

Freshman guard
 Brad Beal scored
 22 points and
 recorded a double-
 double in UF's win
 against Stetson.
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Student dies in car crash on way back from break

▶ ANOTHER WOMAN WAS IN THE CAR AND WAS TREATED FOR SERIOUS INJURIES.

MEREDITH RUTLAND and EMILY MORROW
 Alligator Staff Writers

A UF student died in a car crash Sunday while returning from the Thanksgiving break.

Jade Guzzo, 20, was killed when the car she was driving flipped several times, according to a Florida Highway Patrol police report.

Guzzo was driving northbound through Osceola County on Florida's Turnpike when her Isuzu Rodeo drifted off the road. The vehicle flipped when Guzzo over-corrected to get back on the road, according to the report.

She was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident. Twenty-year-old Leah Thomas was riding with her at the time. Thomas was taken to a hospital in Orlando to be treated for serious injuries.

Guzzo was an architecture major from Delray Beach. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The crash was still under investigation as of Monday.



Haley Stracher / Alligator

Wrap It Up

Anthropology and women studies senior Christopher Ryan, 21, distributes free condoms from GatorWell on Turlington Plaza on Monday as part of the Student Global Aids Campaign, encouraging students to practice safe sex.

ON CAMPUS

Libraries open late for finals

CLARE LENNON
 Alligator Writer

When the coffee is flowing freely and tables at Library West are littered with study guides and review packets, Rachel Swansiger has a few strategies to beat the crowds.

"You can study anywhere quiet on campus besides the library," said Swansiger, a 21-year-old history and German senior. She recommends Pugh Hall for its comfortable chairs, and its smaller libraries offer fewer distractions.

However, Library West and Marston Science Library are the only libraries at UF that will be open longer during finals. From Sunday to Dec. 15, Library West will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m. every day.

The libraries kept the same hours for Spring 2011 finals.

UF libraries Public Information Officer Barbara Hood said the first-floor Starbucks

cafe will stay open the same hours as Library West.

Graduate students will still need ID cards to access the sixth floor of Library West. Any student can use all floors of Marston and the first through fourth floors of Library West, Hood said. The fifth floor is accessible to staff only.

"I get a plush chair or desk every time I go downstairs — to myself!"

Jesse Mixson
 journalism junior

The numbers of expected students and last year's library-goers were not available by press time.

Journalism junior Jesse Mixson, 20, said she doesn't usually deal with crowds at Library West and Marston. She said the first floor of Library West is usually available.

"I get a plush chair or desk every time I go downstairs — to myself!" she said.

County may repeal blue laws after final Gainesville vote

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County may follow Gainesville's example and repeal restrictions on liquor sales hours.

After Gainesville decided to make alcohol laws the same for every day of the week, the Alachua County Commission is looking to do the same.

On Nov. 15, County Commissioner Lee Pinkoson proposed that businesses in the unincorporated parts of the county should be given the same rights as Gainesville businesses.

His motion passed unanimously Nov. 17, but county commissioners said they would not repeal their limitations

of liquor sales, or "blue laws," until after the City Commission vote is final.

The repeal will be discussed in the near future, said Alachua County Commissioner Susan Baird.

She said as long as the repeal doesn't violate personal rights, it should follow the suit of the city.

"Any hour is bad if you abuse it, and any hour is OK if you don't abuse it," Baird said.

"I don't know why they are repeal-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Common Reading Program

Unveiling

Today, 2 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
The Common Reading Program at UF will unveil the 2012- 2013 selection today. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free, and all members of the UF community are welcome to attend.

Toastmasters meeting

Today, 5:45 p.m.
Entomology-Nematology Building, Room 1031
The Talking Gators Toastmasters Club is meeting for its monthly potluck. It is OK to bring Thanksgiving leftovers. All are welcome to meet members and learn about Toastmasters, which provides a positive atmosphere to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills. For details, go to <http://talkinggators.freetoasthost.biz> or call 352-870-2267. Talking Gators is also on Facebook.

Hispanic Student Business Association

Today, 6:15 p.m.
Come to the last meeting of the semester. The group will have a Google Campus Ambassador present Google Plus and his experience with Google's BOLD Internship. Also, the group will be having elections for executive positions. Email us if you would like to run for office at hsgators@gmail.com.

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Keep a Child Alive Meeting

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Weil Hall, Room 279
Come learn about how KCA makes a difference for AIDS victims through fundraisers and spreading awareness. This is a great opportunity to get involved. New members are always welcome. Also "Like" the "Keep a Child Alive at UF" group on Facebook.

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BRIEF

De-Stress Study Fest returns to Reitz Union for finals week

Tensions are high as final exam season begins, but UF's Division of Student Affairs is trying to make this stressful time a little easier.

From Dec. 1 to 15, students

can go to the Reitz Union, which is open 24 hours a day, to study and participate in fun activities during De-Stress Study Fest. The computer lab will be open until Dec. 14.

"It provides students an outlet to have space to come for studying," said John Duncan, the operations manager at the Reitz Union. "They can also take a break, relax and recharge."

Students can sit in massage chairs, attend Zumba classes and enjoy free snacks and pizza. The game room will be offering free bowling and billiards.

Therapy dogs will be available for stressed students to play with, which is a popular part of the program, Duncan said.

— ASHLEY HEMMY

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of the Alligator, an editorial incorrectly cited a National Geographic report on the estimated rise in sea level during a flood that is thought to be the source of the Biblical story of Noah's Ark. It should have read 30 feet.

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Reitz garage meters to get an upgrade

► THEY WILL ACCEPT ONLY CASH WHILE THE WORK IS BEING DONE.

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Writer

Visitors are encouraged to bring cash to pay the meters while the parking pay stations inside the Reitz Union parking garage are being replaced.

During the upgrade, which begins Thursday and is expected to take three to four weeks, the four multispace meters inside the garage will not accept credit cards, said Scott Fox, director of Transportation and Parking Services.

Customers paying for parking with credit cards will have to pay at the attendant's booth.

The parking pay stations in the Reitz Union garage are 8 years old and were installed when the Welcome Center was built, he said.

That particular type of machine will not be supported by the vendor, Parkeon, after July 1.

The pay stations are being replaced as a preventative measure, Fox said.

"If we didn't do this, and we waited until July 1 and we had a problem, then [Parkeon] wouldn't come out and fix it," he said.

UF will buy the new pay stations from Parkeon.

No other garages on campus will be affected because the Reitz Union garage is the only one that uses the type of machine being replaced.

Fox said the replacement schedule is tentative, but Transportation and Parking Services is trying to finish the upgrade before the start of spring semester classes.

"We're working on getting it done as quickly as possible," he said.

Advertising junior Aubrey Read, 20, said she parks her car in the Reitz Union garage a few times a month, usually when she's in a hurry.

Paying at the attendant's booth when she forgets to bring cash probably won't help that, she said.

"It's annoying," she said. "I'll probably be late for class."

Reynolds to address campus issues

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Writer

Student Body President Anthony Reynolds will deliver UF's annual State of the Campus speech at 7 p.m. today in Pugh Hall.

Reynolds said the speech functions as an update on what has been going on at UF and within Student Government.

He said he will focus on the effort to renovate and expand the Reitz Union. Reynolds had previ-

ously endorsed the "Make it Reitz" campaign, and the Board of Trustees will decide whether to approve construction at its Thursday meeting.



Reynolds

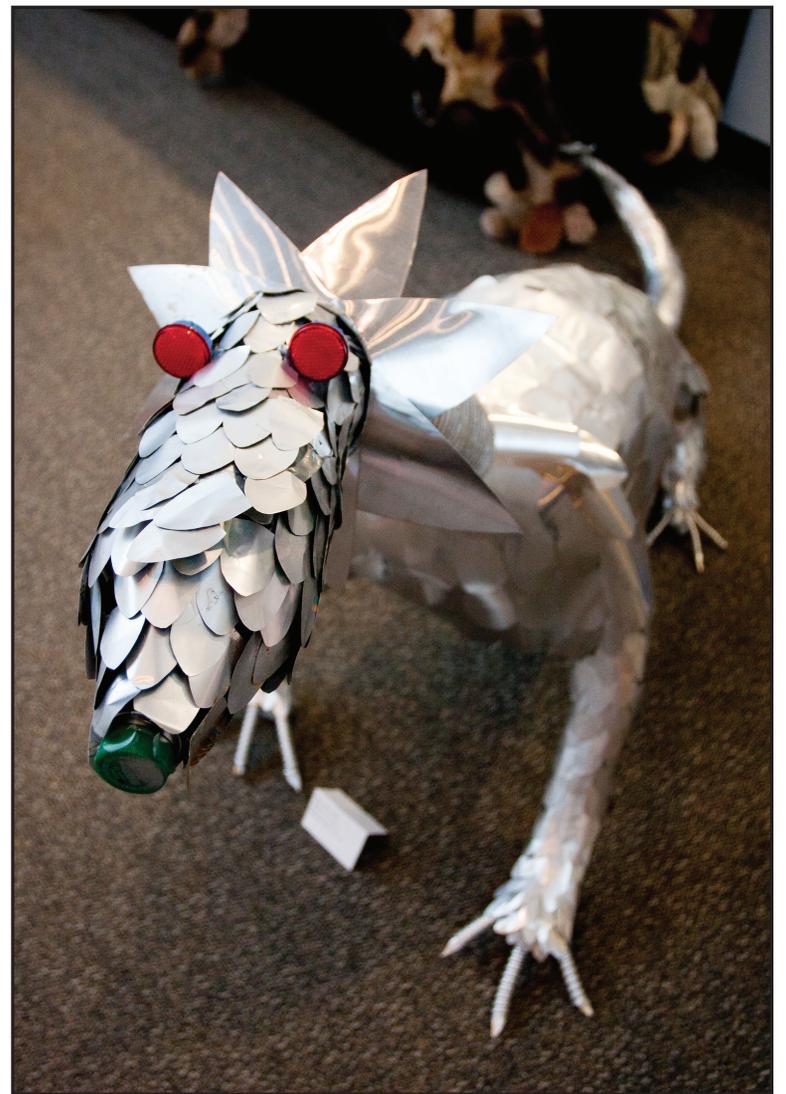
Reynolds said he will also address changes in the Student Body vice president's cabinet and office, as well as Florida legis-

lation that Reynolds said will affect UF students.

Leaders of student organizations are required to attend the speech, but Reynolds said anyone is welcome.

"If anything, I would like to encourage any student who is free that evening to attend," he said.

He also said students are welcome to come at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments. The Student Senate will meet after the speech.



Alex Catalano / Alligator

Trash to Treasure

Gainesville High School student Hannah Hill's piece, "Misty Scales," made of recycled soda cans, sits on display at the Florida Museum of Natural History on Monday as part of the "Trashformations" recycled art competition. It will be on display until Sunday.

FSU fan arrested for stomping UF fan's head into curb before game

MORGAN WATKINS

Alligator Staff Writer

A Florida State University fan was arrested Saturday after police said he stomped a UF fan's head into a curb Saturday before the football game.

At 5:25 p.m. Saturday, Joshua Halford, a 21-year-old UF fan from Gainesville, argued

with Robert Keller, a 27-year-old FSU fan from Orlando, over who would win the game.

During the argument, Halford said he had Allah on his side to help the Gators win, said Cpl. Angelina Valuri, public information officer for the Gainesville Police Department.

"I'll show you Allah," Keller said before he shoved Halford into traffic at 1300 W University Ave. and punched him in the face.

Valuri said a fellow FSU fan and friend of Keller's, Wesley Ponder, 33, of Jacksonville, forced his way into the fight and stomped the victim's head against the curb, knocking him out, she said.

Halford was taken to Shands at UF, where he was treated for a concussion.

Ponder fled the scene, leaving behind several witnesses, Valuri said.

Ponder and Keller were later arrested and they were taken to the Alachua County Jail.

Keller was charged with battery and aggravated assault, while Ponder was charged with aggravated battery, Valuri said.

Both men did not have set bonds but were released from jail Sunday, according to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail.

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STUDENT LIFE

RecSports works out kinks in online registration system

MARIA GALINDO

Alligator Contributing Writer

The new online registration system for group fitness classes has had what RecSports Coordinator for Fitness Ambre Sheehy calls a “learning curve.”

Students like 18-year-old advertising freshman Amanda George have had problems registering for classes online.

“One time, I forgot to hit the ‘checkout’ button, so my name didn’t get added to the list,” she said. “I had to wait in the standby line.”

Sheehy said about 20 percent of students registering for classes had this problem during the first two weeks after the Oct. 24 implementation of the system.

Now, she said, less than 5 percent of students have these problems.

Sheehy attributes the problems with registration to the process itself.

Some students think they have completed the process when they click the “save registration” button, but the process isn’t complete until the “checkout” button is clicked.

“[The registration process] is confusing at first, but now I understand it,” George said.

A registration guide is available for students at recsports.ufl.edu.

Public relations junior Hannah Leach, 20, said that despite having made the mistake of not clicking the

“checkout” button, she thinks the online registration guide has been clear in its instructions.

“If you follow the directions, it’s pretty straight-forward,” Leach said. “I like the program. I can just show up for the class without having to wait in line.”

“A lot more people than I had anticipated are using the system.”

Ambre Sheehy

RecSports coordinator for fitness

She also said the system can motivate students to attend the fitness classes.

Students who fail to show up for a fitness class without canceling their registration are given a warning for the first and second offenses.

Participants are blocked from registering for group fitness classes for five days during their third and all subsequent offenses.

Sheehy said about seven students have been blocked from attending fitness classes thus far. Despite problems with the registration process, Sheehy said that in the first staff meeting after the implementation of the system, fitness instructors have mentioned they’ve had an increase in class attendance.

“A lot more people than I had anticipated are using the system,” she said.

Number of those seeking GEDs dips due to tuition requirement

► STATE RESIDENTS NOW PAY \$30 FOR 18 WEEKS OF CLASSES.

EMILY MORROW

Alligator Writer

More high school dropouts in Alachua County may choose not to go back to school because they now have to pay tuition.

Charley Wise, supervisor of adult education for Alachua County Public Schools, said he has seen a decrease in enrollment in adult education classes this fall, something he attributes to a new tuition policy.

In an effort to offset budget cuts, the Florida Legislature passed a law last spring requiring state residents to pay \$30 for 18 weeks of classes, including those for GED preparation and English as a second language. Nonresidents must pay \$120.

This fall, Wise said Alachua County has about 100 students enrolled in GED preparation classes and about 80 to 100 students in English Speakers of Other Languages classes. Although last year’s numbers were unavailable, Wise called the drop “significant.”

Enrollment in GED preparation classes has fallen 70 percent in Broward County and 61 percent in Palm Beach County, according to numbers in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Wise said Alachua County may stop offer-

ing classes during the summer because there’s a chance not enough people will sign up for a seven-week course that costs the same as an 18-week course.

But Wise said he thinks the intentions behind the regulation were good.

“I think the Legislature was trying to get a little more commitment from people,” he said. “If you have to pay up front, you might be more inclined to finish the program and be a success.”

Though GED and ESOL classes have lower numbers, Wise said they may be more successful students, but the school district won’t see results for a year or two.

Coming up with the money may not be the only problem. To prove residency, students must present two forms of identification such as a driver’s license, a voter’s registration card, a utility bill or two years of high school transcripts.

If a student is unable to produce two forms, he or she is classified as a nonresident.

The population that may have been hit the hardest, Wise said, is Alachua County’s inmates.

Last year, 62 students graduated from the jail’s free GED program. This year, there are only 20 to 30 students enrolled, he said.

“I really think it’s in society’s best interest to make sure a fellow has a degree when he walks out of jail,” Wise said.

City Commission candidates talk student involvement at forum

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

Creating jobs was top on many candidates’ minds at a city candidate forum Monday night as they encouraged UF students to stay in Gainesville.

Democratic supporters filled the Matthews Suite in the Reitz Union to listen to six candidates running for Gainesville City Commission.

About 50 people — half of which were students — crowded into the room, which is about the size of a 40-student classroom.

Last year’s City Commission forum in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom attracted about 35 people — most of whom were not students.

The forum focused on student issues ranging from public transportation to student involvement in the city.

While city races are nonpartisan, the UF College Democrats and the Alachua County Young Democrats invited candidates who identify with the party to talk to students, commissioners and members of the organizations.

The candidates present from the At-Large 1 race were James Ingle, Dejeon Cain and Lauren Poe. The candidates present from the District 1 race were Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Ray Washington and Armando Grundy.

“We want to get students that graduate here to stay here,” Grundy said.

Several candidates reflected his sentiment.

“This race is about jobs,” Ingle said.

Candidates’ responses varied when asked if initiatives such as Innovation Hub will create jobs.

Innovation Hub is a 48,000-square-foot business incubator designed to house startup companies grown out of technology developed at UF and around the state.

“This could be the Silicon valley of the South,” Hinson-Rawls said.

Others disagreed.

Washington said Innovation Hub is “nonsense” and that it isn’t needed for innovation.

Responses varied when asked about how to improve public transportation in the city, but most of the candidates agreed that transportation could be improved.

Poe recommended looking into a streetcar system.

Hinson-Rawls said it would be a good idea to designate one lane of traffic for carpools and buses.

Ingle said there needs to be more RTS bus service at Santa Fe College.

Cain said it would help to have 24-hour RTS bus service.

The City Commission elections will take place Jan. 31.



Lauren Poe, a Gainesville City Commission At-Large 1 candidate, speaks to a crowd of about 50 people, 25 of whom were students, at a forum Monday night in the Reitz Union.

Audre Larrow / Alligator Staff

ACTIVISM

Student groups come together to protest tuition hikes this week

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gator Student Alliance formally announced its formation and its week of action at noon Monday on Turlington Plaza.

The week of action campaign is fighting against the recent 15 percent tuition hike for the 2011-12 academic year.

"We're so excited to be part of the driving force on campus."

Erin Murphy

UF College Democrats delegate

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today on the North Lawn students can voice their opinions by signing the Gator Student Alliance banner.

Students can learn about tuition hikes at noon Wednesday on the Plaza of the Americas. The week of action ends on Thursday with a rally at 1:30 p.m. on Turlington Plaza. The alliance will march from Turlington to Emerson Hall to present demands to the Board of Trustees.

Of the 22 groups in the alliance, delegates from Students for

a Democratic Society, Club Creole, CHISPAS, UF College Democrats, Colombian Student Association and Graduate Assistants United announced their association Monday. The Hispanic Student Association delegate was also present but did not speak.

"We're so excited to be part of the driving force on campus," said Erin Murphy, 21, the UF College Democrats delegate and an environmental science senior.

The Creole Club delegate, Mercancia Noelsaint, a 21-year-old telecommunication junior, said she believes tuition hikes affect minorities the most. Her club consists mostly of Haitians who are expected to get an education but rely heavily on scholarships and grants to achieve that, she said after the conference. She will march in the rally on Thursday.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said two students requested to speak at the Board of Trustees meeting.

"We are certainly willing to see what they have to say on Thursday," Sikes said.



Haley Stracher / Alligator

Members of the Gator Student Alliance speak during a press conference on Turlington Plaza on Monday afternoon to protest tuition hikes and Bright Futures Scholarship program cuts.

UF receives \$1.1 million to improve mental health care in India

MAGGIE POWERS

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF has received a \$1.1 million grant to research and help improve behavioral health care in three Indian cities.

The National Institutes of Health's Fogarty International Center awarded the money to UF.

Although India has one of the highest suicide rates in the world, it is severely lacking in mental health professionals, said Linda B. Cottler, leader of the project.

Other mental health issues that will be addressed are violence, addiction, psychosis and dementia, she said in a UF news release.

"We need more mental health professionals trained in India," she said.

Cottler, a UF professor and chairwoman of the epidemiology department in the colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Medicine, said the project will focus on three cities: Bengaluru, Gangtok and Tezpur.

The project will concentrate on increasing the number of mental health professionals through workshops in India and fellowships for Indian professionals in the U.S., Cottler said.

These fellowships have health professionals from India come to the U.S. for an extended period of time.

Cottler said the idea is for the Indian

trainees who study in the U.S. to take their knowledge back to India and teach others. Sonam Ongmu Lasopa, a trainee from India, said she is gaining a lot of experience in her time in the U.S.



Cottler

She said she worked in Sikkim for five years as a psychologist before coming to study in the United States in January.

Lasopa can attest to the fact that there are very few mental health professionals in these regions, she said.

"There's a lot of stigma attached to being mentally ill," she said.

People from India tend to seek religious help before professional help, she said, and some people attribute their behavior to possession by demons.

"That's the more acceptable form of treatment for people who behave abnormally," she said. "By the time the person comes to the mental health facility, the prognosis is already bad." Many people from India are not aware that they have a mental illness, Lasopa said.

She hopes that by promoting awareness through her research while at UF, she can spread her knowledge and help those suffering from mental illnesses.

Questions chosen for debate wall

► THE WALL WILL LAUNCH IN JANUARY AND ENCOURAGE DEBATE OF MAIN POLITICAL ISSUES.

AUBREY PRIMER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Does voting really matter? Should the draft be reinstated? Should Sarah Palin run for president?

These are some of the questions that the Bob Graham Center Public Service Council will encourage students to answer through the Great Civil Debate Wall.

Launching Jan. 17, the wall will allow UF students and Gainesville residents to debate current politicized and controversial issues.

Eleven members of the council met Monday evening to compile a bank of questions, which will be displayed on five touch-screen kiosks on a wall of the Pugh Hall Ocora Room.

The wall is comprised of electronic interfaces that display questions in topics from international relations to policies implemented at UF.

Visitors are asked a yes-or-no question and are then prompted to supplement their answers with an explanation consisting of 140 characters or less. Users can then comment on other visitors' responses.

The wall has cost about \$250,000 of a \$3 million Knight Foundation grant, said Ann Henderson, director of the Graham Center.

"Our big goal is to have [2,500] students using it," said 21-year-old Sabin Ciocan, a UF history and political science senior and president of the Graham Center Public Service Council.

"We're trying to study whether social media can be used to improve our civic dialogue in the United States," Henderson said.

Eight percent of Floridians under the age of 30 voted in the 2010 election, said Shelby Taylor, digital/communications director of the Graham Center.

"We, as a public university, and the Bob Graham Center, as a public service center, have an obligation to try to turn those numbers around," she said.

For more information on the wall, visit graham.centers.ufl.edu.

There are mixed reactions to lifting the restrictions

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ing it at all," said Nick Tatel, 35, manager of Express Lane Liquor in Alachua.

He said he normally gets very little business on Sundays anyway.

"I think it's good you can't sell liquor on Sundays," Tatel said. "It gives people time to go to church and not be hungover on Monday."

Most people buy alcohol on Friday nights and Saturdays, he said.

"People go to church on Sunday," Tatel said. "[People] want to be with their families on Sundays."

The Alachua County laws currently allow beer and wine sales on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. On Sundays, no liquor may be sold.

"What's the difference between beer and liquor? It's all alcohol," said Alan Fishman, 60, manager

and owner of Spindrift Lounge in Alachua.

Fishman has owned the rock 'n' roll club and package store for 28 years, he said.

He said he is allowed to sell beer and wine over the bar on Sundays, and no packaged beer and wine may be sold.

"It would keep people out of trouble," Fishman said.

In Columbia County, you can sell beer and wine starting at 7 a.m. but with a cut-off time of midnight on Sunday, he said.

On every other day, he has to stop selling all alcohol at 1 a.m., an hour sooner than in Alachua County.

Fishman said the time cut also slashes his revenue by 25 percent.

"All these laws are crazy," Fishman said. "There ought to be one consistent law with it all."

Opinions

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Editorial

Misunderstood Letter writer missed point of our editorial

In Monday's issue of the Alligator, we printed a letter to the editor that we believe needs to be addressed.

While we express sympathy for the horrible accident that the author experienced due to the recklessness of a drunken driver, we believe her conclusions about the point of our editorial are way off.

First, we did not say that nausea and headaches were the only side effects of drinking alcohol. They are mainly characteristic of the morning after you drink.

If our editorial was about the side effects of drinking alcohol, of which we believe a college audience should already be quite aware, we would have included impaired judgment, double vision, dizziness, impaired motor skills, etc.

But that was not the point of our editorial. First, we were commending UF for creating medical amnesty, saying that it was a step in the right direction to reducing alcohol-related illnesses.

If a student is afraid to go to the hospital after having too much to drink, then he or she could be at risk for serious health problems.

Second, we recommended that the stigma surrounding drinking and alcohol needed to be removed by lowering the drinking age and allowing parents to properly teach their kids about the negative effects of alcohol.

We believe that if students can learn at an earlier age what effects alcohol can have on their bodies, accidents like the author's could be reduced. It would be foolish to think that people would never drink and drive again.

We do not see how lowering the drinking age would increase the number of drunken drivers. The author did not mention in her letter the age of the driver who injured her. However, whether the driver was 18 or 25, it would not make the point of our article any less relevant.

Drinking and driving is certainly a serious problem among adults and teenagers. But that is another issue entirely from what we presented.

Horrible accidents like the one experienced by the author has and always will be the consequence of people drinking irresponsibly. However, she is comparing apples with oranges.

The Alligator is not trying to be "the cool big brother" for our readers. On our opinions pages, we strive to present well-reasoned arguments for issues of the day.

We do not feel that our readers came away from that particular editorial with the idea that a headache and nausea are the only consequences of consuming alcohol.

This was not part of the argument we were trying to make, and our readers are smart enough to discern our main arguments.

Again, what the author of the letter experienced was horrible, and we hope that no one has to go through that sort of ordeal. But her accusations against the Alligator are unjustified.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you feel the 15 percent tuition hikes are necessary?

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Column

Regis' retirement marks end of an era

It's the end of an era, folks.

No, I'm not talking about the different freedoms currently at risk in America.

I'm not talking about the NBA lockout being lifted, either. Perhaps, by the time you're reading this, the lockout will be reinstated — again.

I'm not even talking about the American staples of "All My Children" and "One Life to Live" being canceled this year.

It's the end of the Philbin era, ladies and gents.

Regis Philbin's last day as co-host of "Live With Regis and Kelly" was Nov. 18, and I think we all need to thank him.

He has been on television for 36 years, ever since hosting "AM Los Angeles" in 1975.

I would argue that Philbin has raised practically all of us. His morning talk shows have been there on any given weekday we happened to be home. We let him into our lives and our mornings as we heard about his life and his goings-on.

He retired from "Live" at 80 years old, and I think that's quite a career. Sure, he had a hard time keeping up with the current technology trends — perhaps that's part of the reason he chose not to renew his contract.

There's going to be a generation of kids that won't know who Regis is. Isn't that strange?

They'll never get to see this elderly man mess up the names of celebrities, be unable to use a phone or pretend to understand current events.

Thankfully, Kelly Ripa, Philbin's co-host since 2001, will take over as the person whose face we associate with the show. I think this transition represents the changing of the generations. No longer will the co-host struggle to keep up with outdated references. No one will have to explain, then re-explain, what Twitter is.

Did Philbin leave because he felt, comparatively, like a dinosaur to everyone else around him? Maybe. Did he leave because at 80 years old there is basically nothing else to do but retire? Perhaps.



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The gap between the current parents/grandparents and the "youth"/"young professionals" is kind of hilarious. We all have to answer questions about texting or using Facebook, but I think we hold our TV talk show hosts to a higher standard.

What's next for "the Reeg?" Nobody knows. He's written a memoir — published three days before his last "Live" show — so he'll be around to promote it on all of the late-night shows, I'm sure.

Not everyone who "retires" from TV stays away for long. I'm looking at you Rosie, Oprah and Brad Gore-ski.

But would Regis have a place on TV anywhere else besides the morning? I think he left "Live" very gracefully (if you watched his final episode, I hope you had a box of tissues on hand) and shouldn't try to rebrand himself to fit the needs of the current generation.

He had a good, long run. He currently holds the world record for spending the most hours on TV. By golly, I think he's earned his retirement many times over. I think he could have retired a few years earlier before the culture and generation gap became even more obvious.

We should all be so lucky to have such a long and rewarding career. While they may not break hard-hitting news stories, daytime talk shows should not be taken for granted. Everybody has his or her morning routine, and Regis has been a part of mine for nearly as long as I've been alive.

So thank you, Reeg, for being there when we all needed a laugh, whether it was with you or at your expense. You always knew which was needed, and you are a true master of television. We should all be as "outta control" as you are.

Sami Main is a journalism junior at UF. Her column appears on Tuesdays.

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

UWire

Obama needs to take stance, stick to principles to unite public

With the Occupy movement making headlines and a dysfunctional Congress dragging our nation through the mud, Obama must hold to his principles if he wants to reunite with a disillusioned public.

Three years ago, on the night of the 2008 election, I was covered with Champagne, having just flooded Broadway with a group of other Columbian students to rally into Harlem. The air was electrified. I looked at the New York City skyline from my Carman room, turned to my roommate and said, "Here comes the big Obama hangover."

But wide-eyed freshmen that we were, we expected that he would soon have his moment to shine.

The democratic demand for unconditional, universal health care was finally conceivable. Republicans were not having it, but progressives held the House and the

Senate. We were blue through and through, and this was our time.

Public education would be salvaged, the Bush-era tax cuts for the rich would end, and Wall Street and the failing corporate megaliths would be forced to pursue their profits with more restraint.

Obama wanted these things — he said as much in his election speeches. But then the fight for health care took a nasty turn. Extreme right-wing "Populists" heeded the ultrawealthy Koch brothers' call to libertarianism. On the surface, they looked like they might have had a legitimate stance. America has, after all, always had at its core a conflict between the romantic dreams of freedom and the declaration's promise of equal opportunity.

But this health care debate was a false dialectic. The fact is, ordinary Americans are doing worse than they believe. They

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have become convinced that if they rely on their own resources, they too can buy a yacht, a second home and several cars — the same delusion that the Goldman Sachs Group Inc. was well aware of when it bet against the subprime loans that Americans naively pounced on.

Naysayers claimed that America was too far in debt to afford to support the bill, but its architects had taken measures that would ensure a lower impact on our budget.

The public option could have been completely covered with taxes on the ultra-wealthy or with money originally allocated to handouts for that demographic.

It's no wonder that top earners had no desire for this to happen. It is, however, a wonder that Republicans share that senti-

ment. They are convinced that the system that allowed speculative capitalists to harvest the profits of America's delusions will ensure their own prosperity.

It is this judgment failure I hoped to hear called out by the Obama administration. In a united effort, many Americans elected Obama to regain their faith in the government.

So, when he chose Ben Bernanke as the chairman of the Federal Reserve and backed down on his previously stated convictions in the name of "compromise," their disappointment was understandable.

Three years after the Champagne in the street, Columbians are still feeling the hangover. Some say that Obama is cornered and that we must concede our ideals. I firmly disagree with that perspective.

Ittai Orr is a columnist for the Columbia Daily Spectator at Columbia University.

UWire

Anger over Muhammad cartoon stems from lack of tolerance

And boom goes the petrol bomb. French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo (Charlie Weekly in English) recently published a front page caricature of the prophet Muhammad with a caption that read, "100 lashes if you don't die of laughter."

Consequently, the Charlie Hebdo offices were blown up with a petrol bomb. Petrol, another name for gasoline, is apparently a cheap and effective way of making a household explosive device because it took a very short time for some crazy terrorist to put it to use.

Depictions of the prophet Muhammad are extremely offensive to Muslims. Despite this, many French Muslims came out in support of Charlie Hebdo and freedom of the press, citing it as important even if the content is not always sensitive to Muslims. They are asking Muslims not to take the depiction too seriously and calling for peace.

But this isn't the first time we have seen outcries against broadcasting or publishing depictions of Muhammad. Even "South Park" depicted Muhammad in a bear suit, caving to the fear of possible backlash if they actually showed the figure without a disguise.

Want to know what makes this situation even better? Charlie Hebdo "has reproduced the image with other caricatures in a special supplement distributed with one of the country's

Parker Cramer
UWire

leading newspapers," according to Reuters.

This is a classic situation of who is the bigger jackass. On one hand, you have a newspaper that really is just begging to be attacked by printing a Muhammad cartoon. On the other hand, you have some pissed off radical Muslims who can't take a joke.

As a member of the press, I think freedom of the press is a pretty good idea. That being said, the press has been known in the past to push the envelope on what is appropriate for print.

In doing this, Charlie Hebdo put the lives of employees and innocent bystanders at risk. And for what? What did they accomplish by publishing a Muhammad cartoon? Nothing.

However, Charlie Hebdo and all newspapers should be able to publish whatever they want without fear of violent retribution from any group, radical Islamists or otherwise.

Learning to take a joke is part of living in Western society.

Nothing is sacred here — get used to it. If individuals fought every time someone insulted them, society would not function.

If a newspaper can print caricatures poking fun at Catholic priests, then they sure as hell have the right to poke fun at

Muhammad.

Whichever individual or group was behind the Charlie Hebdo attack needs to just kick back, down a six-pack and find a pretty lady in need of companionship. There is no better recipe for pacifism.

There is no such thing as a justifiable excuse to kill or attempt to kill others in the name of religion.

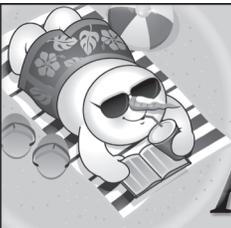
I stand behind Charlie Hebdo. Its reprint of a caricature of Muhammad after the attack shows defiance in the face of violent extremism. The newspaper is now obviously aware of the dangers it faces by printing such a depiction, but Charlie Hebdo is fully within its rights to do so.

Any danger the newspaper faces is on its staff, but I would hope other newspapers around the world follow suit and print stories in the face of adversity or harm.

It all comes back to tolerance. Tolerance means being able to take a joke and not letting it phase you. Violence is the antithesis of tolerance.

People make fun of Jesus. People make fun of Scientology. People make fun of Mormons. And people will continue to make fun of Muhammad. It's high time to get over it and have a good laugh.

Parker Cramer is a columnist for The Daily Reveille at Louisiana State University.



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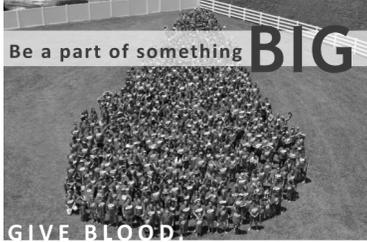
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CRIME Two arrested in lovers' quarrel

MORGAN WATKINS
Alligator Staff Writer

A woman was in jail Monday after smashing a coffee mug against her live-in boyfriend's face Sunday night during an argument that ended in both of their arrests.

Ebony Kelley, 25, was arguing with her boyfriend, Andrew Vargas, 25, at about 10 p.m. Sunday over his sleeping with an ex-girlfriend, said Cpl. Angelina Valuri, public information officer for the Gainesville Police Department.

They were in an apartment at

1018 NW Fourth Ave.

Kelley hit Vargas in the cheekbone with a coffee mug, cutting his face, Valuri said.

Vargas then "pinned her down, choked her, slammed her head into a door frame and ripped out some of her hair," Valuri said.

Vargas then fled to the Kangaroo gas station at 926 W University Ave., where he called 911 to get help for his injuries.

Gainesville Police Department officers found Vargas covered in blood at the gas station, Valuri said.

He was taken to Shands at UF,

where shards of the coffee mug were removed from his face.

Vargas was arrested and later taken to Alachua County Jail, as was Kelley, who was arrested back at the apartment, she said.

While Vargas was charged with felony domestic battery by strangulation, Kelley was charged with domestic aggravated battery.

Vargas was released without having to pay bond by order of the judge, according to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail.

Kelley is being held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.



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Energy Exhibit

Georgeann Houck, of Youngstown, Ohio, looks at the recently completed energy consumption exhibit, "Our Energy Future," at the Florida Museum of Natural History on Monday afternoon.

Candidates receive endorsements

MEREDITH RUTLAND
Alligator Staff Writer

Two city commissioners have picked the candidates whom they support to replace them.

Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, who holds the citywide At-Large 1 seat, has decided to support former commissioner Lauren Poe.

Commissioner Scherwin Henry, who holds the District 1 seat, is supporting Armando Grundy.

Both commissioners cannot run for re-election because they've reached the limit of two terms. Each term lasts three years.

Mastrodicasa said she supports Poe because they have similar stances. She said Poe worked to lower the city's millage rates, which affect property taxes.

Mastrodicasa worked with Poe during his three years on the City Commission, which ended when he lost his re-election race in the spring.

Henry said he's mentored Grundy for two and a half years. He said Grundy has worked hard to get ready for this role.

Henry said Grundy approached him three years ago and asked for a chance to learn from him.

Since then, Henry said, Grundy's been involved in the city, serving on the Alachua County Charter Review Commission.

"He's prepared himself to succeed me," Henry said.

Grundy is an Army veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom as a paratrooper.

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MOVE IN NOW- Need 1 male student to share 4/4 Countryside condo, near poolside. Easy commute UF/SFC, 2 bus rtes, furn common area, W/D. unfurn \$365/obo furn avail. Text 386-233-0011, ph 386-676-9703, nukken1@aol.com 1-9-11-11-4

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6 Furnishings

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BED - QUEEN - \$120 ORTHOPEDIC
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6 Furnishings

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7 Computers

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8 Electronics

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12 Autos

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SUNRISE AUTO SALES
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04 HONDA ACCORD \$8999
03 MITS ECLIPSE \$7999
05 TOYOTA CAMRY \$10999
352-375-9090 12-7-74-12

02 NISSAN XTERRA \$8999
07 SUZUKI VITARA \$12999
04 HONDA ODYSSEY \$9999
05 SUZUKI XLT \$9999
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13 Wanted

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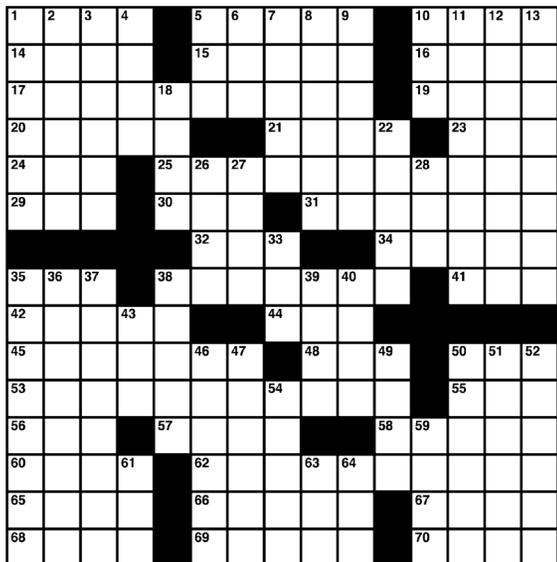
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- ACROSS**
1 Postseason gridiron game, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in starred answers
5 Baseball card brand
10 Young men
14 Tiny battery
15 Well-honed
16 Vicinity
17 *Sign of a typing mistake
19 Dogpatch possessive
20 Country singer Gibbs
21 Ostrich cousins
23 Quick swim
24 Before, before
25 *Indigent's request
29 Nine-digit ID
30 Ready
31 Not a good area for nonswimmers
32 Rehab woes, briefly
34 Also-ran
35 Little demon
38 *Wizard's game in the rock opera "Tommy"
41 B'way sellout sign
42 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"
44 ID checker's concern
45 An original Mouseketeer
48 Séance sound
50 Make a choice
53 *Street urchin
55 "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper
56 AOL chats
57 California wine valley
58 Church chorus
60 Playwright Simon
62 *Chain for plus-size women's fashion
65 Automaker Ferrari
66 "What's in ___?": Juliet
67 Orchard grower
68 Fret
69 Pert
- DOWN**
1 Moistens in the pan
2 Many John Wayne movies
3 President Harding
4 Lion's den
5 Taoist Lao-
6 "Well, lookie here!"
7 Road repair worker
8 Future doc's undergrad concentration
9 Smarten (up)
10 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
11 Desert feature
12 Fashion world VIP
13 Los Angeles bay named for an apostle
18 Smooch
22 Turtle's protection
26 Salon service often paired with a mani
27 Memo-routing abbr.
- 70 Murderous Stevenson character
28 GI's address
33 Entrepreneur-aiding org.
35 Makes believe
36 Memorial structure
37 Peewee
38 Eucharistic plate
39 Farming prefix
40 "Look before you ___"
43 On a pension: Abbr.
- 46 Sung syllables
47 Francia neighbor
49 Bartlett or Bosc
50 Chicago Fire Mrs.
51 In a sty, say
52 Exam taker
54 Family matriarchs
59 Fable
61 Sad
63 911 response initials
64 Ottoman governor

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After resigning last December from Florida due to health and family concerns, former coach Urban Meyer accepted the head coaching job at Ohio State on Monday.

Former Florida coach Urban Meyer takes job at Ohio State

► HE SIGNED A SIX-YEAR DEAL.

MATT WATTS

Alligator Staff Writer

After evading for at least a week rumors he would become Ohio State's next head coach, former Florida coach Urban Meyer did just that Monday.

Meyer signed a six-year contract worth \$4 million annually, plus another \$2.4 million in "retention payments."

He will replace interim coach Luke Fickell, who took over the program after Jim Tressel resigned in May.

Fickell will remain on Meyer's staff and will also coach the Buckeyes in their bowl game.

Meyer was announced as Tressel's successor at a press conference in Columbus, Ohio, where he said becoming the next head coach at Ohio State was never a thought when he resigned from his position at Florida on Dec. 8.

"In my mind, I was convinced I was done coaching," he said. "I was concerned with health issues. Family: I just wanted to be around them."

Meyer took the past year off from coaching, working as an analyst with ESPN. But the draw to return to coaching was too strong, and when the job opened at Ohio State, Meyer pounced.

The difference this time, Meyer says,

is he has found the balance necessary to function at a high and healthy level.

"I don't want to be one of those guys that's sleeping in the office saying, 'I missed this, I missed that,'" he said. "Believe it or not, there's a lot of quality coaches out there that are still able to have a little bit of balance."

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Urban Meyer

former Florida coach

Meyer's first coaching job was as a graduate assistant with Ohio State in 1987 under coach Earle Bruce. Meyer said his relationship with Bruce and his connection to the university were large factors in his decision.

"It's great to be home," he said. "I chose to pack up and move the most precious things in my life, and that's my family, to back home."

"And it's a decision I'm very proud of, a decision that was not thought of overnight; a decision that had a lot of prayer, a lot of research. At the end of the day, to tell you we're excited to be back, once again, is not a strong enough statement."

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Gators hoping Bartley stays hot tonight against Belmont

JOE MORGAN

Alligator Writer

As the Gators' starter at point guard, senior Lanita Bartley knows she needs to set the tempo.

Even so, what Florida does with the ball doesn't keep her awake at night.

"I really don't think about offense much, it just goes with the flow," Bartley said. "If you get defensive stops, then the offense will come."

Her offensive outburst against Charlotte (5-2) on Saturday, when she scored a career-high 28 points, tells a different story.

"When we've needed offensive production, she's been not just willing, but able to convert," coach Amanda Butler said. "Not just take shots, but make shots."

Florida (5-1) hopes that Bartley will con-

tinue to have the hot hand tonight against Belmont (1-5) at 7 in the O'Connell Center.

As has been the case this season, Bartley's points Saturday came mostly from her play inside. She has attempted just seven shots from beyond the arc this season and



Bartley

made one 3-point shot in two attempts against Charlotte.

"They couldn't stop my penetration," Bartley said. "Coach tells me to shoot every day. When I turn down shots, she's like, 'You need to shoot the ball.'"

Bartley was 9-of-17 from the field Saturday, putting up many of her points in the

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Donovan reaches 400th win

JOHN BOOTHE

Alligator Staff Writer

ORLANDO — Though the Gators didn't play their prettiest game on Monday night or win by their largest margin of the young season, they saw no problem in drenching their coach in a ceremonial Gatorade bath.

Despite missing an injured starter and losing a bench player to foul trouble, No. 10 Florida (5-1) secured coach Billy Donovan a 400th career victory by beating Stetson 96-70 in Orlando's Amway Center.

"Yeah, I got (soaked) pretty good," Donovan said. "I'm not sure who's paying for the dry-cleaning bill, but it was special. Like I told those guys when I walked in there: Again, they're a part of it too. ... It's nice when you can go in a locker room and you see a group of

guys happy for 400 games."

After Donovan changed into some fresh clothes, so did his team's mentality on the game they just played.

In the first half, the Gators were out-rebounded 21-19 by the Hatters and were held scoreless during a four-minute stretch late in the period.

Stetson went on a 13-0 run during UF's drought, and four different Gators failed to connect on six straight threes in the scoreless spurt.

In a 14-of-35 shooting night for Florida where most of its long-range threats struggled, freshman Brad Beal proved to be a bright spot by draining five 3-point shots and notching his second career double-double with a game-high

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Florida sophomore forward Will Yeguete notched a double-double in Monday's win against Stetson. See story, page 16.

Volleyball Honors

Kelly Murphy and Kristy Jaeckel were named to the All-Southeastern Conference first-team on Monday. Tangerine Wiggs was a second-team selection and Taylor Unroe made it on the All-SEC Freshman Team.



Quotable

"I pray to GOD we play Ohio State in the Bowl Game..!"

Matt Elam. UF safety
(on Twitter after the Meyer announcement)

Running Through the Tears

LaCaze overcomes global trek to excel at UF

JONATHAN CZUPRYN

Alligator Writer

She must have shed a tear for every mile away she was from home.

Her begging and pleading fell on deaf ears. America, a symbol of freedom for many, became a prison cell, holding her captive against her will.

From the footsteps of Springs Hall, she watched, through teary eyes, her family begin their trek home to Australia.

Genevieve LaCaze was alone.

Born to Tony and Donna LaCaze, a former Australian professional rugby player and ballerina, respectively, Genevieve seemed destined for athletic success at birth. And with three brothers within two years of her, she grew up playing sports with the boys, pushing her to compete harder and stronger.

"For fun, she and her younger brother, Henri, literally used to chase each other around the outside of the house for hours," Tony said of a young Genevieve growing up in Tamborine Mountain, Aus-

tralia. "She was always exposed to sport. I (used) to take her and her brothers to the local pool before they were 6 months of age."

But the enthusiasm for running began with a move to a tiny town in Queensland called Daisy Hill. With a population of about 6,000 people, Daisy Hill was merely a blip on the map, but it was here where Genevieve struck gold.

The LaCaze family made the move in her fifth-grade year, and immediately Donna wanted to get Genevieve involved in sports. She signed her daughter up for the school's running club, and it became a family event.

"At school in Daisy Hill in the early days, all the children, including Tony and I and Gen's dog, Oscar, would go to her training sessions and run with her," Donna said. "Out of the children, she excelled right from Day 1 at running."

Her mother was not exaggerating. Genevieve won her first competitive race, the school-wide cross country meet. From there, she competed in district, regional

and state meets, crossing the finish line in the top-10 every time.

Genevieve's potential, pinned on her at an incredibly early age, appeared to be met at just 10 years old. In the following years, there was no doubt she surpassed it.

In sixth grade, Genevieve was runner-up in the national meet, and a year later she claimed her first national title. Starting in ninth grade at John Paul College in Daisy Hill, Genevieve took home her school's honor of Athlete of the Year all four years.

Along the way in high school, she won national titles in cross country, track and triathlons. As Australian competition proved to be an insufficient challenge for Genevieve, she had her chance to shine worldwide during her senior year of high school.

Under the leadership and success of Genevieve, John Paul College represented Australia in the 2006 cross country world championship in Italy. A sixth-place individual showing, which helped lead her team to a fourth-place finish, was the pinnacle of her high school career and garnered interest from universities across the globe.

Todd Morgan, at the time an assistant coach for Florida, was intrigued.

The young coach called Genevieve "tough" and "hard-nosed" coming out of high school and was eager to steal her away from Australia. However, he understood how difficult it is to make a major transition in life.

"You never know how quickly someone is going to adjust, especially moving from the other side of the world," Morgan said. "There is a different environment and different training."

Coming from a strict private Catholic school, Genevieve enjoyed the thought of coming to UF, where the lifestyle is more free and relaxed. However, it was moving 10,000 miles away that frightened her. Being alone was petrifying to the girl who so closely relied on family.

"Even though I was given all the freedom, I didn't really want it at the time," Genevieve said. "I was more willing to stay home and just be around my family."

But her family pushed her to leave. "Donna and I both knew it was too good an opportunity to miss," Tony said. "Although we hated not having her around, we kept insisting to her that she should go. She was very reluctant."

Leaving her home country, where she accumulated myriad accolades and awards, was inconceivable to Genevieve. More importantly, leaving her comfort zone made her feel vulnerable.

The fear of loneliness was Genevieve's chink in the armor, almost preventing her from competing in the states.

So why not stay?

"Trust me, I tried," Genevieve said.

"I was offered a few scholarships over here (in America) and I came over and looked, and I did love Florida. The minute I saw it, I loved it.

"But I just wasn't willing to make that massive transition to leave my family and be over here. I was really petrified of the whole thought of it. But my parents

wouldn't have any of it, saying, 'You're going; that's the end of it.'"

Just like that, Genevieve became a Gator. Just like that, Genevieve was in a country that was as unfamiliar with her as she was with it.

From being the darling of Daisy Hill, Genevieve became just another athlete for the Gators. This realization and strong desire to return home drove her into a spiraling depression that dominated the first few weeks of school.

Running was the only thing keeping her head above water.

A first place-finish at the Mountain Dew Invitational, the Gators' annual home meet, kicked off her collegiate racing career. She went on to finish first for Florida twice more that year, including the regional and national meet. Her excellence on the course led her to winning Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, and earned her spots on the All-SEC and All-SEC Freshman Teams, as well as

"I just didn't know if I could stick it out. But running was the only thing I could escape to that made me feel a little bit more at home."

> Genevieve LaCaze

on the All-South Region Team.

"I think, 100 percent, if it wasn't for running so well and being so successful in that first year, I honestly don't know if I would have made it," Genevieve said. "I just didn't know if I could stick it out. But running was the only thing I could escape to that made me feel a little bit more at home."

Clinging to her sport as her lifeline, she pulled through the difficult first year. Each year came easier to Genevieve, gaining comfort and confidence along the way, as well as awards.

Boasting five of the top-10 times in Florida history, Genevieve has earned her spot among the elite runners of the sport. Four years of work culminated in her final race, the NCAA National Championship on Nov. 21. Her 42nd-place finish gave her the school's second best national championship performance since 1997.

But maturing outside the sport has been Genevieve's proudest accomplishment. A college experience marred early by loneliness has come full circle, with her becoming a leader, mentor and friend to others, like sophomore Cory McGee.

"Even away from running, Gen is one of the most enjoyable girls to be around," McGee said. "She's a good friend and good teammate so it's going to be hard not having Gen here. She's like the glue of the team; she keeps us all together."

The team will move on, as will Genevieve.

But with the clock winding down on her college experience, she can't find the heart to say goodbye, not to her new home.

"I never thought that I would find somewhere else that I could consider home. But I actually find myself calling Gainesville my home all the time."



Courtesy to the Alligator

Florida distance runner Genevieve LaCaze (151) runs with team members Florence N'Getich (153) and Cory McGee (152) during the NCAA Championship race on Nov. 21. LaCaze finished in 42nd place and posted the second best time for a Gator since 1997.



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Florida senior Genevieve LaCaze poses with, from left to right, her brother, Henri, her mother, Donna, and her brother, Ollie, after the NCAA Championship race on Nov. 21.

UF getting rebounding boost from Bartley



David Carr / Alligator

Florida senior point guard Lanita Bartley scored 44 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in two Gators' wins during the weekend.

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paint.

She attempted a team-high eight layups against the 49ers, making six of them.

"Slippery' is one of the ways we like to describe her," Butler said. "It's really amazing how she gets to the rim a lot of times."

Bartley's insistence on driving the lane also helped her pad her scoring effort via the free-throw line. She was perfect against the 49ers, making nine attempts from the charity stripe.

Overall, Florida's free-throw percentage was 85.2 percent against Charlotte, a performance that improved the Gators' season percentage to 68.9, the second-best mark in the Southeastern Conference.

"Slippery' is one of the ways we like to describe her. It's really amazing how she gets to the rim a lot of times."

Amanda Butler

UF women's basketball coach

"It was just a must," Bartley said. "The game was close and we really needed to hit those free throws."

In addition to defeating Charlotte, Florida earned an 85-74 victory against La Salle (2-5) last Friday as part of the Courtyard LaGuardia Turkey Classic in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Bartley scored 16 points against the Explorers and added nine rebounds, which gave her a two-day total of 16 boards.

Junior forward Jennifer George, who grabbed 24 rebounds, was the only Gator to best Bartley.

"That's probably the thing that makes people scratch their heads the most," Butler said.

"For her to come up with eight rebounds or nine rebounds and she just seems to do it and does it on a consistent basis — it certainly isn't a fluke."

Through six games, Bartley's 37 rebounds are the second most on the team behind George's 54.

The 5-foot-6 guard may be the shortest player on the UF roster, but she believes that she succeeds because of her height.

"They just forget about me sometimes," Bartley said, "so I just make sure I crash."

UF Athletic Director Foley wishes Meyer well at OSU

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Still, he said Florida would also hold a place in his memory.

"My six years in Florida, Florida was my dream job," he said. "Everybody says: Is Ohio State your dream job? That's a term that's thrown around really loosely.

"I will always be a Gator, will always be a part of that situation."



Meyer

Athletic Director Jeremy Foley released a statement wishing Meyer well and thanking him for what he did during his time at Florida.

"We will always be indebted to Urban Meyer and his contributions to the University of Florida," Foley said. "He elevated our program, winning multiple national championships and made a strong impact in this community.

"Over the past 11 months, he has clearly had an opportunity to determine that now is the right time to return to coaching. He is good for college football and we knew he would return to the sidelines to coach again. We wish nothing but the best for him and his family as he embarks on a new chapter in his career."

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Freshman Beal scores game-high 22, notches double-double in win

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22 points and 10 rebounds.

For the second consecutive game, Beal was forced into the power forward slot at times due to foul trouble by UF's traditional big men and 6-foot-10 junior Erik Murphy's knee injury. Forward Casey Prather fouled out with 6:14 left and starting center Patric Young was limited with four fouls.

"I wouldn't say it had fallen on my shoulders really because everyone's rebounding," Beal said. "Coach Donovan

is always on me about rebounding, so I just tried to do whatever it took to push it on the offensive end and try to rebound as much as I could."

Beal's game-best nine defensive boards, including five in the second half, helped the Gators regain their pace and limit the Hatters to just four second-chance points after allowing seven in the opening 20 minutes.

"I felt like that was going to be a key in the second half, that we could not give up second shots because when we were getting out on the break, good things were happening," Donovan said.

Though guards Kenny Boynton and Mike Rosario ended the game a combined 5 of 15 from three, the 5-foot-8 Walker was able to battle back from a poor shooting start by hitting 4 of 5 shots in the last 12 minutes. He finished with 21 points and a game-best six assists.

"Coach Donovan just told us we always got to come out and be aggressive no matter who the team is and that Stetson had a weaker team, but they are good enough to beat us," Walker said. "We listen to everything he says and we believe in him, so we knew we had to be ready to go."

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THE TOM GREEN SHOW

Gators fans shouldn't feel betrayed by Meyer's move to OSU

Since reports began to surface last week about former Florida coach Urban Meyer taking the job at Ohio State, I have heard a lot of different reactions from Gators fans.

Some feel betrayed. Some feel they were lied to. Others are disappointed or frustrated with the way everything played out.

However, there's one reaction I have yet to see from the Florida faithful — empathy.

I understand all the negative reactions from Florida fans; it's frustrating to see your coach retire, and then come back not even a year later to take his "dream job."

But that's exactly what Meyer did. He took his dream job. The opportunity of a lifetime approached him, and when it knocked Monday, he answered.

Fans should understand that when Meyer announced his retire-

ment last Dec. 8, he didn't know the Ohio State job would open up this year. While the tattoo scandal surfaced in late December, Meyer couldn't predict Jim Tressel's handling of the situation would cost the Ohio State coach his job months later.

When he stepped aside for health concerns and to spend more time with his family — watch his daughters play college volleyball and serve as a coach for his son's Little League team — he had no idea what the future held. He walked away from Florida because the job consumed him, and he knew he couldn't handle it at the time.

"Florida deserves the best, and I'm not sure we gave them our best this year," Meyer said in December.

He didn't lie to fans. He didn't betray them, either. He was con-



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ference Monday night.

Meyer gave everything he had to Florida for six seasons. He brought two Southeastern Conference titles, two BCS championship trophies and 65 wins to Gainesville, not to mention the millions of dollars he helped bring in to the school as a result of those accomplishments.

After giving his all to Florida, his health included, Meyer made the best decision for himself last year when he retired. He did the same thing Monday, when he agreed to a six-year, \$24 million contract to become the head coach

at Ohio State, with millions more in bonuses and "retention payments."

For as long as Meyer has been coaching, Ohio State has been his dream job. He's from Ashtabula, Ohio, which is 195 miles from Ohio State's campus. His first college coaching gig was as a graduate assistant for the Buckeyes in 1986 under coach Earle Bruce.

While at Utah, Meyer had a clause in his contract that would allow him to bolt for OSU without penalty if the opportunity ever presented itself.

If anyone should feel any sense of betrayal, it should be the players Meyer left after the Outback Bowl. But they don't seem to feel that way. A couple, like offensive lineman James Wilson and linebacker Jon Bostic, didn't have a comment Saturday on the situation.

Others, like linebacker Jelani

Jenkins, took to Twitter on Monday and said that while it came as "a shock," the Gators will "be fine." Wide receiver Andre Debose even posted he's "not mad at all."

"Not a problem with me," defensive tackle Omar Hunter said Saturday. "If he wants to be at Ohio State, good luck to him. I love coach Meyer. He brought me here to Florida. I can never say anything bad about coach Meyer. I respect him a lot; I love him as a coach. If he wants to go to Ohio State, good luck to him."

If Meyer's former players don't feel angry and betrayed, why should the fans?

Instead, fans should empathize with Meyer, because he is human, and he's bound to do what's in his best interest.

You and I would do the same. Contact Tom Green at tgreen@alligator.org.

Yeguete steps up with double-double in Murphy's absence

► HE HAD 10 POINTS AND 11 REBOUNDS IN 96-70 WIN.

GREG LUCA

Alligator Staff Writer

ORLANDO — For as long as junior forward Erik Murphy is going to be sidelined by a meniscus tear in his right knee, the Gators are going to rely on sophomore Will Yeguete.

If Monday's game against Stetson is any indication, Yeguete is up to the challenge.

Making only his second career start, Yeguete recorded his first double-double, scoring 10 points and hauling in 11 rebounds.

Still, when asked about Yeguete's performance after the game, coach Billy Donovan's first thought was on the sophomore's short-

comings.

"We've got to work on his layups," Donovan said. "Still need to work on layups."

Yeguete missed five layups Monday, the only blemishes on his 4-of-9 shooting performance and a clear reminder that he's a different player from Murphy.

"He doesn't shoot the ball like Erik does from the perimeter, but he does get in there and rebound," Donovan said. "He makes hustle plays. He's really good in the front of the press."

Yeguete's hustle has been evident on the stat sheet throughout his career. Last season, he led UF in rebounds per minute by a comfortable margin and would have posted the best offensive rebound percentage at 20.2 percent — the percentage of available offensive rebounds Yeguete grabs when he's on the court — in the nation if he had played

enough minutes to qualify.

That continued Monday, as Yeguete grabbed six offensive boards in his 26 minutes of action.

He was also a force at the top of UF's press, recording a game-high four steals.



Yeguete

But, outside of that, Yeguete's game still appears to be limited. He turned the ball over twice against Stetson after leading the team in turnovers per minute last season, and Donovan said early in the game Yeguete forced layups and put-back attempts when passing

might have been a better option.

But, facing a similar situation later in the contest, Donovan said Yeguete made the right move by passing the ball out, showing his capacity to grow and learn as his career progresses.

"He's just got to get better with the ball, making decisions," Donovan said. "He's getting better."

His improvement, as well as the development of sophomore swingman Casey Prather, will be critical as long as UF is forced to play without Murphy.

"For someone like him playing limited minutes, and Casey last year playing limited minutes, now that they're getting an opportunity to play more, I think that they're getting more and more comfortable," Donovan said.

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