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On-campus housing rates jump 3 percent

► THE EXTRA REVENUE WILL HELP PAY FOR REPAIRS, UTILITIES AND STAFF SALARIES.

CLARE LENNON
 Alligator Writer

The cost of living on campus has risen by about 3 percent from last year to this year, according to a UF Department of Housing and Residence Education administrator.

Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs, said the increase in rental rates for dorms will cover increases in utility costs, increases in staff salaries and fringe benefits.

The extra charges will also help fund a furniture replacement plan and a facility renovation and repair plan.

Dorm rates increased by an average of \$66 per semester. Graduate and family housing rates increased by \$15 to \$30 per month, or an average of 3 percent to 4.3 percent,

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Home Sweet Home

Kappa Delta pledges meet their new sisters in front of their sorority house on Tuesday evening. About 1,500 women joined the 2011 pledge class for the 16 chapters of sororities on the UF campus. For the full story, visit alligator.org

Student dedicated her life to faith, family and helping others

Amy Lakatos, 20, died in her sleep Sunday morning

MELINDA CARSTENSEN
 Alligator Staff Writer

Amy L. Lakatos was a prayer warrior.

Whenever a problem arose, the 20-year-old health education junior was the first person to shed light on the situation. Chaplain of the UF chapter of Sigma Phi Lambda, Lakatos traveled to Texas last spring to attend her Christian sorority's retreat. But upon arriving to the airport in Tampa, she and her sorority sisters found their flight had been canceled.

"In the middle of the airport, we just grabbed hands and

prayed," Samantha Wright, secretary of the sorority and family, youth and community sciences junior, said in a phone interview.

"I would only say thank you for sharing your daughter with us, and we all mourn your loss."

Bernie Machen
 UF president

"She [Lakatos] was not shy at all — she wanted everyone else to know she loved Christ, and she wanted everyone else to love Christ, too."

Lakatos, a Type 1 diabetic, died in her sleep Sunday morning. An ardent and practiced Christian, she used her health condition to fuel her passion for her major, health, and for helping others, her friends and family said. More than 100 people gathered in a room on the second floor of the Reitz Union on Tuesday evening to share stories about Lakatos in a memorial service.

One by one, Lakatos' sorority sisters and friends from her high school, Calvary Christian Academy in Ft. Lauderdale, stood at the podium reciting Bible verses that either they themselves thought exemplified Lakatos or ones that Lakatos herself preferred.

UF President Bernie Machen also attended the memorial

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LOCAL

City Commission votes to keep free parking downtown

MEREDITH RUTLAND
 Alligator Staff Writer

When Andrew Schaer heard about the city's plan to replace free parking downtown with \$1-an-hour meters, he thought of his wife and children.

"I was scared for the well-being of my business, and as a direct result, the well-being of

my family," said Schaer, 34-year-old owner of Hear Again Music & Movies on Southeast First Street.

The Gainesville City Commission alleviated his and other business owners' fears Thursday when commissioners struck down the plan and sent it back to the drawing board.

At the meeting, business owners spoke up to save their stores. They presented the com-

mission with a petition against the meters with about 1,100 signatures collected over the summer.

Schaer said the parking meters would've failed like they did in Sarasota. In spring, Sarasota commissioners decided to install parking meters by stores. Three months later, the meters were discontinued and covered with plastic bags after business owners complained that

they were driving away customers.

Nava Ottenberg, who owns Persona Vintage Clothing & Costumes on Southeast Second Place in Gainesville, spent two hours after work one night going from door to door to collect names of business owners who would rally against the meters.

They didn't need persuading. Ottenberg

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LOCAL

Gainesville, Miami reconnect

American Eagle reintroduced the second daily round-trip flight from Gainesville Regional Airport to Miami International Airport on Tuesday.

The airline cut its schedule to a single flight during the summer months, according to Allan Penksa, Gainesville Regional Airport CEO.

The two daily round-trip flights will depart from Gainesville Regional Airport at 7:45 a.m. and 3:05 p.m., and the return flights will arrive at 2:30 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. For more information on schedule, connect

CORRECTION

Monday's edition of the Alligator incorrectly called UF's new mobile website as a mobile application.

Tuesday's edition of the Alligator incorrectly misspelled UF senior Kim Devitt's last name as Bevitt in an article about a memorial service for a student.

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NATIONAL

Earthquake shakes D.C., shocks felt along East Coast

AP Photo

Tony Williams surveys damage at his Mineral, Va., home after an earthquake struck Tuesday. The most powerful earthquake to strike the East Coast in 67 years shook buildings from South Carolina to New England.

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

The 5.8-magnitude earthquake that shook the East Coast on Tuesday seems to have left all Gators unharmed.

"As far as we know, they're OK," said UF spokesman Steve Orlando of UF graduates and students who felt the tremors of the earthquake that was centered northwest of Richmond, Va.

The New York Times reported the effects were felt from New Hampshire to North Carolina.

The earthquake hit at 1:51 p.m. Tuesday and lasted about 30 seconds, according to the New York Times.

Facebook erupted with status updates about the earthquake soon after.

There were minimal reports of damage at the epicenter. A nearby nuclear power plant was taken offline. Amtrak trains were temporarily stopped, and cellphone service was unavailable because too many calls were put through cellular systems.

Orlando said a lot of people are shaken up, but no one is hurt and there hasn't been any damage to any Gators' properties other than a few broken windows.

Breanna Rossman, a 22-year-old UF architecture alumna who graduated in May and lives in Boston, said she didn't feel the tremors of the earthquake, but a friend on the 10th floor of a building did.

"I was just a little nervous just because I heard that as far as Ohio felt it and I have family there," Rossman said.

This earthquake was rare because of its power, said Ray Russo, UF associate professor of geological sciences.

Usually, earthquakes in that area are so small no one notices them.

"It's quite large for the region it occurred," Russo said.

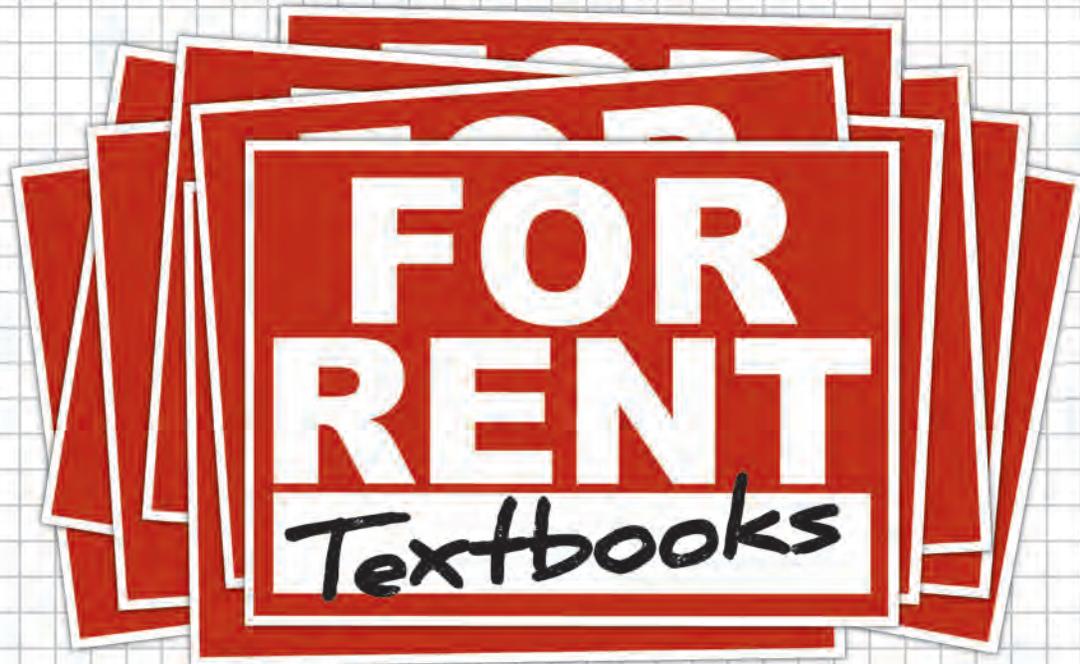
UF does not have study programs in the area the earthquake hit.

Staff at the Dean of Students Office did not provide additional information and deferred questions to UF spokespeople.



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Machen spoke at memorial service

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service.

"We love and treasure our students here at the university," Machen told Ronnie and Bob Lakatos, Lakatos' parents, at the service. "I would only say thank you for sharing your daughter with us, and we all mourn your loss."

Lakatos also was a member of UF Campus Crusade for Christ, attended First Assembly of God in Gainesville and worked at the Arredondo Cafe on campus. During the summer, she worked as a lifeguard for the City of Ft. Lauderdale and the Lauderhill Parks and Recreation Department. Public relations senior Raychel Manko, president of Sigma Phi Lambda, grew closer to Lakatos when Lakatos was elected chaplain. She recalled a time during the sorority's recruitment week when Amy requested a fruit and veggie platter in addition to the event's junk food. She said Lakatos encouraged her and their sorority sisters to live healthy lifestyles, too.

"I would show up to the racquet club and she would always be in line with one of our other sisters, ready to do Zumba," Manko said. "You associate the gym with her." Friends also remember Lakatos for her optimism, reliability and sincere love of life.

Wright recalled another time during their sorority's spring retreat when she and Lakatos went to a prairie to pray. "Right before we sat down at a bench in this prairie, she kind of leaned over me and whispered in my ear," Wright said. "She asked, 'Could I keep my eyes open to look at it? Because it's so beautiful. She wanted to talk to God and see what God created at the same time.'"

Ronnie Lakatos, Amy's mother, spoke Tuesday at the podium beside her husband and daughter, Christine. The three stood in front of the overflowed room of people and beside easels set up with photo collages of Amy and her friends and family. "She glorified Christ in her life," Ronnie Lakatos said. "She is now perfected and complete."



Courtesy to the Alligator

Amy Lakatos, 20, died in her sleep Sunday morning due to complications of Type 1 diabetes. She was a member of UF Campus Crusade for Christ and chaplain of Sigma Phi Lambda, a Christian-based sorority.

New rates approved by trustees in the spring

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Blansett said.

Semester rental rates for double rooms range from \$1,953 for non-air-conditioned rooms in Buckman Hall and Thomas Hall to \$3,069 rooms in Hume Hall.

Animal sciences sophomore Rachel Fishman heard about the rent increase from her roommate, who was upset with the change. Fishman said she thought her roommate said their Fletcher Hall dorm would cost about \$200 more.

Fishman said she is not particularly angry about the extra cost and knew she would be paying more this year than her Fletcher Hall room last year.

"I feel like they should've told us

when we signed up for rooms, but they probably didn't know," she said.

Blansett said the information was released in the spring after the UF Board of Trustees approved it.

Rental rates are the same for students who sign semester and year contracts, Blansett said.

Also, UF's Department of Housing and Residence Education supports itself and does not receive tax money, Blansett said.

The utility cost increases facing the department include an 11-percent increase in hazardous waste disposal costs, a 3-percent increase in trash service costs and a 3-percent increase in television costs.

The increase in staff salary and fringe benefits costs is projected to be 3 percent, Blansett said.

Downtown store owners feared losing customers

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showed 37 owners the petition and all of them signed without hesitation, she said.

She's been in business for 32 years. She said she knows what can build or kill a business.

"We are the spine of the downtown," she said. "And it's like you hit a nerve and you paralyze the whole downtown."

Residents and students, she said, were not going to pay to park. They just wouldn't come downtown.

Leslie Shaw, a 21-year-old Gainesville resident, parked her car in a free space in front of Ottenberg's store Tuesday afternoon to pop in Starbucks to use its Wi-Fi.

She said she wouldn't come down-

town if she had to spend her coffee money on parking.

The proposal was sent back to a City Commission committee for evaluation at Thursday's meeting. That means it may come back again.

"We're all good, hardworking people down here who want the same thing"

Andrew Schaeer

Hear Again Music & Movies owner

Schaeer said downtown store owners are working with city staff to come up with a solution that helps both parties. He's traded emails with Public Works Director Teresa Scott.

"We're all good, hardworking people down here who want the same thing, and that's a vibrant downtown," he said.

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Alligator Writer

Santa Fe College took the top spot among the 28 state and community colleges in Florida for arguably the most important thing that happens in a student's college career — graduation.

Santa Fe ranked first in a U.S. Department of Education list that measured graduation rates for Florida's colleges.

At 56.8 percent, Santa Fe had the highest graduation rate according to data published by the DOE's National Center for Education Statistics. Its nearest competitor on the list was Brevard Community College with a rate of 47.6 percent.

"We're going to continue looking at our programs and what we offer to students with a constant eye toward improvement," said Lisa Armour, associate provost

and associate vice president for academic affairs at Santa Fe. "The graduation rate information is very encouraging."

Santa Fe offers programs that target certain groups of students in an effort to help them succeed at the college level and ultimately graduate.



Long

For example, one program, called My Brother's Keeper, supports African-American men who attend classes at the school.

This fall, Santa Fe began the Pathways to Persistence Scholars Program that helps first-time college students who earned GED certificates succeed.

The program has started with 40 participating students, said Angela Long, Santa Fe's coordinator

for student leadership and activities. She is heading the Pathways operation.

Students attend a three-hour class each week as part of the program, and they will also receive advice and support from faculty mentors and other Santa Fe students who volunteer to be peer connectors for the Pathways participants.

At the end of the year, Long said she and a handful of Pathways students will travel to Washington, D.C., to give a presentation on the program to officials of the Department of Education and the White House.

As the Pathways program grows, it may open up to other kinds of students beyond those who have received GEDs, Long said.

With programs like the Pathways operation, Santa Fe is forging ahead with further plans to bolster its students and get them from freshman orientation to graduation.

Retired justice will speak on campus

▶ SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR IS COMING SEPT. 12.

MINA RADMAN

Alligator Writer

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will speak at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on campus Monday, Sept. 12 as part of the UF Levin College of Law's Allen L. Poucher Legal Education Series.

The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., and the program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

O'Connor will be on a panel of other prominent legal minds to discuss judicial reform top-

ics such as campaign financing and whether judges should be elected by the people.

O'Connor was not paid to speak at the event, said Paul Pakid, editor-in-chief of the Florida Law Review, which sponsors the event.

O'Connor is also scheduled to speak about civic education at an event hosted by Accent that night at the University Auditorium. However, Pakid said the events will be completely different.

"People can attend both because they will see completely different lectures," he said.

More information on the event can be found at florida-lawreview.org.

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Editorial

Nanny Nonsense Park directors don't need to worry so much

Fans of canoeing or kayaking should be writing their Alachua County Commissioners to thank them for standing up against the busy bodies at the Alachua County Parks Office.

Poe Springs, a popular place for boaters of all shapes and sizes, was recently facing the possibility of becoming a vessel-restricted area, meaning no canoes, no kayaks and no other kinds of boats.

Robert Avery, the parks superintendent, claimed boating vessels at Poe Springs were a safety issue for swimmers in the water.

What evidence did Avery possess to show the dangers of these vehicles of death?

Well, none.

He presented no evidence of any sort of incident involving the safety of swimmers in the area.

What about motor boats? In a spring, they could pose a potential danger to people in the water, given the narrowness of many sections.

That would be true if motor boats could actually drive through the low water levels of the spring.

Skilled kayak paddlers might be able to move downstream pretty fast, but they don't really pose a risk to anyone's health and safety.

Avery is suffering from an ailment that many bureaucratic officials face — nanny syndrome.

When there is a supposed problem, these nannies believe that the only solution is regulating it, taxing it or banning it.

When there is not a problem, but a "potential danger," these nannies are the first to propose a preemptive strike against the terrorist threat.

These are the same nannies that have proposed banning crossing the street while listening to your iPod, arresting non-violent "offenders" like prostitutes or outlawing fish pedicures.

Most, if not all, nannies are not as interested in preventing people from hurting each other as they are in preventing people from hurting themselves.

While swimming in Poe Springs, if you do not want to get hit by a canoe or a kayak, the solution is quite simple: Be careful, please.

Why Avery believes he must outright ban these outdoor activities rather than simply telling people to be careful shows his complete lack of trust in human intelligence and common sense.

Thankfully, the County Commission has a collective level head.

They did not see any evidence of danger and chose to let the patrons of Poe Springs take care of themselves.

Yes, we are in a college town, but the most important part of college is learning to be responsible for yourself.

It will become harder and harder to do this when bureaucrats try to micromanage your daily life.

Reader response

Today's question: Would you use the new flight service to travel between Gainesville and Miami?

Tuesday's question: Would you be glad if classes were canceled because of hurricane?
65% YES
35% NO
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Guest column

Freshmen forever a campus nuisance

"Can you tell me where a bus stop is?" This was a question asked of myself and my friend as we were strolling down Stadium Road.

It was, of course, asked by a bewildered freshman.

Torn between my understanding that he was probably not articulating his query most effectively and my desire to get rid of him, I furrowed my brow for a moment, then pointed 20 feet behind me to the nearest bus stop.

I said, "There's one," and resumed walking after he scampered off.

I know, I know, I should have asked him where he needed to go and directed him to the most efficacious route for his destination.

But I did not.

Perhaps I have already grown cynical of the freshman invasion. Now reminiscent to me of a virulent parasite descending on a prosperous and fertile land, I suppose the freshman epidemic has lost any of its nostalgic value in my estimation.

I am sure I share many others' confusion at the inclusion of a story describing freshman David Habib's absolutely enthralling morning routine in Tuesday's paper. I cried at the part where he said his favorite color is blue. Doesn't Ms. Morrow know nobody cares?

That is one of the most vital things to realize as a freshman: The only people who care that you are a freshman are other freshmen, hoping to band together for some sort of coalition to withstand the collective ill will of your new community.

But worry not, freshmen: Perhaps my sentiments are not completely universal.

Maybe, for the most part, everyone bears goodwill for your successful existence at this institution. Probably not, though.

Regardless of upperclassmen loathing, however, the

Nate Rushing Speaking Out

freshman class has consistently survived all ill will thrown its way. Look at the Seminole (the UF yearbook prior to 1983) for some insight into the timeless tradition of freshman bashing.

The 1954 edition describes weary orientation group leaders ambling around campus with a train of wide-eyed freshmen, enduring volleys of repeated obvious questions such as, "What time does writing lab meet on Monday?" "Where do I get my football tickets?" etc., etc.

I am sure all Preview students can relate to the 1955 edition's description of orientation as "group leaders loading you with information soon forgotten, later remembered as being somewhat exaggerated but in good faith."

Another eternal tradition emerges in the description of Greeks descending on the freshman class like ravenous wolves in search of new frat boys and sorority girls. Though now their rush week tactics have more of a luring mentality to them, the outcome is essentially the same.

More common ground is found in the 1949 edition's description of freshman registration as the "epitome of torture," but let's not forget the present-day advantages of the Internet and, praise the Lord, AC.

So there you have it, freshies. While you may be a cancerous growth or an abundance of sticky platelets clogging the vital arteries of our grand institution, you have always been viewed that way.

The majority of you have survived, and you will probably feel the same way in a year or so.

And be thankful: If I had my way, you would all still have to wear rat caps.

Nate Rushing is a history junior.

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

Guest column

'Super committee' will not find end to U.S.'s financial woes

The so-called "super committee," part of the new deal to raise the debt ceiling, is bound to fail at its goal of cutting spending — and here's why.

In Washington, it always seems like a piece of proposed legislation has the potential to succeed. From the "Gang of Six" grand bargain in the Senate to the "McConnell plan" that would give President Barack Obama unilateral authority to raise the debt ceiling, plans and proposals are never in short supply.

The special committee is yet another one, given authority to propose spending cuts and (gulp) tax increases subject to an up-or-down vote in Congress.

On paper, it looks like a great proposal: Name three members of each party from each house of Congress to a committee and have them hash out spending cuts from discretionary spending and funds given to Medicare providers (read: doctors and hospitals).

Unlike the president's deficit committee (the infamous Bowles-Simpson proposal), this group would only require a bare majority to pass its legislation. That means that, in theory, one Republican could join six Democrats, or vice-versa, in passing recommendations on to Congress.

These recommendations would be subject to an up-or-down vote in Congress: no filibuster, no amendments. President Obama retains veto power, but if a bipartisan committee and both houses pass these, it's hard to imagine him vetoing the legislation, given his penchant for compromise. To those who say he didn't compromise, remember: The president's first preference was a clean raise of the debt ceiling, then a deal with revenue increases. He got neither of those things.

And here's the kicker: If the committee is hopelessly deadlocked, a "trigger" built into the recently passed debt ceiling extension forces automatic, massive cuts. These are geared to hurt both parties' priorities: defense spending for Republicans and domestic spending for Democrats. This "trigger," in theory, should force parties to deal with each other in the interest of compromise.

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It all sounds so simple and beautiful. Parties either compromise or we cut anyway, equally from both parties' policy preferences. Bring the smartest people from each party together and we'll get a historic compromise. They can even propose revenue increases by reforming the tax code!

There are a couple big, gaping holes in the legislation. First, it leaves the so-called "entitlement" programs — Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security — free from the touches of either the committee or the trigger.

I'm a Democrat, and a fairly liberal one at that. But I, contrary to some voices in my party, know Medicare is the primary driver of our national debt. Not Social Security, not Medicaid, not defense, not the infamous Bush tax cuts, not the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and not the "hostilities" in Libya. It's Medicare.

The United States spends far more than any industrialized nation on health care services due to a number of flaws within our system that are defended by a powerful, national health care and insurance lobby. To his credit, President Obama already made significant cuts to Medicare and many reforms that, if even half of them pan out, will slow the growth in Medicare spending and the system overall. But this committee can't make any further reforms.

Second among the holes is the structure of the committee itself. Nearly every economist agrees that to fix the deficit, one has to be realistic. That means revenue increases. It is possible to generate revenue from reforming and simplifying the tax code, but reform hasn't happened since 1988. Loopholes have piled up and they make our tax code many volumes long.

The "Gang of Six" proposed tax reform to raise revenue while lowering marginal tax rates on all income brackets. That plan won significant bipartisan support in the Senate from conservatives with impeccable credentials, like Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.).

But let's be realistic with this committee. Sen. Mitch McCon-

nell (R-Ky.) and Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) are not about to name Republicans to the committee ready to wheel and deal on tax reform that raises revenue. To House Republicans, at least, any increase in revenue is anathema.

That's not a partisan point of view. Standard & Poor's downgraded the United States' sovereign debt from AAA to AA+ (Moody's and Fitch Ratings kept our rating at AAA). Reasons given for this involve political gridlock, the last-minute nature of the deal, and, notably, assumptions on revenues. S&P said "the majority of Republicans in Congress continue to resist any measure that would raise revenues."

Why does the downgrade matter? Well, it might not matter much at first. But Treasury bonds are the base of the entire global financial system. If they're not safe, what debt is? Moreover, a downgrade will likely make the interest rates on everything from credit cards to student loans (sorry, fellow students) rise.

So let's recap: This committee won't work because it doesn't touch the primary driver of our debt growth, and its members aren't going to consider revenues as part of a solution.

But wait! There's more.

Remember how this committee has to cut from Democratic and Republican priorities? Both parties are going to scramble to find as much "fake math" as they can to "cut" from defense and domestic spending while not really cutting.

We needed to raise the debt ceiling. Many economists from left to right agreed it should simply be a clean raise with no conditions attached, and some applauded that it finally made Congress take debt reduction seriously. Regardless, it was raised at the last minute with a deal of all spending cuts.

We didn't default, and that's a good thing.

We raised it past the election (with this trigger deal) so we don't have to deal with another crisis before November 2012. The United States is still standing, and the world hasn't quite entered financial panic.

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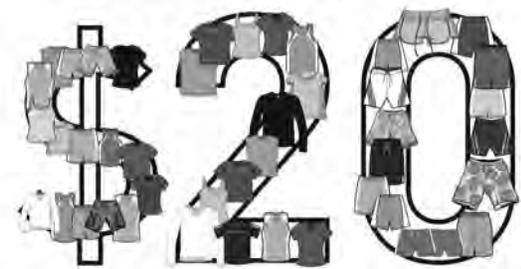
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UF proposes cap on unused vacation payout for departing staff

Move would help fund 3 percent raises

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UF has modified its proposal to provide staff members with a 3 percent raise to counteract a state law that requires public employees to contribute 3 percent of their salaries to retirement.

Instead of the proposed plan to cut 40 hours of annual vacation time, UF is now proposing a cap of 400 hours, or five weeks, on unused vacation hours paid to staff members leaving the university.

According to UF Human Resource Services, the number of paid vacation hours for eligible staff would also be reduced to 352 hours from 480 hours. Vacation leave more than the maximum amount of hours at the end of the year would be converted

to sick leave.

By cutting paid vacation time, Machen hopes to restore the salary cuts with an equal pay raise, according to Scott Nygren, faculty senate chair.

"The idea is certainly a laudable one," Nygren said.

Nygren said Machen's proposal would mostly affect the 65 percent of UF staff who earn less than \$75,000 a year.

Faculty members earning less than \$75,000 and those who are within five years of retirement will also feel the brunt of the new state law.

As of Tuesday, the proposal was amended to exclude faculty, allowing more time for discussion during the fall semester.

Paula Fussell, vice president of human resources, said faculty members were con-

cerned about leave changes taking effect before their salaries were affected, so they are being given more time to discuss the changes. Assuming they can reach an agreement, Fussell said faculty salary changes will be implemented in January.

In an email, Machen said UF administration is trying to simplify the proposals and ensure pay raise for staff is approved immediately.

"It is our hope and expectation that discussions with faculty will occur in the fall and result in a proposal to the trustees in December," Machen wrote in the email.

Only employees who earn less than \$75,000 will receive the 3-percent pay raise in September. The rest of the staff will receive raises in January.

The Board of Trustees will vote on the

proposal during its Sept. 6 meeting. If the board approves the changes, both the leave changes and salary increase will take effect for staff in September.

Fussell said staff regards the proposal positively. "They're happy we've been able to modify the proposal, and they're very happy about getting the 3 percent in September," she said.

With a \$50-million budget cut this year, Fussell said changes in employee benefits was the only way to balance salary cuts, and making changes to vacation time was the most flexible way to do that.

"I think this shows that we listen and that we care about our employees, and we're trying to do the best we can to find a workable solution that would allow us to provide the 3 percent," Fussell said.

Machen is expected to acknowledge the issue during his State of the University address Thursday.



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6 Incline	2 Lass	35 Logical character	47 Aftershock
10 Shady plan	3 Garden of the Food Network	36 Aconcagua is its highest peak	48 Computer shortcut
14 Hilo veranda	4 Newbie	38 Mimic	51 Domino's nickname
15 Freshly	5 Long-necked mammal	39 Command for DDE	52 Slick
16 Scrabble piece	6 Five-time Grammy winner James	41 Generous slice	53 Curly cabbage
17 Panache	7 Playing a fifth qtr., say	42 Diffused through a membrane	54 Gin flavoring
18 He caught Don's 1956 World Series perfect game	8 Kid's building block	43 Night light	58 Spar in the ring
19 Bickering	9 Reinforced, as some dust bags		59 Stop dime
20 Miss	10 Radio interference		60 Filmmaker Craven
23 Tolkien's Elrond, e.g.	11 Immigrant test taker's goal		
26 One way to pace	12 Rocker Cooper		
27 Hold dear	13 Dole (out)		
28 Simulated living room feature	21 Pupil's place		
32 Confounds	22 Uttered		
33 Poem of the countryside	23 Online airline deal		
34 Fort Meade-based govt. org.	24 Fills with cargo		
37 Standards, briefly	25 Arbitrary allowance for error		
38 Ottoman officer	29 T-shirt sizes, for short		
39 Dan Patrick's channel, formerly			
40 Portland-to-Boise dir.			
41 Frosh, next year			
43 Scientific			
45 Feature of many Bee Gees songs			
48 Respectful address			
49 Louis XIV, par exemple			
50 Some 12-yr. soccer shots			
51 Headline that would shock the Internet community (or, put another way, hint to the divided word in each of the answers to starred clues)			
55 Takes steps			
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57 Poke			
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63 More-than-disappointing crowd?			
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65 Textile worker			
66 Amarillo's home			

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UF FOOTBALL

Muschamp limiting information released

TOM GREEN
Alligator Staff Writer

Gators coach Will Muschamp is looking for any competitive edge he can get entering his first season.

That includes attempting to control what information, and how much of it, gets out to the public.

"It's an advantage for us this season not to show [our hand]," Muschamp said Saturday. "What is Charlie doing? Is he doing what he did at Notre Dame? Kansas City? New England? How is he using this guy, this guy, this guy?"

"Defensively, are we doing Dan Quinn or Will Muschamp? Are we 3-4 or are we 4-3? I don't know. That's why we've closed things."

It's also why Muschamp is currently the sole voice of news — injuries and otherwise — coming from the Gators until coordinators Charlie Weis and Dan Quinn are made available to the media during game weeks.

Along with keeping as much information as possible under wraps, Muschamp even jokingly claimed the team intentionally dis-

seminated a rumor last week about experimenting with the Wildcat formation with Jeff Demps, Chris Rainey, Trey Burton and Jordan Reed. But Rainey and Demps, when asked, both said they have been taking snaps in the Wildcat during fall camp.

Reed on punt returns: Muschamp has stressed the importance of playing his best players on special teams and having starters that want to contribute.

He noted receivers Deonte Thompson and Quinton Dunbar have been among the most willing to put in work.

The most surprising name among kick returners, though, could be 6-foot-3, 239-pound tight end Jordan Reed.

"A guy of his size catching it and getting vertical on a gunner is pretty exciting," Muschamp said.

Etc.: Freshman defensive back De'Ante "Pop" Saunders has reportedly been working at safety, and freshman Chris Johnson has moved from safety to linebacker.

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Although Florida coach Will Muschamp recently tried to dismiss it as a rumor, running backs Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey have reportedly been taking snaps in a version of the Wildcat formation in practice.

Conference loaded with talent at running back

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

Coach Will Muschamp recently credited the Southeastern Conference's dominance to the league's defensive lines, but it's the running back position that may be the most talented.

Despite facing some of the nation's best defenses on a weekly basis, SEC backs have consistently produced solid seasons and have been staples of championship contenders.

Even after Alabama's Mark Ingram and LSU's Stevan Ridley were selected in the first and third round, respectively, of the 2011 NFL Draft, the talent and depth at the position is still among the finest in the country.

"They're some of the best," UF run-

ning back Jeff Demps said of his SEC counterparts. "It's a tough conference, and they come in each week and take the pounding ... and still seem to do good."

When asked who was the best of the bunch, Demps, running back Chris Rainey, defensive tackle Jaye Howard and linebackers Jelani Jenkins and Jon Bostic all

mentioned the same two names: Trent Richardson and Marcus Lattimore.

Richardson, who split time with Ingram in the Alabama backfield last season, is projected by many to be the best back in the nation this season due

SEC Football

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Miami scandal: Time to tattle

Dear every gangster rapper ever, Just this once, can snitches *not* get stitches? Please?

Listen, Obie Trice, Ice Cube, Cam'ron and every other rapper reading this: Let's give the snitches a pass, just this once. If we let them slide, they could help the NCAA reel in the big fish.

Julie Roe Lach, the NCAA vice president of enforcement, hinted to CBSsports.com on Monday that the association is using limited immunity as part of its investigation of Miami. Limited immunity can be granted to "a student athlete who provides information when such individual otherwise might be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition that he or she reports," according to the NCAA Manual.

For a better understanding, picture any fictional police interrogation scene.

Now, who exactly could be snitching, stitch-free?

Lach made it clear that she was only speaking in broad terms, but she said prospects who receive extra benefits from one school and sign with another one aren't pursued unless those benefits happened to come from an agent.

While gone-rogue 'Canes fan Nevin Shapiro was involved with a sports agency, he was not



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an agent, so the seven players named by Yahoo! who signed elsewhere — including UF's Andre Debose and Matt Patchan — should still be eligible, regardless of the investigation's outcome.

But what about players who went to Miami and transferred, namely Purdue quarterback Robert Marve and Kansas State linebacker Arthur Brown? The Yahoo! report alleges that Marve, who graduated from Tampa Plant High in 2007, received a couple of dinners at an upscale Miami restaurant, at least one cash gift, food/entertainment at Shapiro's mansion and drinks and VIP access at Miami strip clubs and nightclubs.

Brown, meanwhile, was apparently given a dinner at Benihana, a lunch, two rooms at the Continental Oceanfront Hotel, a trip to the bowling alley (yup) and drinks and "private entertainment" at a local strip club.

Both reports are backed by additional sources, credit card statements and — in Marve's case — photos.

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Quotable

"He's bipolar, too. Don't tell him I said that."

Chris Rainey, UF running back
(on coach Will Muschamp)

Gators basketball names new assistant

On Tuesday, Florida announced Preston Greene has been hired as the new strength and conditioning coach for the men's basketball program. Greene previously was an assistant at Clemson from 2009-11.

Women's basketball schedule is out

While the men's basketball schedule was released last week, the women's slate came out Tuesday. It features non-conference games against Michigan and FSU and a New Year's Day showdown with Kentucky.

New coach changing offensive scheme

► **POLHAMUS COACHED AT GEORGIA TECH, WINTHROP.**

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

In 2003, Georgia Tech's volleyball team rode a fast-paced, unique offense into the NCAA Regional Finals.

Florida coach Mary Wise compared the Yellow Jackets to the fast-break Loyola Marymount basketball teams of the late 1980s that implemented a rule requiring players to shoot within seven seconds of a possession.

Helping lead the charge strategically for that Georgia Tech squad was assistant coach Sally Polhamus, a former Xavier standout. On Friday, she will begin a new era of her career when she takes the bench for the first time as a Florida assistant.

"We wanted to be unique in defense and we want to be unique in offense," Wise said. "That's why we asked Sally

to come on board, and we're thrilled. We have a great staff here."

For the past four years, Polhamus was the head coach at Winthrop. In that time, she became the third-winningest head coach in program history with a record of 64-59. But she resigned from Winthrop in March to take the job as offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Florida.

"I have incredible respect for coach Wise and the tradition and family she has created at the University of Florida," Polhamus said in an official statement. "I am looking forward to becoming a part of this tremendous staff and assisting in the recruitment, training and guidance of elite current and future Gator student-athletes."

The idea of bringing in a coach to change offensive schemes might be puzzling to some who follow Florida volleyball. After all, the Gators had

one of the strongest offenses in the Southeastern Conference in 2010 and were weaker on backcourt defense than anything else.

But junior setter Sundai Weston said Polhamus' offensive philosophy will be refreshing for the Gators and will only make the team's attack stronger.

"She's a lot like [assistant coach] Dave [Boos]," she said. "Dave's a defensive schemer and she's an offensive schemer. People are going to be excited to see not only the power but the thought process behind what we're doing with all that strength."

Wise hopes Florida's offense can be as cutting-edge as the ones Georgia Tech touted during Polhamus' tenure there.

The Gators haven't reached a Regional Final since 2005, but with the talent level up front, Florida could capitalize on adding a new mindset to an already quick and powerful offense.

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If the Yahoo! allegations are proven true, Marve and Brown would be looking at multi-game suspensions. Instead, both were cleared by their schools just a day after the report came out last week.

Assuming Marve and Brown can be used as pawns in the NCAA's investigation, granting them limited immunity is the right call. In a case like this, with widespread cheating touching 72 players and spanning eight years, the target is obviously the university, not the athletes.

Pretend the NCAA put the heat on Marve and Brown. Pretend both received the most severe punishment: a ban for the rest of their careers. Big Ten bottom-dweller Purdue would lose its starting quarterback for one season; K-State would lose a linebacker with 17 tackles to his name for two.

Who cares? Their testimonies are much more valuable, especially for Marve, who never got a fair shake at The U.

So, gangster rappers (thanks for reading, by the way), can we please just overlook Marve and Brown and every other potential corroborator? I know tattling isn't cool, but this is kind of important.

The "Stop Snitching" movement was so 2007, anyway.
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Alabama running back Trent Richardson, who ran for 700 yards on 112 carries last season while splitting time with Mark Ingram, is expected to be one of the conference's best backs in 2011.

Richardson, Lattimore tops among SEC's elite

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to his rare combination of size (5-foot-11, 224 pounds) and speed. He ran for 700 yards on 112 carries last year and should play a bigger role as a junior.

Lattimore, meanwhile, is a player the Gators know far too well. In last year's meeting against South Carolina — a 36-14 Gamecocks victory — Lattimore carried the ball 40 times, tallying 215 yards and three touchdowns.

"Honestly, the best I played against besides Mark Ingram was probably Lattimore," Howard said. "He's explosive. He's a big dude. It's hard to bring him down."

The SEC also features Tauren Poole at Tennessee, Vick Ballard at Mississippi State and Brandon Bolden at Mississippi, each of whom weighs more than 215 pounds and ran for at least 950 yards and double-digit touchdowns in

2010.

The group would be even stronger had Knile Davis, the SEC's leading rusher among running backs last year, not suffered a season-ending left ankle injury during fall camp.

"[Lattimore is] explosive. He's a big dude. It's hard to bring him down."

Jaye Howard
UF defensive tackle

Even Vanderbilt, which finished 1-7 in conference play last season, features 2009 SEC Freshman of the Year Warren Norman at running back.

"It's crazy," Howard said. "Each week in the SEC you have to come out and play. You could play Vanderbilt and they'd give us a rough time."

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Last season, UF coach Becky Burleigh had more players on the roster than in any of her previous 15 years at Florida, but it still wasn't enough.

Even with a school-record 38 athletes, the coach trusted just nine players to come off the bench in 2010's two opening matchups, including a 2-1 overtime thriller against Miami.

For all her team's numbers, Burleigh said, it lacked the quality depth that she is currently enjoying with her smaller 2011 squad.

"It's definitely going to be a strength this year," she said. "That's something that is pretty evident. There's a lot of players who are capable of being in our starting group, and that's a coach's dream."

During No. 9 Florida's (2-0-0) opening slate against Miami (1-1-0) and FIU (0-2-0) last weekend, Burleigh sent in 16 new players – compared to just 10 by opponents, who were slowly worn down by the wave of reinforcements.

Only seven Gators started both contests, and the competition on the team has been ramping up to see who will play this weekend against No. 11 Texas A&M (1-1-0) and No. 16. UCLA (1-0-0) in Knoxville, Tenn.

"Nobody is complacent and everybody's fighting for a spot and for time," redshirt junior McKenzie Barney said. "Everybody making each other better is the biggest thing this year. That's the difference."

After starting 22 games and finishing last season as UF's leading goal scorer, Barney began this year on the bench and didn't play against the Hurricanes until the 28th minute.

While the midfielder eventually worked her way back into the starting unit by logging a team-high four shots on goal during the weekend, nothing is set in stone.

"It's wiped clean every single year and that's what drives and motivates our team," Barney said. "But at the end of the day, it's all about our team. We want the 11 in there who, at the time, are going to make the most difference and get the [win.]"

"There's a lot of players who are capable of being in our starting group, and that's a coach's dream."

Becky Burleigh
UF coach

Perhaps nowhere else is the team's depth more pronounced than among the defenders, where at least one player from each class has seen the field.

Led by upperclassmen anchors like senior Jazmyne Avant, redshirt junior Katie Kadera and Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week Kathryn Williamson, the back line has also seen freshman Lauren Silver and sophomore Maggie Rodgers make their first career starts.

"Everybody who's come in has been awesome. We trust our back line so much and they talk to us and direct us; we couldn't ask for more," said junior midfielder Erika Tymrak. "As a whole this year, it's going to be really exciting to see what we look like."

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Florida soccer coach Becky Burleigh has relied heavily on her bench during the team's first two games despite an abundance of freshmen.

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