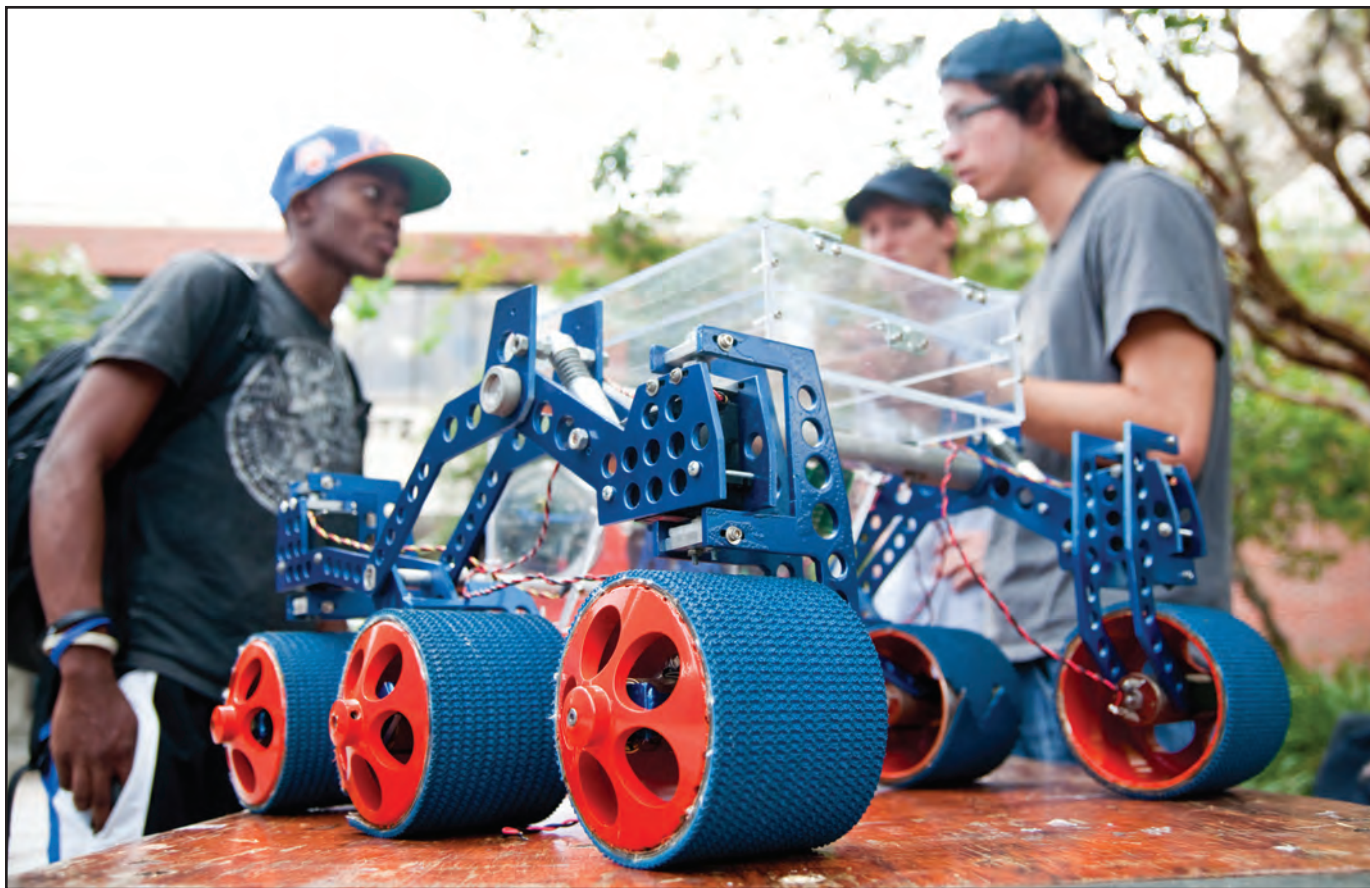


Kelly Murphy had a triple-double and UF beat FSU at home Tuesday night. See Story, Page 14.



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Gatorbot

A six-legged surveillance robot made by Gator Robotics sits on a table in front of the Reitz Union Tuesday afternoon to attract potential new members. Freshman Steve Charles, who saw the robot, talked to electrical engineering major Adam Rozenberg and computer engineering major Daniel Nunez to learn more about the organization.

LOCAL

Chow Now Food Truck parked for good

KATHERINE GREENE
 Alligator Contributing Writer

New York City has DessertTruck Works. Austin, Texas, has the Queso Monster Truck. Gainesville had Annabelle.

Cities all over the U.S. have become a part of the food truck trend, and while Gainesville residents had the last 10 months to enjoy the trend, that time is over.

Chow Now Food Truck, the mobile eatery also known as Annabelle, named after a long-time employee for White Apron Catering Company, officially closed today with parting words from owner Jules Gollner on Gainesville's Lunch Out Blog. In what she called an obituary, Gollner thanked her contributors for their continued support and announced that the Starke Bikefest, held Aug. 26-28, was the truck's last official lunch stop.

Gollner, who also owns White Apron Catering, cited many reasons for the close, including everything from parking and permit issues to a loss of customers due to the recession. She also emphasized putting more time into her catering business.

"She (Annabelle) was a lot of fun, I can tell you that," Gollner said. "She was a load of fun, but we cater also, and I love

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Program links UPD, students on campus

► S.C.O.P.E. WAS INTRODUCED IN 2005.

MORGAN WATKINS
 Alligator Staff Writer

The University Police doesn't just want to protect students who live on campus — it wants to foster a better relationship with them, too.

Through the Student Community Oriented Police Effort

program, UPD and the UF Department of Housing and Residence Education are expanding their effort to improve relationships between police officers and students who live on campus.

UPD first introduced S.C.O.P.E. in 2005, according to police Maj. Brad Barber, UPD public information officer.

In Fall 2010, UPD introduced the program to campus fraternity housing, and this semester the department is working

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Extra tickets on sale for students

ERIN JESTER
 Alligator Writer

Gone are the days of sneaking friends and family members into Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, at least for the first two games of the Fall 2011 football season.

The Gator Student Ticket Office is allowing students to buy extra tickets for guests in the student section of the stadium for the first two games of the season. There are 1,300 tickets available for each game, said assistant athletic director Mark Gajda.

"People just don't have the disposable income."

Mark Gajda
 assistant athletic director

Tickets cost \$50, and guests will receive seats right next to students who pick up the tickets, according to an email sent to UF student season ticket holders Sunday.

Gajda said the ticket office used to make the same offer often but hasn't for the last five years.

The tickets will be available for UF student season ticket holders first, and they will be made available to all UF students and the public later.

Gajda said the office had a ticket surplus because fans of UF's first two opponents didn't use all of the seats they were allotted. The extras come back to UF. Gajda cited football fans' tighter budgets as a reason the seats may have gone unsold.

"It's harder and harder to travel nowadays with the economy," Gajda said. "People just don't have the disposable income."

Florida Atlantic University was allotted 4,000 tickets for the Sept. 3 game and returned 3,000 of them to UF, Gajda said. The University of Alabama at Birmingham was allotted 5,000 and returned 3,800.

After the 2,600 tickets were allotted to students as guest tickets for the FAU and UAB games, the remaining 4,200 tickets will be sold to the public and athletic boosters, Gajda said.

The ticket office has 21,500 UF student

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Islam On Campus First General Body Meeting
Today, 7 p.m.
Broward Hall Basement
Come out to Islam On Campus' first general body meeting of the semester. The group will be discussing Fast-A-Thon plans and other upcoming events for the semester, along with introducing a new freshman forum. Free dinner will be provided.

Krav Maga

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
UF Hillel
Come to Hillel for our free Krav Maga class taught by a certified instructor. Learn Israeli Martial Arts while getting a fantastic workout.

Challah for Hunger

Thursday, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020
Join the Challah for Hunger team for the kickoff of baking and braiding challah this semester. The preparation of the dough will be at 11:00 a.m. and the baking will be at 6:30 p.m. The money raised from the Challah for Hunger sales will go to hunger relief efforts in Gainesville and Darfur.

Shabbat Services and Kosher dinner

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
UF Hillel
Come join UF Hillel for Shabbat services. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. with a free Kosher dinner to follow at 8:30 p.m. There will be Reform, Conservative and Traditional services held each and every Friday night.

Grand Opening of Dance Trance

Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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Dance Trance is a nationwide, high-energy dance fitness pro-

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gram that combines all styles of dance with all genres of music for a sweaty, dance fitness class.

"Something Wicked This Way Comes: How to Save the University"

Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Smathers Library, 1A
In this public talk, professor Cary Nelson from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will outline strategies for faculty and students to unite and respond to the ongoing political assaults on higher education.

Got something going on?

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NATIONAL

Atheists say they get kudos for church billboard

MANSFIELD, Ohio — An Ohio atheist group says it has been commended by some people for a billboard put up by a church's pastor.

The road sign in Mansfield features the statement "There is no God" in capital letters. Below that, it says, "Don't believe everything you hear."

Pastor Frank Moore of McElroy Road Church of Christ told the Mansfield News Journal he

wanted to honor God with an ad that would get people thinking. He says he remembered how his parents always advised him not to believe everything people told him.

The Mansfield-based Mid Ohio Atheists said it has been contacted and congratulated by people incorrectly thinking it put up the billboard. The group said it wants to thank the church for, as the atheists say, "advertising our thoughts."

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Washington man lights beehive on fire after sting

LYNDEN, Wash. — A Washington state fire chief said a man dumped gasoline on a beehive in a tree in retaliation for a bee sting, then ignited the hive, causing an explosion heard throughout his suburban neighborhood just a few miles south of the Canadian border.

Lynden chief Gary Baar told the Bellingham Herald that the Sunday night fire caused a large "whoosh," singed the tree and killed the bees, but no people were hurt.

Baar said the man's friend had been stung earlier in the day.

"The correct way to do that is to call a beekeeper," the fire chief said.

Firefighters explained that to the homeowner, and the newspaper said it doesn't appear that the man will be cited.

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Hillel to combine art, Jewish beliefs with painting event

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Writer

UF Hillel is starting the school year off with a paint-filled bang tonight at the first Art for the Jewish Heart event of the semester.

Participants will discuss how Judaism or other traditions view the inner self as opposed to the outer self. They will then express this dichotomy by throwing darts at paint-filled balloons.

"It's about breaking out of your shell and letting your colors shine," said Jordan Barrish, a spokeswoman for Hillel.

Now in its second year, Art for the Jewish Heart is a program that connects art medi-

ums with Jewish learning through monthly events. In the past, participants created pottery to tie in to the lesson that man is made in God's image.



Barrish

Amanda Solomon, the Hillel arts director, said she bought more than 500 balloons for the event that she hopes will draw 20 to 30 people.

"It should be a very therapeutic project," she said.

The event will be held at UF Hillel and will begin at 7 p.m. Participants are advised to wear clothes that can get dirty.

ON CAMPUS

New fitness classes offered at campus recreation centers

BRIANNA KOLOTA
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students now have two more ways to work on their fitness at UF.

Country Line Dance and iBurn are two new group fitness classes offered on campus at the Southwest Recreation Center and the Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

So far, both classes have proven popular among students, said Ambre Sheehy, a fitness coordinator for the UF Department of Recreational Sports.

The popularity of the new group fitness classes is not surprising, Sheehy said.

"I expect most classes to be successful because it is the beginning of the semester,"

Sheehy said. "We started offering Country Line Dance during the summer, but it is new to UF students who were not on campus during the summer."

"I expect most classes to be successful because it is the beginning of the semester."

Ambre Sheehy
fitness coordinator

Group fitness classes are free for UF students currently enrolled in classes and who have paid the activity and service fee, Sheehy said.

Class days and times can be found at recsports.ufl.edu/fitness/group-fitness/class-schedule/.



SUSTAINABLE GATOR

Gator Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program starts in October!

Support local agriculture and receive a regular supply of healthy produce. Members of the Gator CSA choose one of four farms, and pick up fresh produce on campus throughout the year. Weekly shares vary in size and produce type, reflecting the local growing season and conditions. Typically an average of 4-6 items of produce per week is provided over the course of the season. There are two campus pick-up locations to select: From 4:30-6:30 PM, the farmers will be back on the west side of the all-decal lot, off Bledsoe Drive (near Maguire Village Housing and the SW Rec Center and Fields). From 4:30-6:00 there will also be a pick-up at the Health Science Center. Learn more at www.sustainable.ufl.edu/gatorcsa.

Local Events

August & September

- Today**
10:00a-1:00p UF Alternative Transportation Fair on the Reitz Union Terrace
- 4:00p-7:00p Downtown Union St. Farmers Market Conveniently located in the Gainesville Downtown Community Plaza, 111 E. University Ave
- Sept. 3**
8:30a-12:30p Haile Plantation Market 5100 SW 91st Drive
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Reitz poster sale continues through end of this week

Organizers wait for financial aid disbursement

MINA RADMAN
Alligator Writer

Last-minute shoppers still have a few days left to purchase their posters.

Although the poster sale on the Reitz Union Colonade was advertised to end last Friday, posters will be available to purchase until the end of this week.

The College Poster Sale Company presents the poster

"We have found that many students have not received their financial aid by the first week of school."

Jill Keezer
assistant director at Reitz Union

sale for two weeks each fall but has a different sales representative each week, said Jill Keezer, the assistant director of programs, arts and leisure at the Reitz Union.

Each sales representative markets his or her sale as a one-week sale.

"We have found that many students have not received their financial aid by the first week of school," Keezer said. "So by popular request, we extend the sale the second week."

Students can purchase posters from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

About 90 percent of the posters on sale, of which about 30 percent are changed to adapt to the market each year, are priced under \$9.

The poster sale will return in the beginning of the spring semester for one week.

Town mourns loss of historic post office

► THE OFFICE OPENED IN 1882.

ERIN JESTER
Alligator Writer

If you drive 20 minutes south from Gainesville on U.S. 441 and hang a left just before the "Welcome to Marion County" sign, you'll end up on a narrow, two-lane road that seems to take you back in time.

The road dead-ends in front of Evinston United Methodist Church.

To the right are cow pastures.

To the left, within spitting distance from the county line, is Wood and Swink Old Store and Post Office, established 1882.

Wood and Swink's post office is one of 3,700 slated for closure by the United States Postal Service.

Without the business of the mail, former owner Freddie Wood Jr. said, the future of the historic shop is uncertain.

The only Gainesville post office that will be closing is located at 401 SE First Ave.

"It's a meeting place," Wood said of the store. "People get their mail there in the morning and get to see each other and get to talk. If we lost [the post office], we'd lose that."

Wood's family settled in Evinston in the late 1870s, when

mail came into the town via railroad.

His grandfather owned Wood and Swink from 1910, then passed it to Wood's uncle, then his parents.

Wood inherited the store after his mother's death in 1990, more than 40 years after his father first put him to work there at the age of 12.

Wood turned the store over to his son Fred two years ago but still works around the store in the afternoons, after he finishes working on his farm.

Through the mid-1980s, Wood and Swink was a full-service grocery store, but business has now dwindled to sales of homemade pickled hot peppers, cold drinks and trinkets. A few dusty shelves in a corner of the shop contain old vinyl records, sold for a dollar apiece. Without the revenue from the mailbox rentals, Wood said, that money wouldn't be enough to keep the store afloat.

There are 85 pick-up mailboxes in use at the store, give or take a few, postmaster Scarlett Kinder said.

If the post office closed, box holders would have to arrange for rural delivery to their homes.

A representative from USPS will come to talk to Evinston residents about the potential closure at some unspecified date in the near future.

Just about everyone in town is



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

The post office at Wood and Swink Old Store is slated for closure. If the post office closed, 85 Evinston residents would have to make alternative arrangements to receive mail.

against it, Wood said.

Since Wood and his wife, Wilma Sue Brown-Wood, still have their farm, the store closing wouldn't put them in too much financial trouble.

But the social impact of closing, Wood said, would be huge for Evinston.

"It just takes something away from me," he said. "It would sure affect me not being able to talk to everyone. Old, young, male, female, black, white — doesn't matter. I like them all."

Katie Deadenick used to have a mailbox at Wood and Swink but

had to close it when she moved to McIntosh.

Now she brings her children, Mark and Maggie, to the store as a treat.

She waits with the car running while they rummage around in the drink cooler and pick out three-cent pieces of bubblegum.

"A lot of people count on this place," Deadenick said. "We'll be sad to see it go."

The residents of Evinston heard about a month ago that the post office might close. Since then, Wood said they've written to politicians, asking them to in-

tervene.

They just don't see how closing Evinston's humble post office will save USPS very much money.

A better solution, Wood said, would be to charge a mailbox fee to urban residents, for whom mail delivery is free.

He believes forcing people who live in rural settings to pay expensive fees for mail delivery or taking pick-up boxes in bigger towns that are farther away is unfair.

"It's another nail in the coffin for rural America," he said.

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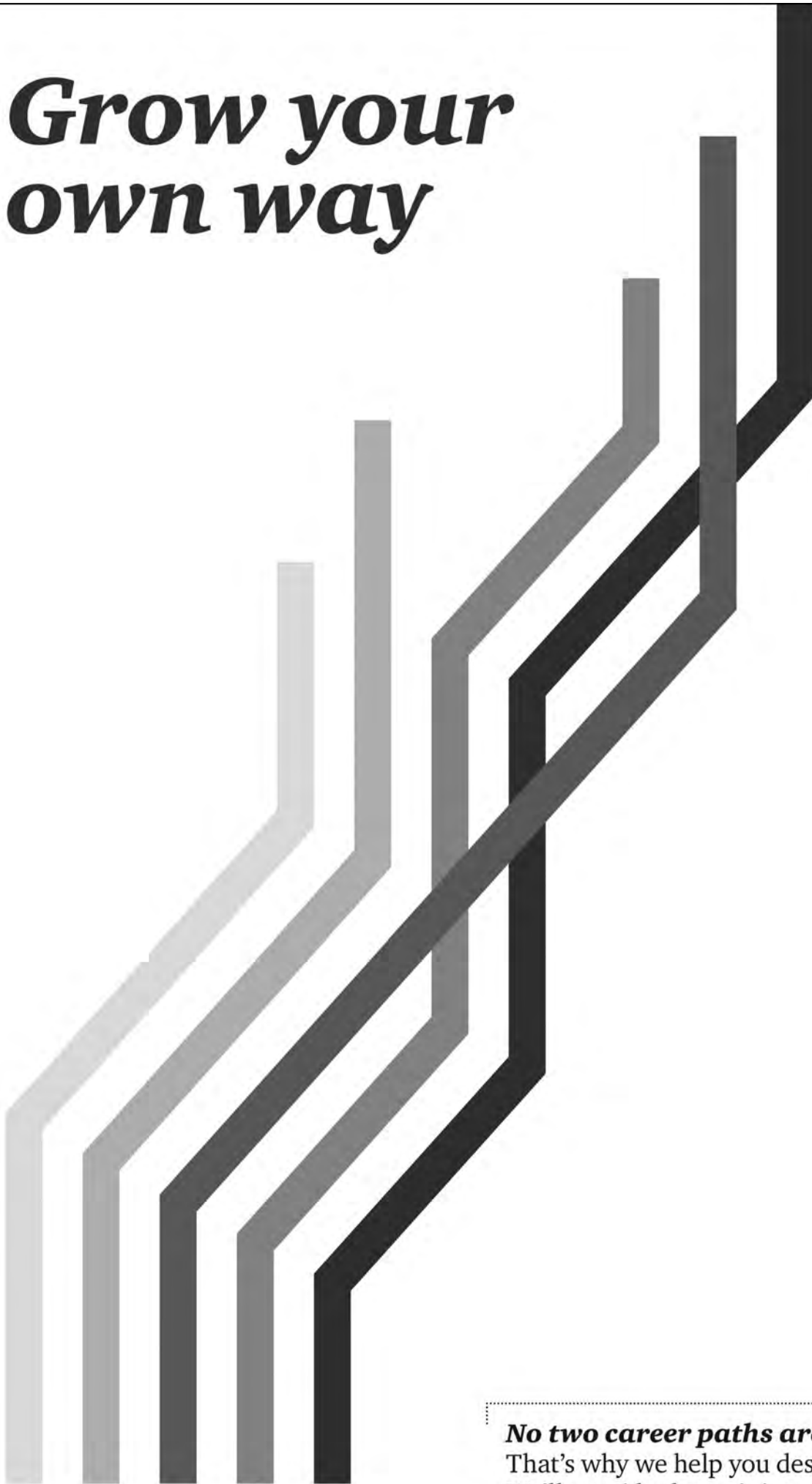
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STUDENT SENATE Meyers talks block tuition; SG budget proposed

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

Student Government kicked off its first Senate meeting of the fall semester with a few representative changes, comments about block tuition and a budget presentation.

Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair Andy Mason presented the 2012-2013 Activity and Service Fee Budget, which is proposed to be \$17,558,432.

The new budget would increase funding by 5 percent for SG, RecSports, the Reitz Union and Student Activities and Involvement. The Reitz Union and SAI split over the summer.



Meyers

The 2012-2013 budget will not be finalized until it is approved at each of the next two Senate meetings, which are scheduled for

Sept. 6 and Sept. 13.

Written amendments to the budget can still be presented, and Senate will accept questions at the next two meetings.

Nominees to the Election Committee were also approved. Student Body President Ben Meyers endorsed his choice over speakerphone on a cellphone held to the microphone.

Student Body elections are scheduled for Sept. 27 and 28.

Meyers also addressed the Senate in person and discussed block tuition.

He said block tuition supporters claim the system would encourage students to graduate faster.

However, Meyers said that push was unnecessary because UF's four-year graduation rate in the last year jumped from 58 percent to 64 percent.

Meyers said the Student Body deserved the credit for that jump.

He pointed out that students paying their way through UF will likely graduate earlier because of financial reasons.

Meyers said he hoped to tell the Senate next week after a Board of Trustees conference call that block tuition had been "put off indefinitely."

Opinions

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Editorial

Plan Backfired U.S. misplays hand in 'war on drugs'

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives did its best to wipe the blood off of its hands when its acting director, Kenneth Melson, resigned Tuesday.

When you lose track of 2,000 guns resulting in the death of an American citizen, someone has to take the blame.

In a recent operation called "Fast and Furious," the Phoenix division of the ATF, with the help of the U.S. Attorney for Arizona (who is also resigning), attempted to track the flow of guns on the Southwest border by allowing weapons to be purchased at border gun shops.

Soon, the ATF found they were missing about 2,000 guns, which ended up in the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

The operation was brought to light when U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry's body was found near Rio Rico, Ariz. Terry was murdered by members of a cartel who had stumbled upon, if you will, two assault rifles that were part of Operation Fast and Furious.

This tragic scenario was just another horrible result of the U.S. position toward Mexican drug violence.

Drug cartels operate exclusively underground with the protection of many Mexican government officials who have been paid off with bribes. Did our government really think they would be able to track the flow of our weapons in a corrupt Mexican government?

The government spends billions of dollars on the war on drugs, which has become an international conflict, and we have seen few positive results.

According to the Cato Institute, 131 U.S. citizens were killed in border cities between 2005 and 2008 due to the violent drug trade. Around 6,290 people were killed in Mexico in 2008, according to USA Today.

Yet we keep spending billions on the drug war.

In a struggling country like Mexico, the extravagant life of a drug kingpin is very tempting to many, even some government officials. What we are left with is a system of corruption, bribery and increased crime.

Instead of putting guns in the hands of violent international criminals, the government should be reevaluating its ineffective War on Drugs.

Perhaps they could learn a lesson from the alcohol prohibition era instead of using scare tactics and increased invasions of privacy to monitor the flow of illegal substances in and around the United States.

They could also find smarter ways to decrease the power of drug cartels by removing the perverse incentives that prohibition creates.

The implications of this prescription might be alarming to some, but surely there must be a better way to prevent this violence.

Replacing the head of the ATF or the Drug Enforcement Agency or even the Department of Justice will not do any good until the government reevaluates its entire policy surrounding this issue.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you plan on taking the new Country Line Dance class?

Monday's question: Do you plan to attend the Cirque Du Soleil show at UF?

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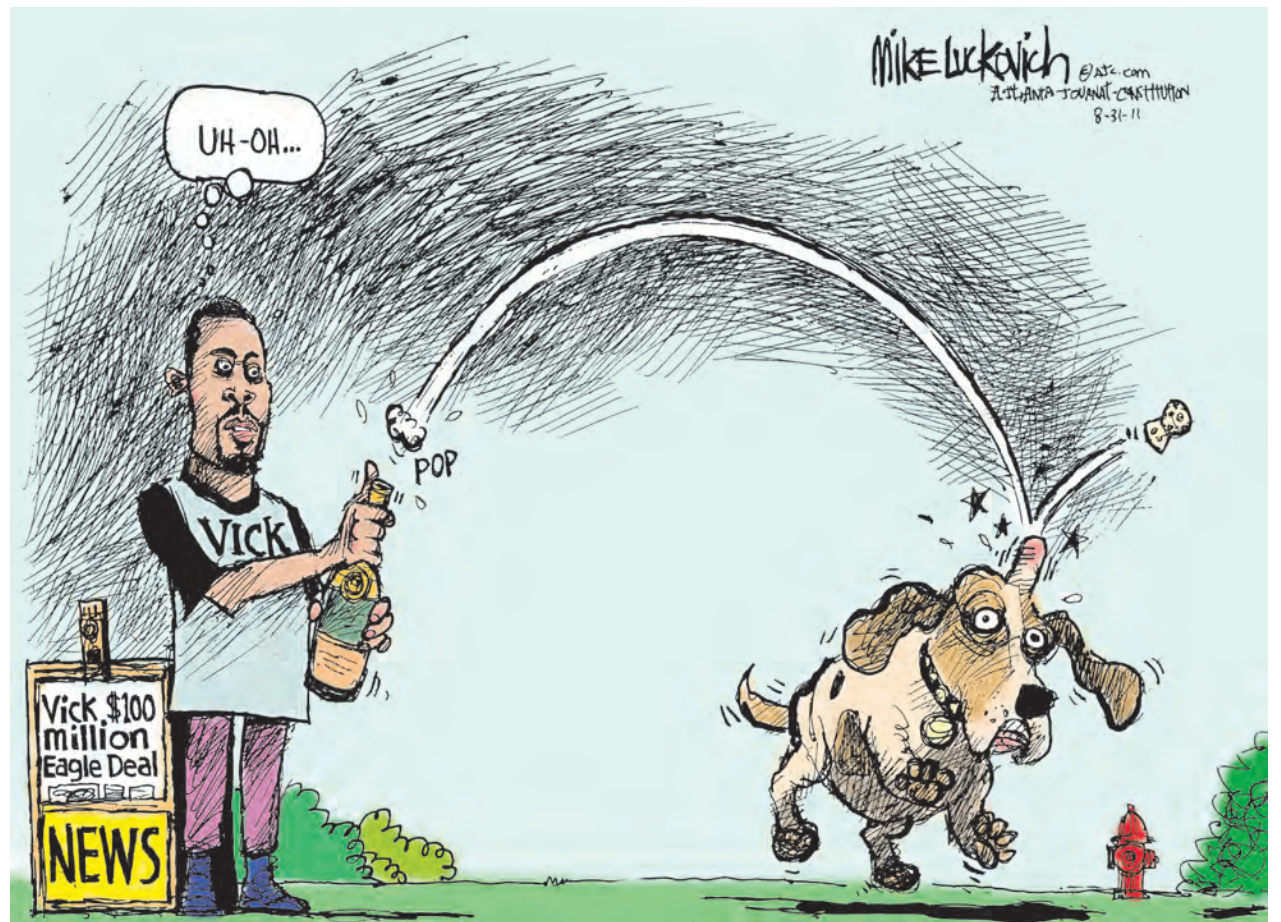
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Guest column

Communism, capitalism both failures

I have often heard it said that communism sounds good in theory or principle but does not succeed in reality. Stalin and Cuba serve as examples. Hayek and von Mises are quoted. On the historical examples, they are no doubt correct.

However, Stalinism was not communism. Nor is oligarchy egalitarianism. Nonetheless, critics of the left continue to conflate authoritarianism for principles of class equality or dissolution. This is not a paean to communist thought.

Rather, the question I am most interested in is why no one says the same of capitalism: theoretically good, bad in practice. The short answer is that the majority of students at UF were educated in our public school system, which is concerned more with socialization than education.

Regardless, we saw banks collapse. We saw markets tumble. In other words, "Wall Street got drunk." And capitalism, as a system and ideology, must be viewed as guilty and broken. Deregulation was the chant of the free-marketeers; deregulation is, in large part, the cause of our current woes.

The Bush tax cuts were a failed experiment in "trickle down" economics. The nonpartisan think tank, Tax Policy Center, reported that between 2001 and 2008, the bottom 80 percent of tax filers received about 35 percent of the cuts. Meanwhile, the top 20 percent received about 65 percent; the top 1 percent alone claimed 38 percent. But the wealth did not reiterate in the form of job creation.

Between March 2001 and December 2007, job and income growth was at its slowest rate since the end of World War II. A tax policy designed to spur growth instead curbs it. Laws that favor the wealthy at the expense of the nation (the cuts cost \$2.6 trillion) should be repealed, especially when ineffective.

In 2009, the poverty rate was around 14 percent. Children in poverty, a historically higher indicator, topped 20

Ryan Fenton
Speaking Out

percent. The rate of non-insurance was roughly 16 percent. Insofar as capitalism provides goods and services to all people, it fails for a

portion of our society.

The 2007 poverty rate for Alachua County was 16.2 percent. Furthermore, roughly 1,000 homeless people live in Alachua County, while there are only 350 beds between various shelters and transitional programs. The free market belief that charity alone can satisfy welfare needs is simply untrue. It seems to me that capitalism is broken because it produces a system that privileges profit over people.

It occurs to me, also, that capitalism is not broken. In fact, it is alive and well. For capitalism is working when the compensation of S&P 500 executives rises at a rate of 28 percent compared to the average worker's increase of 1 percent over the same year. Unemployment remains stagnant.

Capitalism is alive and well when Verizon workers suffer cuts to health benefits, pensions and sick days while the company makes \$10 billion in profits. Capitalism is alive and well when Verizon pays nothing in federal income tax while enjoying a \$10.3 billion dollar tax rebate for 2010.

And capitalism is alive and well when democracy and representation too become commodities. All things have a price. The Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court has only evinced this problem.

Furthermore, democracy itself is under attack when interests, corporate or otherwise, disguise their agenda as independent and "grassroots" (see the Koch brothers, Americans for Prosperity, FreedomWorks and the tea party) while dealing strictly in ideology in a PR technique known as astroturfing.

This is, indeed, capitalism.

Ryan Fenton graduated from UF with a degree in English.

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

Letter to the Editor

Humane Society supports UF's Meatless Mondays

Congratulations to UF for participating in Meatless Monday ("Meatless Mondays are vital for creating a healthier campus," Aug. 23).

There are many compelling reasons to go meat-free once a week. Some people support Meatless Monday because of the positive consequences for billions of animals raised for the dinner table.

On modern factory farms, animals are packed into warehouses, often with so little space they can't even turn around. Most people would naturally choose more meat-free meals if they saw the fear and pain animals suffer in factory farms every day of their short lives.

Reducing our meat consumption has environmental benefits, too. The U.N. estimates the meat industry, along with the dairy and egg industries, generates a huge portion of man-made greenhouse gas emissions.

Whether it's to reduce your carbon footprint, improve your health, or to help prevent animal suffering, choosing meat-free meals one day a week is a win-win. Visit humanesociety.org/meatfree for easy vegetarian recipes and meal tips.

Paul Shapiro

Senior Director, Farm Animal Protection
The Humane Society of the United States

UWire

Taxing wealthy is fair during tough times

In ancient Greece, an oracle was a person who could make predictions about the future. Nowadays, we have what you could call an oracle of investing just up the road from Lincoln. Warren Buffett, the "Oracle of Omaha," is one of the most respected investors worldwide. It's no surprise since he's currently the third wealthiest person in the world.

So when Buffett wrote an op-ed column for The New York Times giving the government advice on reducing the debt and deficit, you'd think his ideas would at the very least be taken seriously. That wasn't the case last week, though.

In his column, Buffett appeals to the government to raise taxes on him and other millionaires and billionaires, saying that, "While most Americans struggle to make ends meet, we mega-rich continue to get our extraordinary tax breaks."

Buffett gives the exact number that he paid in income and payroll taxes last year: \$6,938,744, or "17.4 percent of my taxable income." That, he says, is the lowest percentage paid by anyone in his office, whose taxes "ranged from 33 percent to 41 percent and averaged 36 percent."

Fox News picked up this story and

Evan Marolf
UWire

crucified Buffett for it. They immediately called Buffett out for "class warfare," which is interesting because he's asking for higher taxes on his own class — maybe civil class warfare? He has even been called a socialist for his opinions. Because, of course, asking the mega-rich to pay a little extra is basically the same as having a complete lack of private property and total government control of the economy.

Last December, when Bush's tax cuts were about to expire, Democrats in Congress tried to extend only the cuts for the middle and lower class and allow tax rates on the wealthiest Americans to return to their previous levels. Republicans thwarted this plan by threatening to let all of the tax cuts expire.

Raising taxes on Americans in the top two income brackets would raise \$700 billion over ten years. According to Fox, that's such a small number it's not even worth it.

Fox's alternative? Raise taxes on the middle and lower classes and cut spending. They want the 51 percent of Ameri-

cans who don't pay any income tax to pitch in. As Jon Stewart pointed out last week, if you took half of the wealth of the bottom 51 percent of Americans, you'd come out with a little more than \$700 billion.

Apparently the folks at Fox News still think that millionaires are going to pass their wealth on to the rest of Americans. Unfortunately, there are some selfishly frugal upper class people who won't buy a new car every month or hire someone to change the TV channel for them. Just look at Warren Buffett. He still lives in the same modest house he bought 50 years ago. How unpatriotic.

Now, I don't have a problem with people who earn a lot of money by working hard. In fact, I don't have anything against people like Kim Kardashian, who get rich without doing anything. That's just the way our society is.

What I have a problem with is people claiming that we can't tax the rich for whatever reason while at the same time claiming that the lower class can afford to pay more in taxes.

Evan Marolf writes for the Daily Nebraskan at the University of Nebraska.



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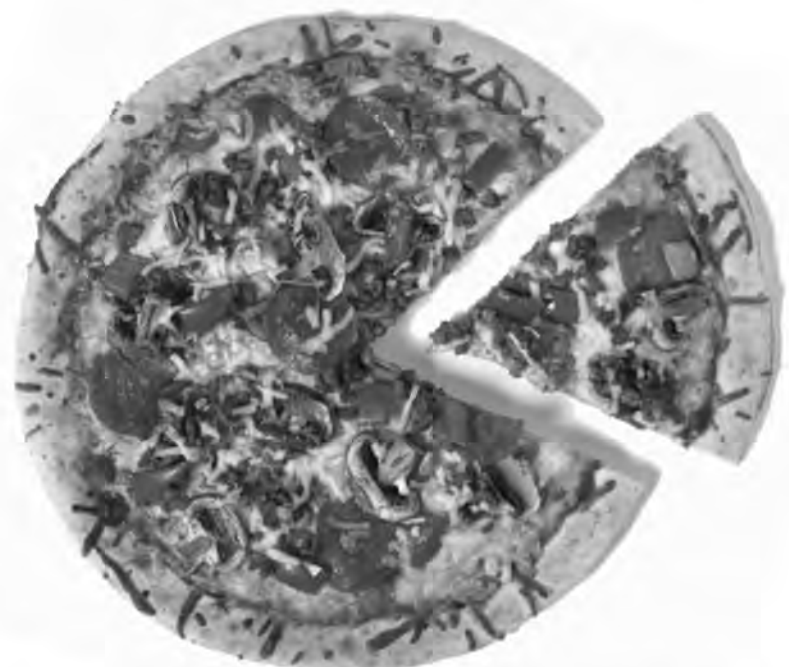
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Season ticket sales increased this year

TICKETS, from page 1

season tickets to sell each year. This year, about 23,000 students entered the ticket lottery.

Gajda said the average is usually 27,000, but the number has been closer to 30,000 in the past.

The average number of general season tickets sold each season is 65,000. He said this season's number of season ticket holders has slightly increased from last year's.

Kelsey Leader, a first-year

dance major, said she didn't win the ticket lottery, but she likely will buy extra tickets for her mother, who is a UF alumna, and her stepfather.

"That's a good price, my parents would pay that."

Kelsey Leader
UF student

Leader said her mother is always on the hunt for cheap tickets to Gator games.

"That's a good price," she said. "My parents would pay that."

Truck was unable to serve on campus

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the catering. It really hit home with me, and I don't want to work everyday. I don't have to."

The truck made scheduled lunchtime visits around the city every week to locations such as the Northwest Industrial Park, Progress Corporate Park and Emerson Alumni Hall.

With a regular menu of salads, sandwiches and flatbreads as well as daily specials including dishes like jerk chicken, crab cakes and meatloaf, the truck made occasional visits to other locations as well. However, Gollner said she had difficulty reaching one of the largest consumer groups in Gainesville, the student population, because of university regulations.

Aramark, the UF food service provider, has com-

plete oversight of all eating establishments on the campus, resulting in a ban of outside food vendors.

"Some of my clients work at the Sports Medicine Institute, and they asked me to come park there for lunch," Gollner said. "I was there two Thursdays and UF called me and said, 'Jules, you know you're not allowed to park there.' I said, 'I know, I'll go quietly.'"

Since then, the owner of the Chow Now Food Truck has steered clear of the college campus.

Gollner said she gave the food truck business her best shot, but Gainesville is too small of a city to keep up with the trend. After months of setbacks, she decided she'd had enough.

"I am very glad I did it," Gollner said. "She was a lot of fun to put together, and we had a lot of fun with her, but it's not worth the effort. You have to know when to pull the plug."

Four officers are to be assigned residential areas

SCOPE, from page 1

to implement it in campus sorority housing as well.

Through S.C.O.P.E., four police officers are assigned to an on-campus housing area. The officer usually is on duty during UPD's two daytime and two nighttime shifts.

"The hope is that they [officers] will all stop by and develop a relationship or at least an awareness with the residents that it's not so odd to see a police officer in the area," said Lisa Diekow, director of housing for residence life and education at UF.

S.C.O.P.E. was introduced to fraternities instead of sororities because of the volume of party-related events in fraternity housing areas, said police Capt. Bart Knowles, who manages the program.

S.C.O.P.E. officers are encouraged to make an effort to get to know housing staff and student residents, Knowles said.

"At the beginning of the year, it's real im-

portant for us to try to have residents have an awareness about how to access the police department for their safety," Diekow said.

Officer Brad Roberts, for example, attended resident assistant meetings at Lakeside, told students about himself and gave them some safety tips for the start of the school year, Knowles said.

Students also can contact S.C.O.P.E. officers by email. Officers' email addresses are posted on bulletin boards in each housing area. The boards also include information on various programs offered by UPD, such as self-defense classes for women.

S.C.O.P.E. is based on the idea of community-oriented policing, Knowles said.

"The idea is to build relationships with the community that you serve ... It's an opportunity for us to just get our faces out there. We need to be approachable," he said. "Our mission here is to provide the best environment for a student to get the best education possible."



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S.C.O.P.E. Officer Marcus L. Brinson speaks with students in the Murphree Area. The initiative was started to help prevent crime by improving communication between UPD and UF students.

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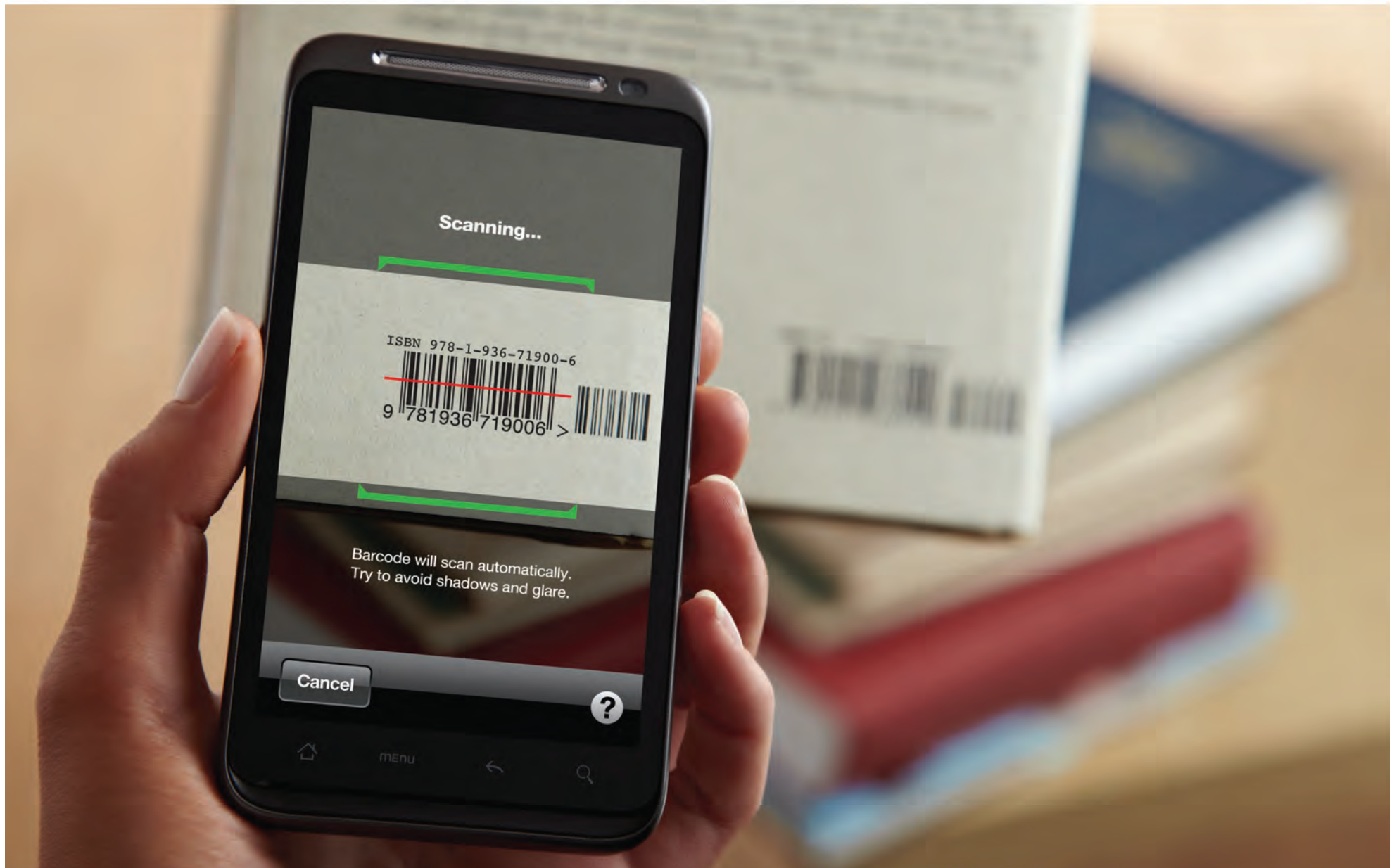
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UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators sweep Seminoles thanks to Murphy, Unroe

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

For 10 points in the second set, the Gators volleyball team was on the ropes as much as it has been since last December's season-ending loss to Purdue.

No. 9 UF (3-0, 0-0 Southeastern Conference) defeated No. 25 Florida State (3-1, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) on Tuesday night at the O'Connell Center, but it wasn't as easy as the score might imply.

In a rematch from the second-round of last year's NCAA Tournament, UF was down 9-1 in the second set of a match it eventually swept 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-22). The deficit could easily be overlooked, but Gators coach Mary Wise said that should not be the case.

"We got some breaks that went our way, but it was pretty high-level volleyball," she said. "No doubt we'll have to see Florida State again."

Senior Kelly Murphy led the way with a triple-double (12 kills, 17 assists and 10 digs) while the Gators hit .238 as a team.

"The main thing was just staying really focused and trying not to get lost in all of the chaos that was happening out there," Murphy said.

Murphy trailed only libero Taylor Unroe (15) in digs for the Gators, as the redshirt freshman continued to impress teammates and Wise in the backcourt.

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Florida senior Kelly Murphy led the Gators with a triple-double (12 kills, 17 assists and 10 digs) in the team's win against Florida State on Tuesday in the O'Connell Center. The Gators have not dropped a set this season.

Notebook: Corner situation muddled with Riggs in cast

► TWO FRESHMEN MAY START AT CB.

MATT WATTS
Alligator Staff Writer

Sophomore Cody Riggs appeared in front of reporters Tuesday with a cast on his right hand, further jumbling an already unsettled situation in Florida's secondary.

Riggs said the cast was merely for protection after he sprained his thumb during a blocking drill in practice.

He added the cast would be off by Saturday's game and he does not expect to be limited.

Riggs was listed as a potential starter at cornerback according to coach Will Muschamp's depth chart that was released Monday.

Junior Jeremy Brown is questionable for Saturday's game against FAU after missing more than two weeks of practice with a sprained knee.

Senior Moses Jenkins is also in the mix, but Riggs said Tuesday that no one has claimed a starting position.

UF Football

Muschamp said all of the cornerbacks are interchangeable, meaning a starting combination of Marcus Roberson and Jaylen Watkins is possible.

"It's still up for grabs," Riggs said. "We're all just fighting for that job."

The back end appears set with freshman De'Ante Saunders as the favorite at safety alongside sophomore Matt Elam, who has

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THE JETT STREAM

Reliving last season the only remaining option

What year is it? No, no, no. Seriously. What year is it? If you have followed Florida football for the past month or so, be it through television or radio or this publication, you have heard plenty about 2010.

While they haven't lashed out during interviews, players are clearly getting annoyed with the same old storyline, and you can't blame them. The questions grew stale two weeks ago, and they are still being trotted out each day by reporters, including myself. Sorry guys.

But there are a couple reasons you keep hearing those questions about last season. 1) Last season was shockingly bad, and 2) You guys aren't giving us much to work with.

Some people say an 8-5 year isn't that bad. Those people are wrong. Take



Tyler Jett
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away wins against Miami (Ohio), South Florida and Appalachian State because sixth-graders don't deserve credit for beat-

ing up second-graders.

Linebacker Jelani Jenkins and cornerback Cody Riggs see things differently. They said Tuesday that their record was deceiving because they lost so many tight games. They're wrong.

Of those five losses, only two were close: a shocker in which punter Chas Henry missed a game-tying field goal with seconds left and a heartbreaker in which Les Miles went all "Les Miles" on

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Florida offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said Saturday's game is an important barometer for the offense. See Story, Page 16.

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"Good things happen when Taylor's touching the ball," Wise said. "She has that ability to, in any rally, just get us back in system. She has an elite touch on the ball, both defensively and on passing."

What was unusual about the in-state rivalry game was Florida's slow starts in all three sets. The Gators trailed early in every frame largely due to some gutsy play by Seminoles redshirt freshman defensive specialist Katie Mosher, who recorded a game-high 17 digs.

"The piece that was really impressive was how good their freshman libero was," Wise said. "I think that an Unroe-Mosher battle would be pretty fun to watch for the next four years."

Florida fought back from both its biggest and latest deficit of the young season in the second set and third set, respectively.

The Gators have yet to lose a set in 2011 after opening the season with three victories against ACC competition.

Etc: Tuesday night's attendance was 4,631, including 1,901 students — the highest count in UF volleyball history.

"Our students have been doing a really good job of showing up," Murphy said. "We've never had fans like this, especially in the beginning of the season."

The Gators will host Jacksonville and Florida Atlantic on Friday in the Campus USA Credit Union Invitational.

Freshmen Phenoms

Both defensive specialists, Unroe and Mosher will be pivotal to their team's success for years to come.

Taylor Unroe



Florida redshirt freshman libero

Tuesday night against FSU: 15 digs

Katie Mosher



FSU redshirt freshman libero

Tuesday night against UF: 17 digs

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Linebackers blitzing more this season

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been the most consistent throughout fall camp.

Despite the uncertainty over the starters at corner, Florida's secondary should be littered with underclassmen Saturday.

Increased role for linebackers: After rarely rushing the passer last season, linebackers Jon Bostic and Jelani Jenkins said they have been preparing to blitz more under new defensive coordinator Dan Quinn.

Bostic said Quinn has both of them working on their pad level when rushing.

"We have the ability to rush the passer all day and bring the house. We have DBs that can sit back there and hold up. We really can do it all."

Jon Bostic
UF linebacker

"Jelani and I both, we kind of laugh because [blitzing] wasn't really what we did a lot of [last year]," Bostic said.

Under defensive coordinator Teryl Austin in 2010, the Gators ran more of a base 4-3 front with little other looks.

But Quinn has brought variety to the defense, meaning Bostic and Jenkins must be able to drop into coverage as well as know which gap to hit in complex zone blitzes.

"We have really the ability to do everything," Bostic said.

"We have the ability to rush the passer all day and bring the house. We have DBs that can sit back there and hold up. We really can do it all."

Reed adjusting to tight end: Jordan Reed never played a position other than quarterback until coming to Florida, and he said the toughest part of the shift is learning to be physical while

blocking.

"I don't think anyone likes blocking," he said. "You've got to learn to love it, but I'm never going to like it."

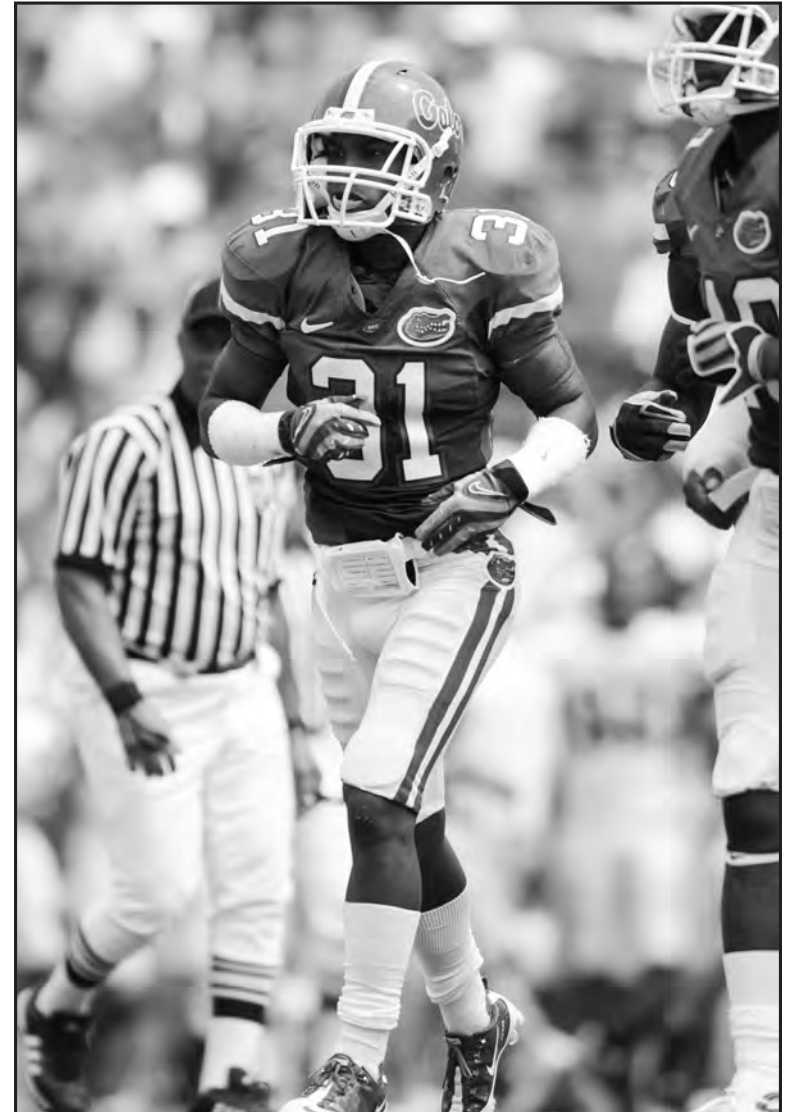
Reed said he envisions himself more in the mold of a pass-catching tight end, and offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said Reed has transitioned nicely into his new role.

"When I came here and sat

down with these guys to see where they saw themselves, I was waiting for him to say 'I see myself as the starting quarterback,'" Weis said. "He says, 'I see myself as the starting tight end.'"

"He's really done a nice job. ... I don't think it will be hard to find him on the field. I think you'll be able to find him pretty easily."

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Florida sophomore cornerback Cody Riggs injured his thumb in practice but said he should be ready to go on Saturday against FAU.

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UF FOOTBALL

Weis to unveil new pro-style offense Saturday

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Charlie Weis came in with a plan when he became offensive coordinator on coach Will Muschamp's staff.

Although many of Florida's players have said throughout the duration of fall practice that Weis is a very detail-oriented coach, the intricacies of the offense weren't his biggest issue with his new team.

"Where some people are worrying about the finer points of the offense, I was more concerned with the foundation of the offense," Weis said. "Once you establish the foundation ... that now allows you to have a whole arsenal of things that you can do on game day."

When Weis was being recruited by Muschamp and his staff, he didn't know much about the Gators or their personnel from last season.

After looking into the offensive players on Florida's roster — from quarterback John Brantley, to the running back duo of Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey, to the cast of offensive linemen at his disposal — Weis ultimately accepted the challenge.

Upon arriving in Gainesville in early January, the former NFL offensive coordinator with four Super Bowl rings began implementing his pro-style offense and fitting it to the personnel available to him.

That began with Brantley, who Weis said is suited to run a dropback-style passing attack.

That passing offense is based on runs and play-action calls, so the foundation also stretched to the offensive linemen, many of whom were injured during the spring when Weis had to assess the candidates.

He also went through, player by player, and asked each how he saw himself in the new system.

When fans got an early look at Weis' offense in the spring game, he said it was like a fire drill, with the offense being hastily thrown together. But in the months since, he has been impressed with the progress and work ethic the offensive players have shown.

Still, concerns remain for Weis heading into Saturday's opener against FAU.

"You haven't played yet and I think that anytime you're putting in a new system you really want to go and try to play as clean as you can in the first game," he said.

"There's no preseason games here in college. This is kick it off and let's go and it counts. You want to minimize your mental mistakes, you want to minimize your line of scrimmage penal-



Courtesy of UF Communications

Gators offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said he'll be looking for minimal mistakes against FAU on Saturday.

ties and you want to take care of the football."

But with practices closed to the public, Weis' offense in his first year as the Gators' offensive coordinator largely remains a mystery to those outside of the program. And until the season opens, how well the offense comes together remains unknown to Weis.

"We'll have a better answer for that about 10:30 Saturday (night)," Weis said. "I think practice is practice and games are games. There's been plenty of progress, but you're judged by what happens on Saturday night. You're not judged by what happens in practice."

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the Gators. The other three? Blowouts.

Counting only fair competition (including Vanderbilt, if only because it's in the conference), the Gators would have gone 5-5.

But there I go talking about last season again. My bad. Really. It's not fair. Here we are, just three days before the first game, and all we can talk about is last season. Last season isn't this season. This season is this season.

And there are so many new things to talk about. Eight new coaches. New offense. New defense. But here's the thing: It's tough to talk about all this new stuff when you don't actually see it.

Since Muschamp and Co. took the reins in January, only once has the team opened up its operations to the public: the spring game. And even then Muschamp said fans were getting a stripped-down version of what is to come, on both sides of the ball.

Translation: Trust me, dude, it's going to be TOTALLY way more awesome next time.

Muschamp's statement actually made sense. The team suffered a lot of injuries before the scrimmage and didn't have the personnel to flex any muscle. But the uninformative spring, coupled with the all-too-familiar team policy of closing every practice ever, gives media members less incentive to talk about all the change — you know, the things that are universally seen in a positive light.

Florida's strict policy has actually hurt itself this month, because this preseason, unlike any other preseason in recent memory, is about atonement.

There are reasons to believe Florida can redeem itself.

But if you value truth, you have to lean on what you have seen, not what people tell you. What is the last thing you have seen? A really disappointing 2010.

I'm excited for Saturday. I'm excited for football to finally start. I'm excited for something different.

But, until then, let's get back to last season: What was up with that, guys?

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