



Students protest tuition hikes, budget cuts

► **THE GATOR STUDENT ALLIANCE HELD A TEACH-IN ON TURLINGTON PLAZA.**

AUBREY PRIMER
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Temperatures in the 50s didn't stand in the way of more than 30 students who gathered on Turlington Plaza to talk about their money.

About 10 members of the Gator Student Alliance held a teach-in at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday to inform students about tuition hikes, decreases in the Bright Futures Scholarship Program funding and Florida's education cuts.

The alliance discussed its mission for about 20 minutes.

"We have cut education more than any other state in the United States," said Cassia Laham, a 22-year-old political science senior and state coordinator for the alliance.

"Unemployment has doubled since 2008 — that's since my freshman year," she said.

Speakers used charts to help

students understand Florida's education funding and the steady decline of Bright Futures financing.

"That's a huge reason I'm at a state school — because of the cost," said Heather Rosenblatt, an 18-year-old psychology freshman.

Standing up against UF's yearly 15 percent tuition increase is important, she said.

"We have cut education more than any other state in the United States."

Cassia Laham
 state coordinator for the alliance.

The alliance is rallying against tuition increases at 1:30 p.m. today on Turlington Plaza. Members will follow the rally with a march to the Board of Trustees' meeting in Emerson Alumni Hall to propose their mandates.

The group plans to demand the Board of Trustees to vote against yearly tuition increases, said Chrisley Carpio, a 19-year-old history sophomore and head organizer and facilitator for the alliance.



Haley Stracher / Alligator

Gator Student Alliance members Robbey Hayes, a 20-year-old anthropology junior, and Marie Dino, a 20-year-old education sophomore, educate UF students passing through Turlington Plaza on Wednesday afternoon about the cuts that the state is making in education and how it will affect future tuition.

Former professor sentenced to four years in prison for fraud

EMILY MORROW
 Alligator Writer

A former UF nuclear engineering professor was sentenced to six months in prison Tuesday.

Samim Anghaie, found guilty of fraudulently obtaining millions of dollars in government contracts in February, will go to prison Jan. 9. His wife, Sousan, was sentenced to six months of home confinement for her role in the crime.

The couple must pay the federal government \$390,252 in addition to \$100,000 in fines each.

The Anghaies were convicted in February of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and more than 24 counts of wire fraud. The maximum penalty for each count of wire fraud is 20 years in prison.

The couple was accused in 2009 of

submitting false information to obtain contracts from NASA and the U.S. Air Force.

Some of the false information included research taken from UF students without their knowledge.



Anghaie

The Anghaies were the targets of a federal investigation that included a search of Samim Anghaie's UF office.

The university placed Samim Anghaie on leave in February 2009, and he resigned in November of that year after an additional internal investigation, said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes. Had he not resigned, he would have been terminated, she said.

ON CAMPUS

Student Health Care Center gets another batch of flu shots

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
 Alligator Contributing Writer

The Student Health Care Center has received 1,000 additional flu shots after the original 5,000 ordered were administered in early November.

The additional shots are a new vaccine being used for the first time in the U.S. this flu season. Unlike the regular shot, the intradermal flu vaccine uses a needle 90 percent smaller that injects into the skin instead of the muscle, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"They [the flu shots] were more in demand, so we looked to other options," said Catherine Seemann, SHCC marketing specialist.

The new flu shots are available at the SHCC. They will also be administered on

the Reitz Union Colonnade from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7.

Seasonal influenza activity commonly peaks in January and February, but it can start in October and last until May, according to the CDC.

Last year the SHCC ordered 10,000 flu shots and administered about 7,000.

So far, the SHCC has not seen an increase in the number of flu cases compared to previous years. Flu activity in Florida has also remained consistent, Seemann said.

However, the SHCC does see a trend of more students getting cold and flu symptoms in the winter.

Leandra Desinord is trying to avoid getting sick during her first week of final exams.

"If someone's sick around me, I'm go-

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No surgery for Murphy
 Starting forward Erik Murphy's injured knee does not require surgery, and he could return against Arizona Wednesday, pg. 21.



News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

11th Annual Latin American Film Festival

"Argentina: History, Politics and Film"

Today, 11:15 a.m.

Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Smathers Library, fourth floor (Latin American Collection)

All films are in Spanish with English subtitles. The films are free and open to the public. For more information, call 352-273-2745 or find the schedule at www.uflib.ufl.edu/pio/temp/LAC-films.pdf.

Sony Music and SGP present: Adele DVD Release Party

Today, 7 p.m.

Reitz Union, Room 282

Come see a free viewing of Adele's DVD Concert Special "Live at The Royal Albert Hall." The film has behind-the-scenes clips, unreleased tracks and more. Relax before exams, enjoy some free food and enter to win an Adele poster.

Pride Student Union Presents: The Red Affair

Today, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Reitz Union, Rion Ballroom

The Red Affair is a dance social in honor of those who have been affected by HIV and AIDS. It is suggested, though not required, that attendees come dressed in casual red clothing. Light refreshments will be served. For more info, visit the Facebook event.

UF Student Senate Legislative Writing Workshop

Today, 8 p.m.

Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

The purpose of the workshop is to increase transparency of the Judiciary Committee of the Student Senate as well as Student Government. Senators will educate members of the Student Body on how to create legislation in the Student Senate and the strength of the Student Body in the legislative writing process.

Dancin' Gators Fall Dance Showcase

Friday, 8 p.m.

Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Styles of dance showcased include: jazz, tap, hip-hop, pointe, contemporary, swing, Irish, Bhangra, Bollywood, Spanish and more. Admission is free. Alachua County Public Schools will be at the show collecting donations of canned food items to provide Alachua families with a wonderful holiday meal. For more information, visit www.dancingators.weebly.com.

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Inspi(RED) Soccer Charity Tournament

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Maguire Field

The ONE campaign at UF and Kappa Delta sorority will co-host a 6v6 charity soccer tournament at Maguire Field. All proceeds will go to Grassroot Soccer, an organization which harnesses the global popularity of soccer to help prevent the spread of AIDS worldwide. Teams can register at <http://www.grassrootsoccer.org/inspired-soccer/tournament-calendar/>. Registration costs \$4 per player. Free agents are welcome to sign up. More information about the tournament is available on the registration site. There will be prizes for the best teams.

Project Makeover

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Norman Field

Project Makeover will be hosting its annual Kickball Tournament. Any student or organization can participate. Teams of 8 can sign up by emailing pkickball@gmail.com. It's \$5 per person or \$40 for a team. All proceeds will go to this year's makeover at Chester Shell Elementary. For more information on Project Makeover go to <http://www.wix.com/ufprojectmakeovers/ufpm>

GLAM Indie Craft Show

Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Villa East, 301 N. Main St.

Shop for gifts made by 50 local artists, crafters, and designers. Admission is \$3 for adults; kids 10 and younger are free.

Heal the World's Run for the World 5K

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Flavet Field

Heal the World will have its second annual Run for the World 5K on Flavet Field. All proceeds will go to Rwanda Sustainable Families, an NGO micro-credit loan program in Rwanda that is hosted in Gainesville. Participants can opt to wear costumes and walk instead of running. To register, please visit www.healtheworlduf.com. Food and prizes will

be available for all participants.

Kaplan Course Auction

Monday, Dec. 5, 8 a.m., to Thursday, Dec. 8, 11 p.m.

Need to take the GRE, GMAT and/or LSAT? Help Project MASCOT take its mentees to SeaWorld by bidding on these Kaplan courses. Find out more at facebook.com/projectmascot, and place your bid on the event page's wall.

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STATE

Memorial service held in honor of student who died

Jade Guzzo's memorial service will be held Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at Pepe's Hideaway, located at 1045 E. Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach.

Tickets are being sold for \$25 at Boston's on the Beach, 40 South Ocean Blvd.

Food will be served during the service.

Ocean Properties has donated several hotel stays, spa certificates and restaurant gift certificates that will be auctioned during a silent auction at the service.

All of the funds raised from ticket sales, silent auction items and donations are being placed in a fund established for Jade's mother, Shirley Marshall, in her time of loss.

Donations can be made online at www.bostonsonthebeach.com as well as on The Bostons on the Beach facebook page and the 50 Ocean facebook page.

If you have any other questions, contact Christine Metzger at 561-350-6982.

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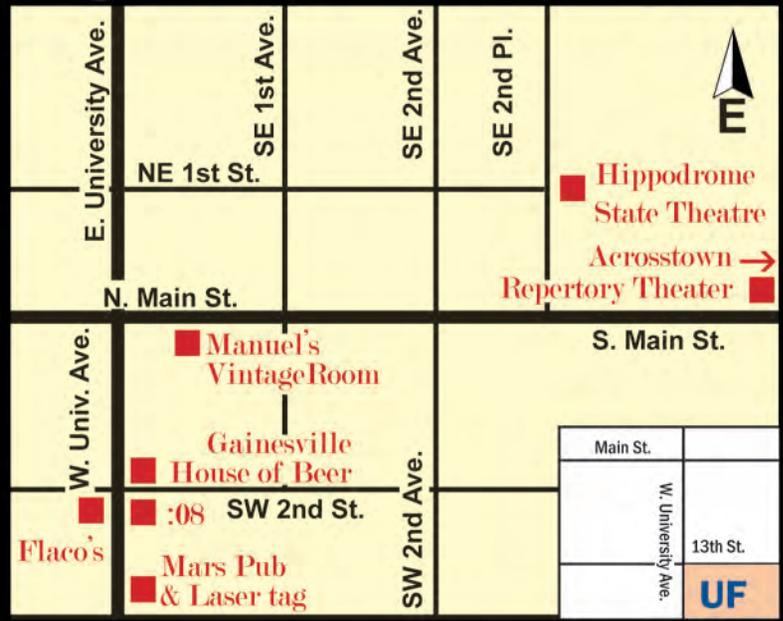
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Trustees to consider new fee, nixing sick leave payouts

Trustee Talk

- UF's Board of Trustees, the university's highest governing body, is meeting today and Friday at Emerson Alumni Hall.
- Committees will meet today from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday's meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a strategic discussion by UF President Bernie Machen. The full board meeting will begin after Machen's discussion.
- The proposals for a new undergraduate enhancement fee, changes to sick-leave payout for employees and the use of student fees for the Reitz Union renovation and expansion will be discussed at a meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy, which meets from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. today.

JOEY FLECHAS

Alligator Staff Writer

A new proposed fee for undergraduates and the elimination of payout for unused sick leave to university employees highlight topics that will be addressed at today's UF Board of Trustees meeting.

The creation of a new "undergraduate enhancement fee" is up for consideration by the board, UF's highest governing body.

According to the board agen-

da, the fee would be intended to "enhance the educational opportunities afforded to undergraduates by enhancing course offerings, academic facilities and teaching staff."



Machen

Further details on the fee will be provided at the meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy and Strategy.

The Board of Governors, the state university system's highest governing body, would have to approve the proposal before it takes effect.

Under another proposal, employees leaving the university would no longer get paid for unused sick leave. Employees hired before April 1, 2010, with 10 years of service would still be eligible for payouts.

The proposal does not change sick-leave accrual.



Haley Stracher / Alligator

Row in a Row

CREW members Stephanie Schwarz, 21, Angelica Callery, 21, and Alex Ahrenholz, 19, participate in CREW's Row Across Florida fundraiser by rowing a 10K on workout machines on Turlington Plaza on Wednesday.

Entrepreneurship program selected as finalist in national competition

ASHLEY HEMMY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Nikhil Kundra started Teechy, a business that offers technology support.

The 22-year-old also helped create Partender, which offers a faster way for bartenders to complete their bar inventory accurately. Instead of inventory taking about six hours, Partender reduces the time to 30 minutes.

"This class makes us aware of opportunities out there besides corporate America."

Kelly Riley
graduate student

Kundra said his success comes from what he is learning as a graduate student at the Thomas S. Johnson Master of Science in Entrepreneurship Program at the Hough Graduate School of Business, which has been selected as a finalist for the 2012 United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

The winner will be announced in New Orleans during the USASBE's annual confer-

ence, which will be held from Jan. 12 to 15. Past winners include Harvard University, Indiana University and the University of Texas.

The 30-credit program at UF, which lasts for 10 months, includes a trip to Dublin, Ireland.

During one class in MSE, a group of students create and launch a business by the end of the program.

"Our students are immersed in entrepreneur culture," said MSE Program Director Chris Tassin. "When they graduate, they know what they are doing."

Kelly Riley, a 23-year-old graduate student in the program, is working with her group on BarkUp!, a socially responsible business that creates dog apparel.

"This class makes us aware of opportunities out there besides corporate America," Riley said.

Kundra said that with the introduction of Groove-shark, he sees Gainesville starting to follow into a trend of entrepreneurial businesses.

"I've always had ideas," Kundra said. "Now classes are teaching me how to manage, how to change and how to think differently."

Kundra plans on continuing his businesses.

"Everything I do in class intertwines with what I'm starting," he said.

Students aim to aid local homeless youth

CARTER LYLES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Six UF students are trying to raise awareness about local homeless youth and encourage students to take action.

Transient Children of Alachua County is hosting "Homeless for the Holidays" from noon to 2 p.m. Friday on the Plaza of the Americas.

"Ultimately, the event is designed to try and engage the community to get involved with the issue," said Daniela Abratt, a 20-year-old journalism senior and group project leader.

The event is part of a project by students in professor John Kaplan's Social Media and Social Responsibility class.

"The goal of TCAC is to document homeless children in Alachua County and to tell their personal stories through in-depth reporting, feature

writing and photography," said Henry Taksier, a 22-year-old journalism senior.

"The goal of TCAC is to document homeless children in Alachua County."

Henry Taksier
journalism senior

According to the TCAC, 56,680 students in Florida do not have a home to go to during the holiday season. In Alachua County alone, 594 students lack a stable place of residence.

Homeless youth advocates will speak at the event, and visitors will be able to make holiday posters to be sent to St. Francis House and the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Gainesville.

For more information on the event and the TCAC, visit tcacu.com.

Man robbed at Santa Fe College downtown campus

POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE GUNMAN.

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Contributing Writer

A 69-year-old man was hit in the face with a gun Tuesday night after he was robbed on Santa Fe College's downtown campus.

At about 10:30 p.m., the victim was sitting on a bench with his laptop using Wi-Fi Internet near Santa Fe College's Blount Center on 401 NW 6th St. when a dark-colored sports car, possibly a Chevy Camaro, approached him, according to Gainesville Police.

The victim told police a light-skinned black man, about 5 feet 8 inches wearing a dark-colored hat and red bandana around his face, got out of the car, held a dark fire-

arm up to the victim's head and said, "Give it up."

After giving his Acer laptop to the attacker, the victim told police the man, who looked between 25 and 35 years old, hit him in the forehead with a gun. He said it looked like a semi-automatic handgun. The attacker then ran to his car and fled southbound.

Cpl. Angelina Valuri, GPD public information officer, said that during most robberies, the suspect is primarily focused on getting the victim's property and leaving the area as soon as possible.

"The fact that the victim was hurt after he turned over his belongings is highly unusual," Valuri said.

Police are still looking for the gunman. Any witnesses or anyone with more information are asked to contact police at 352-955-1818.

Students leave gifts for Machen, protest use of Adidas apparel



Catherine Skipp / Alligator

Gator Students Against Sweatshops delivered empty Christmas presents to President Bernie Machen's office Wednesday to protest UF's affiliation with Adidas.

▶ THE COMPANY USES SWEAT SHOPS.

JUSTIN JONES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Four gifts lay on a couch in UF President Bernie Machen's office, wrapped like they belonged under a Christmas tree.

Santa Claus didn't bring the gifts; the Gator Students Against Sweatshops did.

About 2 p.m. Wednesday, 10 students marched from the Plaza of the Americas to Tigert Hall carrying the packages to protest UF's affiliation with Adidas. The company produces some of its apparel in factories with sweatshop conditions, and the company supplies apparel to UF.

One of the packages delivered to Machen's office was meant to represent the broken promise that UF apparel would be produced only with the use of factories with sweatshop-free conditions. The other three represented each of the group's demands, according to Gator Students Against Sweatshops President Elena

Quiroz.

One of Adidas' factories, PT Kizone, in Indonesia, closed in January. The owner closed the shop and fled without paying the workers.

One of the group's demands is for Adidas to pay the workers \$1.8 million in severance.

Adidas is the only company that has not paid any of the amount owed to the PT Kizone workers, said Morena Hadziselimovic, a 21-year-old political science junior and creative director of Gator Students Against Sweatshops.

"We believe that this sort of direct action is the best way to get the university's attention," she said.

The goal of the march was to put pressure on UF and, in turn, put pressure on Adidas to pay the workers, said Layla Schuster, a 19-year-old pre-pharmacy sophomore.

When they reached the president's office, he wasn't there. However, Beth Boone, Machen's executive assistant, listened as one member read a letter to the UF president.

She would ensure that he got the letter, she said.

Center encourages students to get rest, eat healthy during finals week

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ing to get sick," said the 18-year-old exploratory freshman.

About 22 percent of students reported that a cold, flu or sore throat has affected their academic performance, ac-

ording to the Healthy Gators Survey 2010.

During final exam week, the SHCC and GatorWell Health Promotion Services advise students to get at least seven hours of sleep a night and maintain a healthy diet by eating fruits and vegetables.

The SHCC also encourages students to take basic sanitary measures such as washing their hands and sneezing into tissues or their elbows, Seemann said.

"Students have no idea who sat at a desk before them," she said.

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Editorial

Child's Play When is the Florida DCF supposed to care?

A closer look into the Florida Department of Children and Families reveals a troubling history.

Recently, local authorities were called to Orange River Elementary School in Fort Meyers after the assistant principal was warned of a horrible incident.

Two 12-year-old girls were reportedly arguing about who a male classmate liked better when one girl decided to go up to the boy and kiss him. A teacher spotted the incident and reported it to the assistant principal.

In defense of the teacher and the administrator, local school districts are required by law to call the DCF if they suspect abuse, and according to the Naples Daily News, DCF Sun Coast Region spokeswoman Terri Durdaller encourages these calls.

But the DCF should really not be concerned with a "kissing" incident. It should instead turn its attention to its horrible record on responding to child abuse as well as its inefficient foster care system in the state.

In February of this year, the DCF failed to respond to reports of child abuse, which eventually led to the death of 10-year-old Nubia Barahona at the hands of her foster parents, Jorge and Carmen Barahona. Nubia's body was found in a bag inside a pest control truck on Interstate 95 along with her twin brother, who had acid on his body. The brother was alive.

Carmen Barahona's 7-year-old granddaughter reported the abuse to an adult who eventually tried to report it to the DCF. The adult was told the department did not conduct investigations on weekends, which is not true.

In May, a baby boy was murdered by his mother's boyfriend, who had been suspected of child abuse. Hillsborough Kids Inc., a nonprofit that is sponsored in part by the DCF, contracted a social worker from Mental Health Care Inc. to visit the family. She apparently found no reason to be alarmed by the boyfriend's past record.

But the DCF does not just have a record of putting the lives of children in danger. When Deb and Doug Carlson of Miami adopted twin boys from foster care in 2007, they were told the boys suffered from ADHD. What they were not told by child-care officials was that the boys had other mental health problems and had moved from one foster home to another. The now-teenage boys have stolen the parents' credit cards and threatened to kill them.

From 2008 to 2009, Florida had 3,777 adoptions. During this same time period, there were 200 cases of adoptive parents attempting to return children to foster care after they had been adopted or during the adoption process. The Carlsons have said the DCF has left them completely out to dry in trying to care for the boys' destructive behavior and mental health issues.

Clearly, normal puberty-driven kissing outbursts should be of least concern to the DCF. The DCF has a lot of internal issues that need to be worked out before it can continue its child-care services.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think the Reitz Union needs to be renovated and expanded?

Wednesday's question: Are you already listening to Christmas music on the radio?
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65 TOTAL VOTES

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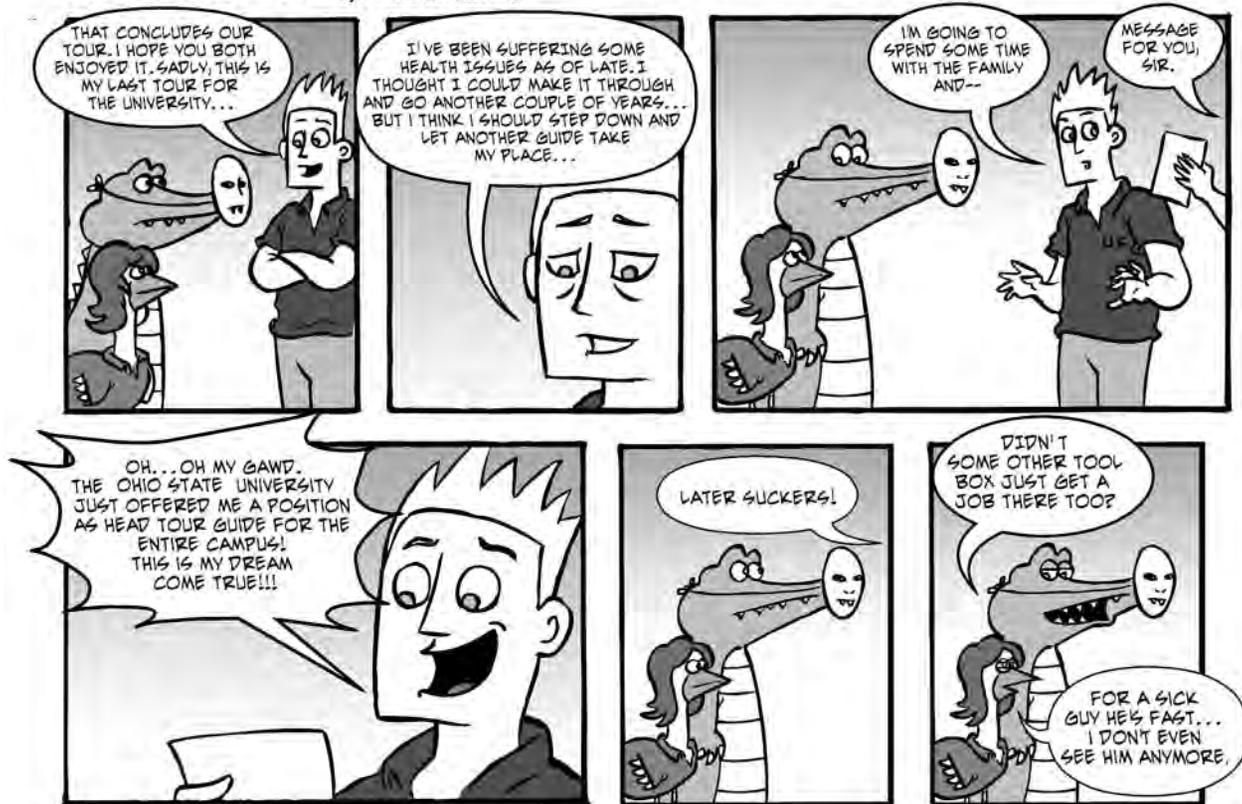
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Column

UF is full of opportunities ready to be seized

What's that I hear? Sleigh bells jingling? A ho, ho, ho from on high? Commercialism entering its strongest quarter?

Why, all of this can only mean one thing! And it's not Christmas.

No, what the end of 2011 brings is more than stockings hung from the chimney with care. It brings the final days of what I can safely say was one of the best years of my life. It brings the start of my last semester as an undergraduate student. If you believe the Mayans, it also brings the end of the world. But I'm somewhat skeptical of that.

What all of this means for me, personally, is that I'm entering a major transition in my life. UF will soon become part of my past rather than my all-encompassing present. And if that's not a good time to look back on everything this school has provided, I don't know when is.

For all its flaws, UF has been a great place to grow up. I say grow up because there's no denying that the person I was when I entered Hume Hall in 2008 is not the person I am now. Back then, for example, I thought spending more than \$500 a month on a dorm room was an intelligent use of money.

I also thought I could skip class every day, meal plans were honest bargains on food and I had all the appropriate time-management skills to coast through my college experience with ease.

But the most important thing I've learned during my time here is not to take any opportunity for granted.

I've learned how amazing it is to be attending this school that has so much to offer. Each of us is a student (or faculty member) of one of the largest universities in the nation. We're surrounded by so many chances to do things we'll never again be able to do.

I don't just mean the free movies at the Reitz Union, either.

I mean the academic, intellectual and cultural expansions that happen every single day as long as you're willing to engage in them. I'm still young, ideological and stupid.



Alex Guilmartin
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But I was even more of all of those things when I came to this school. I thought I might even be a libertarian!

Spoiler: I was wrong.

But I learned that by venturing out and taking the chance to attend meetings, listen to lectures and see Bob Barr speak to a crowd of supporters, I didn't just grow in

knowledge but in experiences that I wouldn't have been able to get if I hadn't made the leap.

I've spent the past several months writing for the Alligator, and it's been the sort of experience I'd have always kicked myself about if I hadn't taken the initiative to do it. I'm not into journalism. I'm not an English major. I've written for a few websites here and there, but I'm pretty sure the Internet thing is just a dying fad. So working with the Alligator this semester has been an opportunity I would have never had in any other setting.

It's because of this experience that I got bashed by strangers who disagreed with me and misinterpreted by belligerent readers who didn't care for my picture (at least that's what I've convinced myself they dislike about me). I've learned that separating partisanship from politics is impossible in any discussion. And I've gotten to see just how hard it is to appeal to people when you're writing about something other than pop culture.

And for all of that, I'm thankful. It's the sort of thing that UF provides an unparalleled opportunity to do.

Most of you already know this, of course. But it's nice to have a reminder. For the rest of you: Trust me on this. Reach out. Take a chance. Expand your mind and seize the day. You won't always find it so easy to do that.

Oh, and move out of Broward. Bunk beds really aren't that cool.

Alex Guilmartin is a psychology and pre-law senior at UF. His column appears on Thursdays.

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

Obesity screenings will now be covered by Medicare, Medicaid

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Writer

Don't worry about packing on the pounds as you get older.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced Tuesday that obesity screening and behavioral counseling will be covered by Medicare.

The center estimated more than 30 percent of current Medicare recipients would be categorized as obese and would therefore qualify for this benefit, according to a news release.

About 26 percent of Alachua County is obese, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

R. Paul Duncan, department chair of UF's Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy, said he views this decision as a "worth-

while and positive change."

By working against obesity, he said, the benefit is also working to prevent other conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.



Duncan

People with a body mass index of 30 or more are considered obese. Body mass index is a measure of a person's body fat based on his or her height and weight. The normal range for a healthy person is between 18.5 and 25.

Under the new Medicare plan, people who qualify can receive six months of free dietary and behavioral counseling sessions.

If the patient loses at least 6.6 pounds during the course of the sessions, he or she will be eligible for another six months of sessions.

ENTERTAINMENT

Singer risks arrest in custody case

Country singer Mindy McCready said Wednesday she will probably not be able to bring her 5-year-old son back to Florida to fulfill a judge's order by Thursday afternoon — because she is nearly seven months pregnant with twins.

By not returning as ordered, she risks arrest.

McCready said that she and her mother have had a long custody battle in Florida over Zander.

Her mother was awarded guardianship in 2007.

The battle became more public this week, when the Florida Department of Children and Families said a missing person report was filed with police after McCready took Zander from her father's home.

McCready was able to visit with the boy there because of a court order and the 36-year-old singer said she had spent much of the past month with her son

at the home.

Her mother and father are divorced.

McCready alleges that her son suffered abuse while living at her mother's home and that is one of the reasons why she left with the boy last week.

"I'm a mom first," said McCready from Nashville, Tenn. "No matter what happens, I'm going to protect my kid. If I have to go to jail, so be it."

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Twenty-five percent of children in Alachua County live in poverty

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ASHLEY HEMMY
Alligator Contributing Writer

Mycal Hixon spends his afternoons tutoring low-income students who, he said, come from broken families and lack a role model in their lives.

This year, the number of those students is the highest it's been in the past decade.

About 7,700, or 25 percent, of children across the county were living in poverty in 2010, said Vicki Glasier, a public affairs specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau. The data was collected as part of the American Community Survey, which is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 2000, 14.7 percent of Alachua County's students were living in poverty.

A family of four with two children would be living in poverty with an income less than \$22,113, according to the census.

The surveys are first mailed to a sample of 3,000,000 households in the U.S. The census follows with phone and door-to-door interviews

if the mailed surveys are not returned, Glasier said.

Neil Donovan, the executive director for the National Coalition for the Homeless, said the U.S. Census Bureau excludes homeless people from statistics.

According to the census, more than 5 million children lived in poverty nationwide in 2010, which is 1.1 million more than in 2009.

Homelessness and poverty can affect children physically and psychologically, Donovan said.

Obesity is a common problem for children living in poverty as they develop unhealthy eating habits.

"Going without a meal increases the likelihood of becoming obese," Donovan said.

Student United Way sponsors the Weekend Hunger Backpack Program, in which volunteers fill backpacks with food to give to Alachua County students.

Children who grow up in poverty are affected into their adult years, Donovan said.

"When you grow up in poverty, regardless of being provided with some opportunities, you are almost damned to be on public assistance for the rest of your life," he said.



Haley Stracher / Alligator

Ho-Ho-Hello

Kenny Holmes, student development specialist at Santa Fe College, waves to the passing vehicles on University Avenue dressed as Santa Claus to spread holiday cheer Wednesday night.

NATIONAL

Flying squirrel invades New Jersey emergency room, firefighters called

RAHWAY, N.J. (AP) — Firefighters were needed stat after a flying squirrel went nuts in a New Jersey hospital's emergency room.

The squirrel kept launching itself from an 8-foot-high wall-mounted lamp into a glass wall after becoming trapped in a trauma room at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway on Tuesday night.

Fire Department spokesman Capt. Ted Padavano

told The Star-Ledger of Newark it would climb up on a light and would jump off and glide.

A pair of firefighters threw a blanket over the squirrel and released it into a wooded area outside the hospital.

Padavano believes there may be a nest in the building because it's the second time in two weeks that a flying squirrel got in the ER.

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NATIONAL

Authorities find Mexican drug tunnel, seize 32 tons of marijuana

SAN DIEGO — 'Tis the season for finding cross-border drug tunnels.

The latest secret passage — equipped with a hydraulic lift, electric rail carts and a wooden staircase — was discovered Tuesday on the U.S.-Mexico border, highlighting an emerging seasonal trend. For three years, authorities have found sophisticated tunnels shortly before the winter holidays in what officials speculate is an attempt by drug smugglers to take advantage of Mexico's fall marijuana harvest.

The discovery of the 600-yard tunnel resulted in seizures of 32 tons of marijuana, one of the largest pot busts in U.S. history. It linked warehouses in San Diego and Tijuana and was equipped with lighting and ventilation. Wooden planks lined the floor about 40 feet underground.

"This is an incredibly efficient tunnel designed to move a lot of narcotics," said Derek Benner, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's special agent in charge of investigations in San Diego.

Authorities recovered nearly 17 tons of marijuana at the warehouse in San Diego's Otay Mesa area, nearly 12 tons inside a truck in Los Angeles and about 4 tons in Mexico. Six people were charged in federal court in Southern California with conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

As U.S. authorities heighten enforcement on land, tunnels have become a major tack to smuggle enormous loads of marijuana. More than 70 passages have been found on the border since October 2008, surpassing the number of discoveries in the previous six years.

Two weeks ago, authorities seized 17 tons of marijuana in connection with a tunnel that linked warehouses in San Diego and Tijuana.

Raids last November on two tunnels linking San Diego and Tijuana netted a combined 52 tons of marijuana on both sides of the border. In early December 2009, authorities found an incomplete tunnel that stretched nearly 900 feet into San Diego from Tijuana, equipped with an

elevator at the Mexican entrance.

"If they can't cross the border above ground, they attempt to tunnel underneath it," said Laura Duffy, the U.S. attorney in San Diego.

Authorities say central Mexico's marijuana harvest in early October presents drug cartels with a familiar challenge for any farmer: how to quickly get products to consumers.

"It's a significant amount of inventory that the cartels need to move, and they need to move it in the most expeditious and efficient way," Benner said. "It's like any other business. You've got a pile of inventory that you need to get moving and generate profits."

"This is an incredibly efficient tunnel designed to move a lot of narcotics."

Derek Benner

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
special agent

William Sherman, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's acting special agent in charge in San Diego, said drug traffickers may also go on a pre-Christmas smuggling push to give themselves a "little bit of hiatus" during the holidays to visit family in Mexico.

DEA wiretaps tend to go quiet during the holidays, he said.

It's unclear whether cartels are building the tunnels in time for the winter holidays or if that's when authorities just happen to find them. Some U.S. authorities are inclined to think the cartels are timing construction for the fall harvest, based on their belief that this year's two major finds in San Diego and one last year in San Diego were discovered shortly after they were completed. Heightened activity around building and operating the tunnels drew suspicion and exposed smugglers to getting caught.

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This image shows the entrance to a cross-border tunnel in San Diego on Tuesday, the latest in a spate of secret passages found to smuggle drugs from Mexico.

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Mars Pub beams up food

ERICA A. HERNANDEZ
Avenue writer

Tag, you're it! Mars Pub and Laser Tag is the spot for laser tag in Gainesville. With a 3,000-square-foot arena for tag, a variety of beer on tap and the recent addition of subs to its menu, this pub has got it all.

Located at 239 W University Ave., the pub is known as a gaming haven. It features Nintendo 64s, classic arcade games, foosball tables, board games and, of course, laser tag.

Conscious of its location, Mars Pub offers a \$7 rate per 10-minute laser tag game for students versus the \$8 regular rate.

As of Oct. 27, Mars Pub officially began serving food. Owners and UF graduates Melissa Del Valle and Gabriel Pena have always wanted to serve food. Now they have reached a point where they can.

"[Serving food] allowed us to open earlier than we would have without food, and we can also open later, like after 2 a.m., to serve food to people downtown," Del Valle said.

But Mars Pub and Laser Tag isn't just for overgrown kids at heart; the pub is kid friendly until 10 p.m., when an age requirement of 18 and older takes effect.

"We also wanted to give our younger customers something else to

do while they are here," she said. "A lot of people didn't want to have to leave our place to get food. Everyone just likes to eat."

The pub doesn't just serve any food. The new menu features more than 20 sub varieties, four of which are completely vegetarian. Besides the large variety, the menu is home to creative names and wallet-friendly prices ranging from \$4 to \$8. Names include "Mars Over My Hammy" and "Mario." Its brother sandwich, the "Luigi," consists of provolone cheese, salami and capicola.

"A lot of people didn't want to have to leave our place to get food. Everyone just likes to eat."

Melissa Del Valle
co-owner of Mars Pub

Beyond just low sandwich and laser-tag prices, Mars strives to keep beer prices low, too. Beer specials are available Tuesday through Friday and include "Three Dollar Thursday" when customers can buy pitchers, tankards and pints of any beer on draft for \$3, and "TwoCan Tuesday" when one can buy two cans of beer for the price of one.

For the rest of this story, visit alligator.org/the_avenue.



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Cozy Coozie

Mary Iserman of Knit At The Bar makes knitted items like this anchor coozie. Iserman will be one of the artists featured at the GLAM Indie Craft Show on Sunday. See story, page 16.

He Said, she Said: What's the deal with online dating?

♦ He Says...

Dating sites have bad idea written all over them. I've always seen them as nothing more than a relationship-focused Facebook — just another online opportunity to creep on people you will probably never get with.

My main issue with online dating sites is just that: It's online. Not to sound old fashioned, but whatever happened to meeting people in person?

College life serves up ample opportunities to find new people, spend time with them and get to know how they REALLY are.

Skimming a person's online profile (complete with a meticulously retouched picture and bombastic autobiography) comes nowhere close to the real thing.

Selection is another issue with dating sites. No offense to those who have tried them, but if you

have to go online to find a partner, then you probably aren't the prize of the dating scene.

Lynzee Marmor, a 20-year-old journalism junior at UF, said she agrees that college students shouldn't waste their time on a dating site.

"The best way to meet people in college is to socialize in class, at parties, in school clubs and at socials," Marmor said. "Most college students aren't busy with a career and family responsibilities where they have to resort to online dating to find someone special."

She makes a good point. College should be the easiest time in your life to find everything from a semester crush to a serious soul mate. Let your fears and anxieties go and strike up a conversation with somebody new. You're only in college once. Make it count.

— JACOB ROMOSER

♦ She Says...

I have sister who is 37 years old. When she was in college, she met a guy at a fraternity party who had caught her eye from across the room as he played pool with a group of friends. The two ended up talking, hitting it off and dating for the next 10 years. Now, they are happily married and have a daughter who is in the second grade.

OK, great. But what does this story have to do with online dating, you ask?

Well, nothing really, and that's the point. When my sister was in college, the Internet was an infant, an oddity a la "Weird Science" that was finding momentum through the nerd networks.

Fast-forward a few years to find geeks and Greeks alike wondering how they ever survived without the Web. We work, bank, shop, watch movies, snag music and attend class online; we may as well use the 'net for dating too, right?

The funny thing is online dating remains taboo. Hell, I will be the first to admit that I am absolutely humiliated by the fact that, at one point in time, I had an OkCupid.com

profile. It only lasted a month, and nothing ever came of it — but I had one nonetheless. Why is this so difficult to admit? I have friends who have met spouses online, yet even they wish they had a better meeting story than "Her profile was just too cute."

I realize that I'm being judgmental, but I will stand by the position that online dating is just embarrassing. Maybe this is because its mechanism is a showcase of brutal honesty. The setup invites millions of people to market themselves as desirable and publishes this information out into a virtual meat market.

"Hi, I'm single and looking."

Only, instead of seeing a congregation at a club, one merely has to scroll through a list of photos on prowl for a hottie.

I get that for some, flirting online is easier than face-to-face contact, but I also think that overcoming life's biggest social challenges brings the most satisfying rewards. Unplug the computer, go outside and spot someone from across the room.

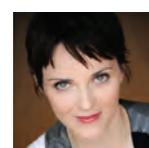
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Sexy and I Blog it

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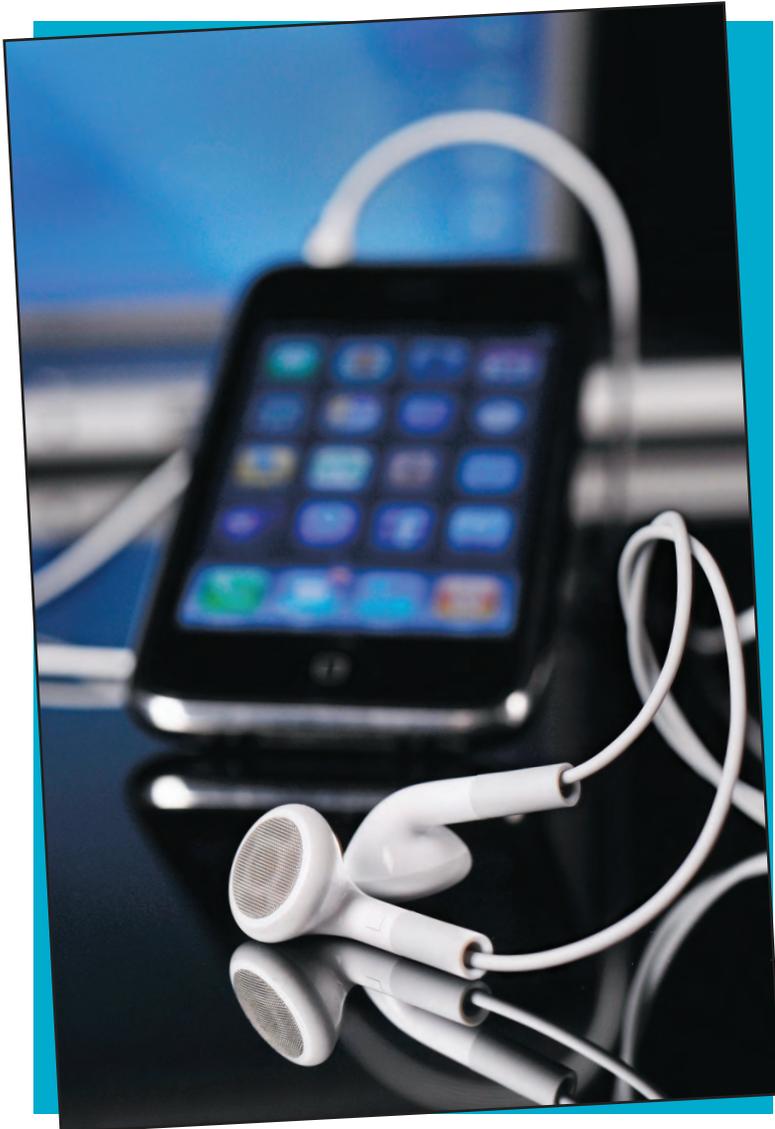


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music 🎵

Modern music era lasers less attention on CDs, more on Web



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With a decreased focus on CD/album sales, what's that mean for the future of artists in a digital age of pirated music?

ARYANNA HARRELL
Avenue Writer

Music artists' albums aren't supposed to be available to the public until their official release dates, but countless CDs are prematurely leaked online, available at no cost to anyone with an Internet connection.

Although students are not allowed to engage in file-sharing activity through UF's Internet networks, it is easier than ever to obtain pirated music.

"I'm broke," said Victor Ho, 20-year-old engineering sophomore. "I never buy CDs."

Ho and many other students heard Drake's new album, "Take Care," before its Nov. 15 release date when it was leaked online.

"Free" music is so popular now that it is rare for a rap or hip-hop artist's music to not be prematurely released, or leaked on the Web, before its scheduled date.

Although LimeWire is no longer available for music lovers to use for downloads, there are hundreds of music blogs where fans can directly download music from their favorite artists for free.

Some artists, like **Wale**, a rapper from Washington, D.C., who performed at UF earlier this year, purposely release free music to their fans on Twitter or Facebook.

"It's just the age we grew up in," said Scott Salzman, 19-year-

old comptroller of Student Government Productions at UF. "Artists have switched the revenues that they use to gain their money from. Now it's more about online support, merchandise and shows."

Salzman said he believes that big-time artists don't necessarily need to make sales from CDs in order to be rich and famous. Students are more likely to show support and appreciation for favorite artists by going to a concert or promoting them on social media sites.

"It's not like how it used to be anymore," he said. "It's not as traditional as when everyone ran down to Spec's to pick up an album."

Aditya Pamidi, co-founder of production company Wayward Minds and a UF graduate, said although he thinks CD sales are important, artists' concert performances generate much more revenue and allow them to reach out to their fans on a more personal level. He said if an artist is a good performer, he or she could be "very rich."

"If you do it right, there is plenty of money to be made elsewhere," he said. "I think college students rarely, if ever, buy music."

With cheaper prices for shows, more fans can come out, and more money can be made from merchandise sales.

Unsigned artist **Mac Miller**, who charges about \$30 for per-

formance tickets, recently had the No. 1 album on iTunes with his album "Blue Slide Park."

Artists who charge lower prices for shows are the ones seeming to stand out on the hip-hop scene, Pamidi said.

"I think it has proven that your live show is way more important than before," he said. Pamidi said that at the end of the day, the people who buy CDs will still buy CDs, and the people who don't buy CDs won't.

"Every single album leaks," he said. "I work very closely with lots of people who love music, and none of them buy CDs." Check out these stats below showcasing sales of leaked albums.

Leaked album first-week sales:

- ◆ **Drake**
"Take Care": 631,000
- ◆ **Wale**
"Ambition": 164,062
- ◆ **J. Cole**
"Cole World: The Sideline Story": 218,000
- ◆ **Lil Wayne**
"Tha Carter IV": 964,000
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Get your hands dirty for the holidays: DIY gifts for your list

Crafts tested out by students in the giving mood

KIERA WRIGHT-RUIZ

Avenue Writer

Looking for a fun and festive way to give this holiday season? Check out the Avenue's crafty

side with these DIY projects.

Mini Winter Wonderland

What: A miniature winter display

Who: Immediate family mem-



Carly Coleman / Alligator

Mini Winter Wonderland

Avenue writer Kiera Wright-Ruiz made this fun craft for her mother for Christmas.



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Somewhere Beyond the Sea

Carey Ann Matthews, 20-year-old telecommunication junior, made this jar for her friend's birthday.

bers and friends

Price range: \$15-\$30

Difficulty level (1-10): 4

When to start: Three days in advance

Supplies: Hot glue gun, holiday buttons with characters on them, a glass box with a wooden frame, plastic holiday phrases, artificial snow (found in craft stores), glitter (optional) and paint (optional)

1. Paint the frame of the box with a color of your choosing. Let it dry completely.
2. Place artificial snow at the bottom of the inside of the box.
3. Put glitter on top to make it look more decorative.
4. Place holiday buttons throughout the artificial snow while it is still wet to make it look like a winter scene.
5. Hot glue "Merry Christmas" or "Happy holidays" on the back glass wall.
6. Let everything dry completely before you give it as a gift.

Somewhere Beyond the Sea

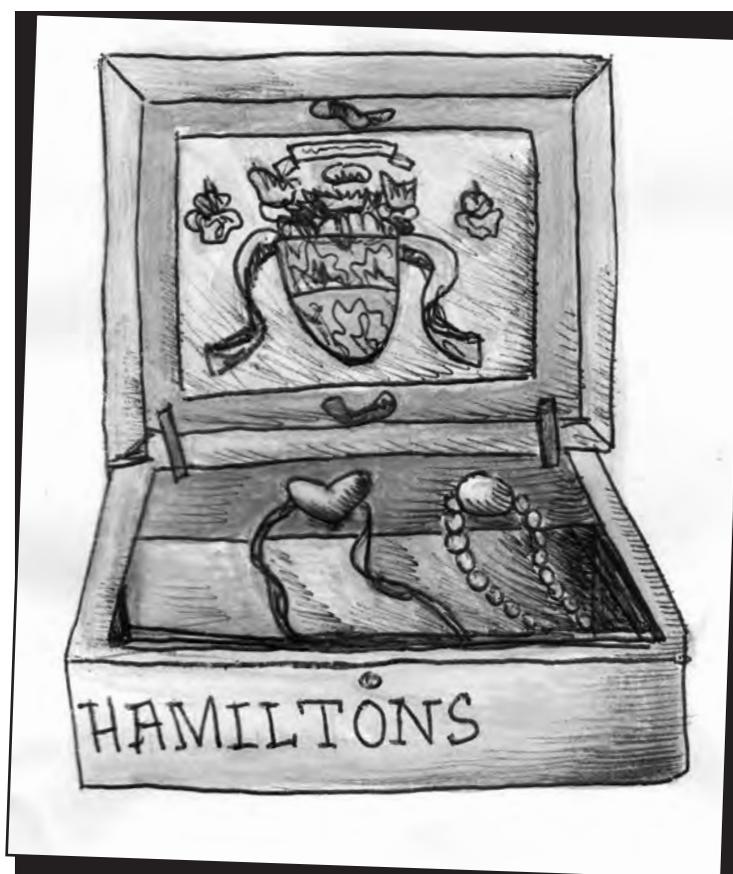
What: A glass jar filled with nautical net and seashells

Who: Family and friends who live out of state

Price range: \$15-\$40 depending on how expensive the jar is. The net and shells are about \$10.

Difficulty level (1-10): 2

When to start: One day in ad-



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She Will Be Loved

Caleb Eathan Generoso, 20-year-old architecture junior, made this jewelry box for his girlfriend as a combined gift for her birthday, Valentine's Day and their anniversary.

vance

Supplies: A glass jar, nautical net (found in craft stores) and seashells

1. Open the jar and place seashells around the bottom.
2. Cut netting and place it inside the jar so you can still see the shells.

She Will Be Loved

What: A handmade jewelry box made out of a vintage cigar box

Who: Girlfriend, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt or female friend

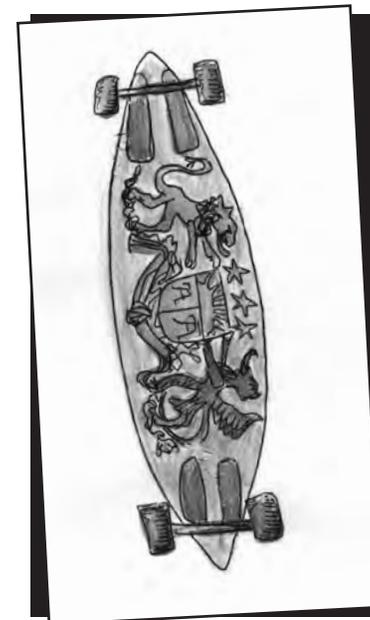
Price range: \$5-\$10

Difficulty level (1-10): 6

When to start: Five days in advance

Supplies: A cigar box (any box that opens at the top will work), red felt, tacky glue, thin cardboard or construction paper, modeling glue, basswood, a box cutter and a ruler.

1. Measure the part of the box where you want to put compartments.
2. Use the box cutter and ruler to cut out the pieces of basswood you need.
3. Use the modeling glue to put the pieces of basswood in place for compartments.
4. Line the entire box with felt using tacky glue. Note: Be care-



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Better Together

Kristen Morrell, 19-year-old public relations sophomore, made this longboard for her boyfriend for Christmas.

ful with the glue because if you use too much, it will seep into the fabric.

5. Roll up pieces of thin cardboard or construction paper where you want rings to go, and line with felt.
6. Glue the ring cushions down and let everything dry completely.

Better Together

What: A hand-painted longboard*

Who: Boyfriend, brother, father, uncle or male friend

Price range: \$30-\$160 depending on if you buy a new longboard

Difficulty level (1-10): Varies based on design

When to start: Two weeks in advance

Supplies: An unfinished longboard, acrylic paint, brushes in different sizes for details, a pencil and polyurethane clear coat

*You can paint anything with a wooden surface the same way.

1. Pick a design.
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GLAM Indie Craft Show features 50 local artists, quirky pieces

MAE BASIRATMAND

Avenue Writer

What: GLAM Indie Craft Show
Where: Villa East, 301 N. Main St.
When: Sunday, Dec. 4, noon to 5 p.m.
Admission: \$3 for adults, free for children 10 and younger

If you didn't feel like being a part of the Black Friday rush, and being trampled after eating two pounds of turkey doesn't sound appealing, we have your fix. Calling all artists, DIY-ers and anyone with an eye for the unique, the GLAM Indie Craft Show is your perfect solution for checking everyone off of your shopping list.

Kim Kruse, GLAM producer, said, "GLAM Indie Craft Show is a unique event that provides people with the opportunity to shop from nearly 50 local artists and crafters for unique gifts. We have vendors who will be selling everything from chalkboard T-shirts

to bamboo iPad cases and from custom hula hoops to cruelty-free makeup. A lot of our vendors work with up-cycled items to make wallets, sculptures and beautiful jewelry. We even have a vendor who'll be offering pet products."

Up-crafted items are old crafts that are recycled into new crafts.

The show is not only for the experienced craft shopper but for anyone interested in crafting. If "arts and crafts" is not your forte, tasty treats will be for sale. For the interior designer, there will be many art pieces on sale that could add interesting decor to any dorm or apartment.

"Whether you're a beginning artist or someone who has been creating for years, you'll definitely appreciate the range of items that are offered at GLAM," Kruse said. "We even have one guy who turns old silverware into sculptures that you can put in your house or your garden. He makes crawfish, honeybees — you name it."

If you are really into completing a holiday shopping list, the show includes, but isn't lim-



Courtesy to the Alligator

Lindsey McLeod of loveLindseyKaye makes fabulous copper enameled jewelry and accessories, including this seahorse pendant.



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Kat McKee makes wallets out of up-cycled coffee bags. You can see more at her Coffee Bag Wallets and Salvaged Goods page on Facebook.

ited to, custom T-shirts, calendars, buttons, handmade soaps, beauty products, jewelry and homemade dog biscuits. The show features vendors that offer unique pieces that are not necessarily mass-produced or found in chain stores.

"Only vendors who fit with the overall vibe of the show are admitted," Kruse said. "We work really hard to make sure that GLAM is an event that offers unique items that will appeal to folks who like things that are a little off the beaten path."

For the college student on a budget, there are vendors who will offer items less than \$20. Since all are homemade, the vendors pride themselves on keeping the products unique

and affordable.

What's the best you can get out of the show?

"My main goal with the show is to provide a place for emerging artists and crafters to have a place to showcase their work but also to provide all of the cool people in Gainesville with a place where they can shop for the kinds of gifts that they really want to buy," Kruse said. "I think it's a great experience to buy things directly from the person who actually makes them. It makes you feel like you're really making a difference in your own community."

For more information on the show and for a full list of vendors, visit glamcraftshow.com.

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CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Scowled RADLEG
5. _____ tender LLAGE
6. Develop PRIEN
7. Type of word ABRDVE

DOWN

CLUE **ANSWER**

1. Unit of capacity LAGLNO
2. Made mad RDNAEGE
3. Lunar _____ LCSPIEE
4. Consort, fraternize BBNHOO

BONUS CLUE: "The _____" began as a radio show in 1933.

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How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

1D-Gallon 2D-Angled 3D-Eclipse 4D-Hobnob 5A-Advent 6A-Ripen 7A-Advent 8A-Advent 9A-Advent 10A-Advent
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ACROSS	4 21-Down group	34 17-syllable work	47 Explosive
1 Up in the air	5 Heavy reading?	35 Emergency indicator	49 Clampett player
6 Runner's woe	6 Yields	37 Puts out, in a way	50 NYC dance troupe
11 "Very funny" TV station	7 Went ape	39 Old Fords	53 Author Godwin
14 Instrument for the musically challenged	8 Turkish titles	41 Adjective for Ripley	54 Fruit cover
15 Panting, perhaps	9 Unit of cultural information	45 Won all the games	55 Met excerpt
16 Art, now	10 Fix opening	46 Gag that might explode	57 Old reciprocal electrical unit
17 1-Down follower	11 Chevy SUV		58 "___ always say ..."
19 Ad ___	12 Group of chicks		59 Pie material?
20 "Public distribution	13 Doctrinal offshoots		60 Reference word
21 Subject to debate	18 "The Book of ___" 2010 film		
22 "2011 NBA finals runner-up	21 Interview show since 1947 ... and what this puzzle's starred answers do in two ways		
25 Mao follower?	22 Test by lifting		
26 Garden purchases	23 Dog-___ page		
27 A pop	24 Speedy Amtrak train		
28 "Golly!"	26 Relief for a commuter		
31 "Loose	29 "Take it!"		
32 Routes for two-wheelers	30 3.0 and 4.0: Abbr.		
36 1962 NASA launch	32 Pig movie		
38 Hairstyle with an appendage of sorts	33 Founding member of OPEC		
40 Modern information sources			
42 "Java" jazzman			
43 "Bond, for one			
44 Scratched (out)			
45 Hightails it			
48 Stephen of "Citizen X"			
51 Causes of grins and groans			
52 "Champagne, e.g.			
53 Wall-mounted safety device			
56 Baby carrier			
57 Prevailing tendencies			
61 72, at Augusta National			
62 Door support			
63 Time piece?			
64 Take a shot			
65 Of yore			
66 Stage device			

DOWN
 1 Letters before a 17-Across
 2 ___ Cruces
 3 Wt. units

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Forward Murphy will not require surgery on knee



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UF forward Erik Murphy's knee injury is not as severe as the team originally thought. The junior will miss Friday's game at Syracuse, but could return against Arizona next week.

JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

After tests during the Thanksgiving holiday revealed Erik Murphy had a torn meniscus, the Gators were grateful to learn this week their starting forward's knee injury was not as severe as originally thought.

Coach Billy Donovan said the swelling in Murphy's right knee is due to a bone bruise. The tear that showed up in an MRI and X-rays on Saturday was from a prior injury Murphy suffered as a sophomore in high school.

When Murphy was 16, his doctor decided he didn't need surgery to repair the torn cartilage. The confusion over the state of his current injury ended early this week once Florida's doctors received the old test results from Jay Murphy, Erik's father, and compared them with the most recent tests.



Donovan

"Erik's dad [and the doctors] did a really good job of putting their heads together and trying to gather all of the information before they made any decision because it was during Thanksgiving when this happened," Donovan said. "At least right now, everybody is on the same page in terms of what they're doing rehab-wise. And then we'll see how he responds the next couple days."

Donovan said Murphy will not have to undergo surgery and that it should take him 10-14 days to recover from his injury. Wednesday was Day 7.

While Murphy will not play at No. 4 Syracuse (7-0) on Friday, Donovan could see him being ready to play when No. 10 Florida (5-1) hosts Arizona (5-2) next Wednesday.

"He actually can get back to doing as much as he's capable of withstanding, so I don't know if he'll be back to full practice right away, but definitely he'll be put in a situation where he's getting a chance to run, move laterally, shoot, all of those kind of things," Donovan said.

Murphy missed Florida's last two wins against

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Gators starting to heat up from three

► UF SHOOTING 41.3 PERCENT FROM BEYOND ARC IN LAST THREE GAMES.

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Writer

Beyond the arc has been a dark place at times for the Gators this season.

Florida struggled in its first four games, shooting just 21.9 percent from 3-point range. However, in the last three games, the Gators have made 19 of 46 threes, spearheaded by senior guard Jordan Jones' 8-of-21 clip.

"Our mindset is always, 'Get the ball inside and that's eventually going to open up easy shots from the outside,'" Jones said.

Senior guard Lanita Bartley has played a role in Florida's increased shooting success.

She has made 4 of 6 attempts from 3-point range and averaged 18.7 points in her last three games.

"That makes us really tough to guard when one of our best penetrators is also knocking down shots behind the arc," coach Amanda Butler said.

The Gators (6-1) started off the season aggressive from the 3-point line. Florida took 27 threes in a 69-66 season-opening loss to Michigan, converting on 10 of those attempts.

But sophomore guard Jaterra Bonds finished the game 1 of 6 from deep, and Jones missed her final six 3-point tries.

In the following wins against Stetson, Florida State and Hampton, UF made just 4 of 37 attempts from beyond the arc.

The Gators shot 1 of 10 against the Hatters, but Butler was encouraged by the shot selection and reduction in attempts from three.

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THE RALLY

What is UF's biggest problem going into '12?

Tyler: Picking apart Florida's faults is like choosing the biggest tool during rush week: There are almost too many options.

"You can't just put your finger on one thing and say, 'This is it,'" Muschamp said, not referring to frat bros.

Yes, the Gators had plenty of problems this year. But, more than anything, they need to upgrade their running game if they want to improve in 2012.

Florida ranks 75th in the nation in rushing yards per game with 144, a number that isn't terrible on

the surface. But against the country's best teams, and even some downright average ones, the Gators couldn't run the ball when it mattered: UF averaged just 61.8 yards per game in its six losses.

Matt: Sure, sure, Florida's running game was bad at times, but it wasn't the biggest problem the team faced.



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In four of the six games the Gators lost, they had a chance to win only to blow it away with turnovers.

At minus-11, UF ranked 114th out of 120 BCS teams in turnover margin. That's not just bad, it's abysmal. And although Muschamp said you can't put your finger on one thing, there's one stat he pointed to before the season as

most important: turnovers.

In six wins, the Gators posted a margin of plus-1. In six losses, they were minus-12. That issue was never more glaring than in the final game of the season, when Florida's defense held Florida State to less than 100 yards of offense but lost the game because of four interceptions.

Tyler: Muschamp actually pointed out two stats as being key: turnovers and explosive plays. Florida only busted 60 runs longer than 10 yards, which ranks 51st in the country. With running backs

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Florida is unseeded entering the NCAA Championship for only the second time under Mary Wise (left). See story, page 22.

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UF VOLLEYBALL

Unseeded Florida has chip on shoulder entering tournament

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

When Florida takes the court Friday night to begin the NCAA tournament, it will be thrown into a scenario equal parts familiar and different.

In one light, it will be the Gators' 21st consecutive appearance in college volleyball's December tradition. However, for just the second time in those 21 years, No. 17 Florida's players will look around and see strange surroundings.

Replacing the comfortable confines of the O'Connell Center will be the McLeod Center, the 6,750-seat home of the Northern Iowa Panthers.

"We're ready to show people that we should have been here at home first," sophomore setter Chanel Brown said. "We do have a little chip on our shoulder that we're not here (at home)."

For just the second time under Wise, the Gators were not awarded one of the 16 seeds the NCAA tournament offers, meaning both a road setting for the first two rounds and difficult early-round matchups.

In order to make it back to Gainesville for the NCAA Regionals, Florida will have to get past Missouri, which went 21-12 in the tough Big 12 Conference, as well as a probable matchup with No. 12 Northern Iowa.

"Easily one of the toughest opponents we've ever had in the first round," UF coach Mary Wise said of

Missouri. "We'll be in a huge battle just to get out of the first round. One of the toughest matches we'll play all year will be in the first round of the NCAA tournament."

Five seniors will be faced with the tall task of making sure their Florida careers don't end in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"It's maybe an advantage," senior outside hitter Kristy Jaeckel said. "Maybe you can get a little bit comfortable when you're home. Going on the road, you know you have to have that warrior mentality."

After touting her team's résumé after the Gators' regular-season finale, Wise was perplexed Sunday night when the selection committee's decisions were announced.

Southern California, the nation's No. 1 team in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Poll, warranted just a No. 7 seed in the tournament. Florida State, which was swept by Florida on Aug. 30 and has one more loss than UF does this season, was awarded the No. 12 seed. Northern Iowa, which was ranked No. 12 in the final polls, was given the No. 6 seed.

But it was how Southeastern Conference champion Tennessee, the No. 14 seed, got treated that irked Wise the most.

"The committee didn't give a whole lot of love to the SEC — that was pretty obvious," Wise said. "There are a couple head-scratchers there, but those are things we're not going to think about right now. All attention is on Missouri."



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UF coach Mary Wise and the Gators volleyball team are unseeded in the NCAA tournament for just the second time in 21 years.

 <p>Florida</p> <p>The nation's most efficient offense, the Gators head into the tournament leading Division I in hitting percentage. Florida carries five seniors who have fallen in the NCAA Regional Semifinal every year of their college careers. After being the No. 1 seed a year ago, the Gators now find themselves unseeded and on the road.</p> <p>Game: Friday @ 6:00 P.M.</p>	 <p>Game: Saturday @ 8:30 P.M.</p> <p>Winner of this game advances to Gainesville for the third round</p>	 <p>Niagra</p> <p>The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champions cruised through their conference slate, going 17-1, but were mediocre in 15 non-conference games, going 8-7. The Purple Eagles are led by a strong backcourt that includes 2011 MAAC Libero of the Year Sam Morgan.</p> <p>Game: Friday @ 8:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Missouri</p> <p>One of the tournament's youngest teams, the Tigers regularly start just one senior to go with three freshmen and two sophomores. As a future member of the Southeastern Conference, Missouri will get its first taste of what's to come when it opens with its first-ever meeting against Florida.</p> 	 <p>#6 Northern Iowa</p> <p>After amassing a 32-1 regular season record, the Panthers finished the regular season ranked No. 12 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association rankings but were given a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament. After winning its third-straight Missouri Valley Conference tournament title, Northern Iowa was heavily decorated, including an MVC Player of the Year nod for senior setter Bre Payton and MVC</p>	

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built on breakaway speed and nothing else, that performance is not good enough.

Florida needed more long runs, because it wasn't getting anything else. Florida's top-three rushers weigh an average of 187.7 pounds. Look at the best two running teams in the country, Alabama and LSU, teams Muschamp dreams of having. The Crimson Tide's top-three backs average 230 pounds. The Tigers' runners average 217.7.

On Saturday, Demps finished with negative-8 yards on four carries, each time ignoring a running lane up the middle while trying to bounce outside. Attention running back recruits Mike Davis and Matt Jones, both of whom weigh 200 pounds: Expect to make the weight room and the dining hall your second and third homes when you arrive.

Matt: In the long run, explosive plays aren't as big a factor in losing games as turnovers, and there's no denying it.

In losses to Auburn, Georgia and Florida State — games the Gators averaged 33.6 yards rushing — Florida would have won each time had it not turned the ball over in pivotal moments.

Against the Tigers, the first touchdown and the clinching field goal were both set up by muffed punts. Against Georgia, the Bulldogs scored 14 points off Gators turnovers.

And you already know that Florida State didn't stand a chance if John Brantley and Jacoby Brissett didn't throw the game away.

Whether the team has big backs next season doesn't matter nearly as much if it continues to give the ball away.

As Muschamp so eloquently put it: "Fumbles? They aren't good."

The defense also shares some culpability here, as that unit forced just 12 takeaways this season, which ranked 113th in the nation. West Virginia and USC are the only two ranked teams outside the top 80 in takeaways.

If you give the ball away, and can't take it back, little else matters. Football is about the ball, after all.

Tyler: But if you can control the line of scrimmage, you will win almost every time. Florida's inability to run was highlighted in short-yardage situations. When the Gators needed 3 yards or less on third downs this year, they converted only 51 percent of the time. Tim Tebow isn't walking through those doors.

On Saturday, Florida converted one of three short-yardage third downs. In a game when points were at a premium, the Gators were especially hurt in the second quarter when they couldn't move the chains at the FSU 15-yard line.

On third and 1, Hunter Joyer was stuffed up the middle. On fourth and 1, Trey Burton somehow managed to lose 14 yards on a quarterback sneak in what can only be described as the worst college football play of all time.

Matt: And after all of that, after all the embarrassing plays, the lack of a run game or a receiver of note, Florida still would have won the game if they didn't turn the ball over. It's really that simple.

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Needles has surgery on left knee**W-HOOPS**, from page 21

The Gators attempted just three shots from beyond the arc in the second half after struggling to convert on seven long-range opportunities in the first 20 minutes.

"My shot feels really good," said sophomore forward Lily Svete, who is 2-of-11 from beyond the arc this season. "I'm just trying to stay confident because I feel like it's going to go in, so I guess I'm doing all I can do."

Florida's recent surge from 3-point range will need to continue if it wants to pull its second upset of a ranked opponent this season against No. 11 Rutgers (6-0) when the teams play tomorrow at 8 in Daytona Beach.

"None of us ever doubted that our threes were going to fall," Butler said. "I give them credit for not hitting the panic button when those shots weren't falling."

Needles undergoes surgery: Freshman guard Carlie Needles had surgery Wednesday on a torn ACL and meniscus in her left knee.

Needles sustained the season-ending injury during an intra-squad scrimmage in practice Nov. 6.



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Sophomore guard Jaterra Bonds (10) is shooting just 17 percent beyond the arc this season on 23 attempts.

With Murphy out, Gators will depend on Yeguete's rebounding**HOOPS**, from page 21

Jacksonville and Stetson, but he was walking without crutches on Wednesday.

In his first four games as a regular starter, Murphy averaged 10 points and four rebounds. While he is shooting 57 percent from three,

it is the 6-foot-10 Murphy's length that will be needed most against the Orange this week.

Syracuse boasts two starting big men in 6-foot-9 Rakeem Christmas and 7-foot Fab Melo. Without Murphy, the Gators have relied heavily on 6-foot-7 forward Will Yeguete to help carry the rebounding load along with center Patric Young.

"This will be a different kind of challenge because, one, we played in Columbus against a top-five team with Erik."

Billy Donovan
UF coach

Yeguete, a sophomore, played a career-high 26 minutes and had

his first double-double Monday against Stetson with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

"This will be a different kind of challenge because, one, we played in Columbus against a top-five team with Erik," Donovan said. "Frontcourt-wise we had somebody that can deal with (Ohio State forward Deshaun) Thomas. This is

a little bit different with Fab Melo and Rakeem Christmas. ... So even when we've played some four-guard lineups, this will be the first time we will have faced a team with this kind of length being a little bit limited size-wise across our front line."

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Brad Beal, G, Fr. (3 points)

> 37 points, 12-of-21 shooting, 19 rebounds, three blocks.

► In the first six games of his career, the 6-foot-3 Beal has already shown he can be one of Florida's most versatile scorers as well as the most dependable rebounder of the five UF guards. Despite shooting a low 3-point percentage prior to Monday's matchup with Stetson, Beal has led the Gators in scoring three times with his knack for hitting mid-range shots and elevation at the rim.

He eventually found his 3-point stroke against the Hatters and went 5 of 9 from three to lead the Gators with 22 points.

**HOT SHOTS**

Week 1: Jacksonville, Stetson

Erving Walker, G, Sr. (2 points)

> 42 points, 13-of-22 shooting, 12 assists, three steals.



► Though Walker is in his third year as UF's starting point guard, it took him several games to adjust to working in Florida's new crowded backcourt. Before playing Jacksonville on Nov. 25, Walker was 5 for 18 from three and was shooting 36 percent from the field. But after a pair of 21-point and six-assist efforts, the 5-foot-8 Walker finally appears acclimated. He has had just two turnovers in his last two games while also leading the team in assists.

Will Yeguete, F, Soph. (1 point)

> 18 points, 8-of-16 shooting, 20 rebounds, five steals.

► Yeguete has filled in nicely for the injured Erik Murphy during the last two games by leading the Gators in rebounding in each of his starts. Against Stetson, Yeguete notched his first career double-double with 11 rebounds and matched Murphy's average of 10 points per game. The 6-foot-7 Frenchman also chipped in on the press with a game- and career-best four steals.



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