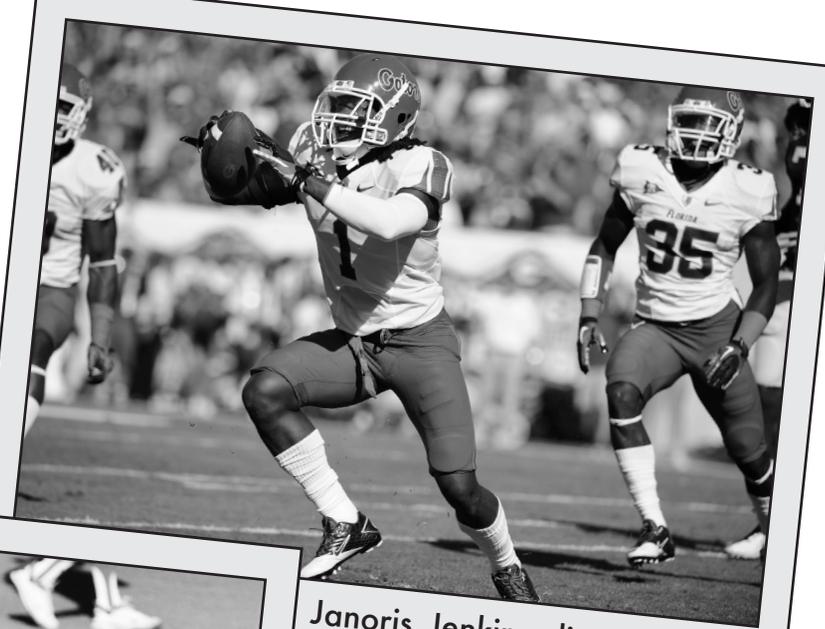
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Today's question: Which UF spring sport is most likely to capture an NCAA Title?

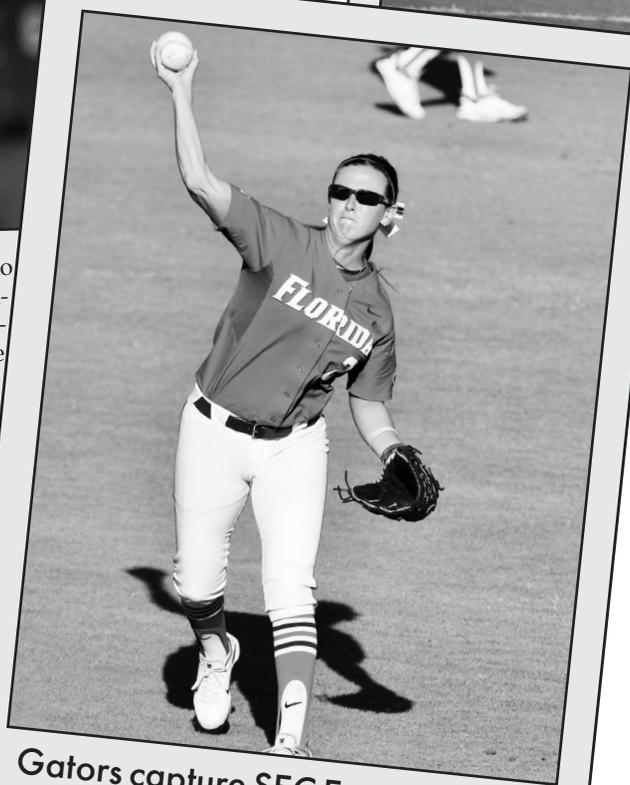
Since you've been gone ...



Zunino, Tucker power Gators: Sophomore Mike Zunino and junior Preston Tucker have been red-hot since April 20. Florida's mashers have combined for 37 RBIs, 27 runs and 40 hits during the last 12 games. The No. 8 Gators won seven straight home games before dropping two of three to No. 23 Arkansas in Fayetteville. UF's 5-3 win over the Razorbacks on Sunday was the first time since 2005 the Gators have won in Baum Stadium.



Janoris Jenkins dismissed: The senior cornerback was kicked off the team following his second marijuana arrest.



Gators capture SEC East: Kelsey Bruder and the No. 4 Florida softball team has won nine-consecutive games, sweeping No. 3 Tennessee to capture the Eastern Division.



Keeley Medeiros continues roll: The junior thrower took home a title in the shot put at the Seminole Twilight Invitational.



Women's golf qualifies for NCAA's: Coach Jan Dowling's team qualified for the NCAA Championships with a seventh place finish at the NCAA East Regional. UF shot a stellar 3-under round in the tournament's final day, led by sophomore Mia Piccio, who shot a 69 (-3). Earlier in the week, Piccio was named to the All-SEC Second Team and a member of the SEC Golf Community Service Team.



Both Florida tennis squads win SEC Titles: UF's men's and women's tennis teams won Southeastern Conference Tournament Championships. The top-seeded Gators women's team dominated the host Volunteers for their second straight title. Sophomore Allie Will was named SEC Player of the Year while five other Gators were named to All-SEC teams. The men's team overcame top-seeded Tennessee in the semifinals before toppling Kentucky for the title.

UF BASEBALL

Panteliadis' return to form important for No. 8 Gators

By **JESSE SIMONTON**
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Last Tuesday, the Gators' panda finally looked comfortable.

Alex Panteliadis, nicknamed "Panda" by fans and teammates alike, reverted to his old form against Bethune-Cookman, an 11-0 UF win. After laboring through a painful injury last season, the junior may have finally turned the corner.

A doughy southpaw armed with a deep repertoire, Panteliadis was No. 8 Florida's preeminent starter in 2010. He led the team in wins, innings pitched and strike outs, but the junior pitched most of the season with a frayed labrum, requiring offseason hip surgery.

"I had some days where I couldn't walk," Panteliadis said earlier this season. "It just hurt to walk. I took some cortisone shots, had a Toradol shot and basically just muscled it up and went out there."

But healthy now in 2011, Panteliadis was again dealt with adversity since his return to the mound. He was bumped from the weekend rotation without ever throwing a pitch. The junior didn't make a start until March 9, and for much of UF's dominant season, the lefty has been reserved to jockeying for spot starts in midweek contests.

The left-hander has particularly struggled in relief appearances, getting shelled in back-

to-back outings before Tuesday's start. In 6.2 innings of relief, Panteliadis has allowed 10 runs and 14 hits. But in seven sporadic starts,

the junior has tossed 27 innings, yielding seven runs.

Against the Wildcats, Panteliadis flaunted



Max Reed / Alligator Staff

UF left-hander Alex Panteliadis had a solid start against Bethune-Cookman last Tuesday, and coach Kevin O'Sullivan said the junior will be a key cog going forward.

his former stuff, commanding the fastball like he did so consistently during the 2010 season.

"I felt really good," he said. "Everything was working. I was able to move the fastball inside, outside. My slider, breaking ball was working well."

Panteliadis tossed 4.1 scoreless innings and scattered three hits while matching a season-high five punch-outs.

The junior said his start was a major confidence booster going forward, and that hopefully he can solidify a spot for the Gators stretch run.

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan praised his veteran afterwards, saying, "We're going to need him. It was a really important start for him. I don't think we're going to win a championship without him. He's certainly not the forgotten guy."

Despite rolling along, O'Sullivan relieved Panteliadis early because the lefty was on a pitch count in case he was needed against No. 23 Arkansas.

On Wednesday night, UF hosts UNF at 7, and although it has yet to be announced, Panteliadis is likely slated to make his second consecutive start. The Gators (36-12, 18-6 Southeastern Conference) have won seven straight games at McKethan Stadium and are 8-2 in their last 10 games overall. The Ospreys (25-21, 13-14 Atlantic Sun) are 4-6 in their last 10 games, including an extra-innings win at home against Bethune-Cookman.

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son is the end.

"It was a tough weekend," Walton said. "They mean a lot to me."

While the seniors could easily rattle off their school and SEC records for hours, they prefer to talk about their teammates, specifically the underclassmen.

After all, helping young players is part of their job as builders.

"I tell all of the freshmen that it gets easier, because freshman year is the hardest year," Bruder

said. "I might have weighed more than my batting average freshman year."

Walton said generations of Gators will reap the benefits of the hard work these seniors have put in.

The foundation continues next season with what ESPN Rise rated the No. 1 recruiting class in college softball.

But for the five seniors, a national championship is still on the wish list.



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and Tom Glavine, captured one title while in Atlanta. It just makes me sad.

The city's infamous postseason choking is so depressing it barely fazes people anymore. At this point, Atlanta is like an annoying but catchy Black Eyed Peas song: Everybody just rolls with it, too apathetic to change the radio. Every once in a while, a faint hope emerges. Unfortunately, in Atlanta, faith is quickly swallowed with deafening cynicism.

For years, the Hawks have been a mismanaged group of headcases with more personality disorders than the Kardashian clan. So even though they've won a second round playoff game for the first time in nearly 14 years, Philips Arena has been filled with Bulls fans.

The Falcons had the best record in the NFC a sea-

son ago, yet they flamed out in the playoffs, getting trashed by the eventual Super Bowl champs.

And that's the lasting Atlanta sports legacy. It literally reads like a bizarro-political ad: Crushing dreams, squashing optimism and a guaranteed loss to the ultimate title winners.

The one time it didn't happen, I wasn't awake to witness it. When I was seven, the Braves — who are my most beloved team — won the World Series. But I didn't get to hear Skip Caray's famous call because I was asleep after a night of trick-or-treating.

I've rewatched Game 6 hundreds of times, but not knowing *the* feeling in *the* moment forever haunts me.

Every season with every team, I desperately hope that this will be the year.

Maybe this will be it. Maybe all the magic down here in Gainesville can take a trip up I-75.

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