

Erving Walker's 10 points and nine assists helped lead UF to a comeback win against Ole Miss on Thursday. See story, page 14.



ACCENT

Rudy Giuliani discusses principles of leadership

EMILY MILLER
 Alligator Contributing Writer

As former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani began his Thursday presentation on leadership, one audience member wanted to change the subject.

"What happened with building seven, Rudolph?" a man from the audience at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts shouted.

"You are too rude to be entitled to an answer," Giuliani said as the audience member was escorted out. "May I suggest a barber and a haircut?"

He responded with similar humor when a second audience member began shouting about the need for honesty.

"Oh, get lost," Giuliani said. "It seems like I'm in New York. This could be Times Square. Any more clowns?"

Once the audience settled, Giuliani illustrated his six principles of leadership: strong beliefs, optimism, courage, relentless preparation, teamwork and communication.

Before the talk, mobs of people packed themselves outside the entrances to the orchestra section of the Phillips

Center as officials conducted a routine security sweep, delaying the event.

Those already inside were asked to leave and wait in the lobby.

The doors opened at 7:25 p.m. and eager audience members pushed into the theater to hear the former New York City mayor speak. Giuliani took the stage at about 8:15 p.m.

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Rudy Giuliani
 former New York City Mayor

"It seems that security sweeps could be done before everyone started lining up," Gainesville resident Kelley Richardson said. "With that being said, I'd rather wait and see Rudy. I'm not going anywhere."

Accent Speakers' Bureau paid the Washington Speakers Bureau \$65,000 for the event, Accent Chairman Corey Portnoy said.

The event was free and open to the

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Rudy Giuliani speaks at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday evening. The Accent Speakers' Bureau event was free and open to the public.

Tuition, fair representation top student agenda in capitol

▶ ABOUT 200 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ATTENDED.

ERIN JESTER
 Alligator Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE – About 200 university students from around the state gathered on the steps of the Historic Capitol Museum on Thursday for the Florida Student Association's annual Rally in Tally.

FSA chairman Michael Long, a New College of Florida sophomore, voiced the concerns of the 300,000 students he represents, including tuition increases and the method of student governor appointment to the Board of Governors.

In the last four years, Long said, tuition

has increased by 60 percent while state appropriations for higher education fell by 24 percent.

Another concern for students was changes to Bright Futures.

The House introduced a proposal Tuesday that would change requirements to renew Bright Futures. The GPA required for renewal of the highest award would increase by .25 next school year, from 3.00 to 3.25. The requirement for the second-highest award would increase by the same amount, from 2.75 to 3.00. The bill also shortens the amount of time students have to start receiving Bright Futures funds, shortening the window from three years after graduation to two.

"As students, we're not naive," he said.

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Gen Ed coursework could change

EMILY MORROW
 Alligator Staff Writer

Incoming freshmen may no longer be able to apply AP or IB coursework toward all their general education requirements, UF President Bernie Machen announced at the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday.

Machen said he is pushing Florida legislators to pass a law that would allow state universities to require nine to 10 hours of general education coursework to be taken on campus.

Department curriculum has become increasingly specialized, and students need to be exposed to more diverse coursework that emphasizes critical thinking and the humanities — integral parts of a college education, he said.

If implemented, the new requirement would not apply to transfer students.

Machen also told faculty to expect additional budget cuts next year for the fifth time in six years.

Initial figures indicate UF's budget will see a 12.5-percent cut. Machen said this percentage could change over the course of the

legislative session.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to discussing UF's proposed employee health insurance plan.

UF is seeking legislative approval to self-insure its employees, opting out of the state health care system.

Under the new program, employees would be encouraged to use UF&Shands physicians but allowed to use outside doctors as well, said Dr. David Guzik, UF's senior vice president of health affairs, who presented the change.

Many of the plan's specific details have not been determined yet, Guzik said, which prompted some concern among faculty senators.

Charles Guy, an environmental horticulture professor, presented a list of about 15 questions the plan leaves unanswered.

"Before [the plan] is passed by the legislature, we need to know the details," he said. "You need to get the information to us before there's no going back."



Machen

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Marvin Harris 2012 Lecture

Today, 4 p.m.
Turlington, Room L011
The lecture, entitled "The Juridical Hospital: Claiming the Right to Health in Brazilian Courts," is organized by the anthropology department in collaboration with the Center for Latin American Studies. Featured speaker will be João Biehl of Princeton University, professor of anthropology and co-director of the Program in Global Health and Health Policy.

Critical Mass Leisurely Bike Ride

Today, 5 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Put the fun between your legs. Join in an International Monthly Celebration of the Bicycle. The bike ride will take place the last Friday of every month. Meet on the plaza at 5 p.m. for the ride that will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Oneg with Scott Fried

Today, 7:30 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
Join UF Hillel for reform, conservative or traditional Shabbat services, followed by a free Kosher dinner. Following Shabbat there will be a free Oneg with Scott Fried, international public speaker, HIV/

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AIDS educator and author. Endangered Species TCBY Fundraiser

Today, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
TCBY at Southwest 34th Street and Archer Road
Come out for ice cream to help raise funds for Single Vision, a nonprofit endangered species educational facility located just east of Gainesville. Come learn about the organization's animal rescues and ambassadors.

Theatre Strike Force @ GatorNights

Today, 9 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Come for the smiling faces; stay for the improv comedy. It'll be a show of laughter to warm you on these long, January nights.

Havdallah and Honduras Service Trip

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
Find out how to get on a service trip to Honduras this summer with UF Hillel and Scott Fried, international public speaker and HIV/AIDS educator and author.

The trip will consist of building a house for a family with HIV/AIDS with time to scuba dive in what is considered to be the world's second-best diving location. All students who go on this trip with us will have an opportunity to get certified before the trip.

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USDA official talks locally grown food

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ALLI LANGLEY

Alligator Writer

Kathleen Merrigan thinks every family needs a farmer.

Merrigan, the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, wants people to understand the importance of knowing where their food comes from.

"Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" is the USDA's effort to encourage direct farmer-to-consumer connections and strengthen access to locally produced foods.

Merrigan, the USDA's second-in-command, was named one of the 100 most influential people by Time Magazine in 2010 for her work in agricultural policy. She presented the initiative on campus Thursday night.

About 200 people attended the event at the UF/IFAS Straughn Extension Professional Development Center.

Merrigan said interest in sustainable agriculture and demand for local food is strong and grow-

ing.

"Local's hot, if you will," Merrigan said. "People want to know where their food comes from."

When farmers sell directly to consumers, they receive a much higher return, she said, and money spent at local businesses strengthens local economies by recirculating within the community.

Local food systems are more environmentally, economically and socially sustainable, said Xin Zhao, a UF assistant professor who teaches courses in organic and sustainable crop production.

A food system includes everything involved in getting food from the farm to the table, she said.

Merrigan said she hopes any audience members who were interested in an agricultural career are now set on it and that people understand the USDA is responsive to the growing interest in local and regional agriculture.

Tarik Eluri, a 22-year-old horticultural science senior, said he is interested in local food production because it supports environmental sustainability and local economies. He said he is happy to



Haley Stracher / Alligator Staff

U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan speaks about agriculture and its importance in the U.S. at the Straughn Extension Professional Development Center on Thursday night.

know the USDA backs it.

"It's good to see that that's going from the top down," he said.

The USDA is a mysterious and sometimes controversial branch,

said 19-year-old plant pathology sophomore Kellee Britt, who hopes to intern and eventually work there.

"If more presentations like

these were available," she said, "we'd understand more about our economy, agriculture and the food that's circulated all over the U.S. and the world."

Study: Citrus bacteria has cost Florida economy billions

KELSEY GRENTZER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Citrus bacteria may be hurting Florida's job base.

A study published by UF this month found that a bacterial disease that kills Florida citrus trees has cost the state economy about \$3.6 billion in the past six years.

The study, conducted by researchers within UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sci-

ences, found that the reduction of orange juice production due to the disease also cost the state 6,600 jobs.

This is the first time the bacteria's impact on Florida's economy has been studied, although the disease has been around Florida for six years, said Tom Spreen, a UF food and resource economics professor.

The study compared actual harvests of juice-producing oranges with projected harvests that could have taken place if greening



Spreen

had not affected Florida citrus groves, he said.

The research was funded by Florida Citrus Mutual, an organization that supports the state's citrus growers. Alan Hodges, an extension scientist with the food and resource economics department, said the disease af-

fects everyone in the state because of the lost

income.

He hopes the study will enlighten state legislators when they determine funding for research.

"In China and in Brazil, where they also have this disease, it has completely wiped out citrus production in some areas," he said.

Spreen said he believes there is potential to find an effective solution.

"It would be hard to imagine Florida without orange juice," he said.

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Man charged with loitering, prowling

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man was arrested Wednesday night after police said he peeped through the window of a woman's apartment.

Francisco Botello, 37, of 112 Castle Drive, crouched down and peered into a woman's window at Canopy Apartments. Two of the woman's neighbors saw him and immediately called Gainesville Police. Botello was charged with loitering and prowling.

He was charged with the same crime in 2008, according to the Alachua County Clerk of Court.

Officer Christopher King was in the apartment complex when he saw Botello walking out wearing a polo shirt and baseball cap. When King confronted Botello, the suspect said he was looking for his friend John, according to an arrest report.

Botello then grabbed his cellphone, trying to show the officer that he called John five hours earlier. He later told King he was looking for

John but didn't know which apartment he lived in.

Eventually, Botello said John lived in Micanopy. When the officer told Botello he was at the Canopy Apartments in Gainesville, Botello said he got the two places mixed up. According to the report, King could not locate a phone number for John in Botello's phone.

CRIME

Police talk safety with sorority women

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officials met with sorority members Thursday night to talk about a recent string of crimes in the area.

During a town hall meeting hosted by the Gainesville Police Advisory Council, multiple house mothers asked for an expansion to the UF Alert System. Right now, messages are sent to students and faculty strictly from UPD.

When a crime is reported, a GPD shift commander sends information to the department's communications center, which pushes the message to the proper people. In a new system, the information would also be sent to UPD if the crime is near campus, said Lynne Benck, commander of the GPD investigations bureau.

The meeting was held in the wake of a string of crimes near Sorority Row. A woman avoided a rape attempt on Southwest Fifth Avenue by faking an asthma attack on Dec. 9, and on Jan. 13, a woman was robbed at gunpoint on Southwest Ninth Street.

Police gave basic advice and handed out a packet outlining where eight rapes or attempted rapes happened near campus since April.

Speakers told students not to walk alone, jog at night or go to isolated parts of town. Benck urged students to stay in groups at the bar. Alcohol-facilitated sexual battery happens too often, she said.

"I can't tell you how many times I've read the reports and felt so bad," she said. "We're calling in college-aged guys to take polygraph tests, and the girls just can't remember what happened. It's just bad all around."

Reusable plates reduce Krishna Lunch waste

JAMIE MANVILLE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Trash cans on the Plaza of the Americas are no longer filled with plates and cups from Krishna Lunch.

The 40-year-old lunch program now offers reusable plates, silverware and cups in an effort to reduce waste from the 800 people who eat there every day.

"I think what we're saving in trash is close to the actual size of the Krishna House," said Krishna volunteer Olivia Martin, 22.

The Krishnas introduced the new

stainless-steel plates in December, and the feedback has been positive. A poll on their website shows 84 percent of about 100 respondents like the idea and will use the new plates.

"I think what we're saving in trash is close to the actual size of the Krishna House."

Olivia Martin
Krishna volunteer

"People eat so much Krishna Lunch that by the time you get your seconds and your thirds and your fourths, your plate's falling apart," Martin said. "So

people think they're nice."

Carl Woodham, chaplain of Gainesville's Krishna House, said the stainless steel plates are common in India but couldn't be located in America.

The Krishnas had to order plates from India, Woodham said. They arrived five months later.

He said the cost of switching to reusable plates, including installing a commercial dishwasher at the Krishna House, was about \$10,000, which primarily came from profits from the lunch sales.

Krishna Lunch has made a three-year commitment to using the plates.

Former New York City mayor touts all GOP candidates but Paul

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public.

The former mayor and 2008 Republican presidential candidate offered his six principles of leadership to an audience of about 1,500.

Giuliani had the audience laughing

throughout the speech, although he also mentioned the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks five times.

Once Giuliani finished his speech, Portnoy asked seven previously screened questions from audience members.

Portnoy asked Giuliani's opinion on which GOP candidate is the best choice to

take on President Barack Obama in the 2012 election.

"Take on President Obama? That's not much of a task," he said. "I think every one of the candidates running, with one exception, is ready for the task ... that one exception is Ron Paul."

Political science junior Marco Garcia, 21,

said he thought Giuliani had a valuable message and delivered it well. He described Giuliani as "a true American hero."

Garcia was not a fan of the protesters, however.

"Regardless of party differences, whether you agree with the speaker or not, I think it is disrespectful."

Student association supports changes to Bright Futures

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"We know we're in a recession. We know times are tough."

However, he said, the state needs to continue to make investment in its students.

Long said if tuition must be increased, it should be increased gradually. He suggested state appropriations for higher education be maintained, not reduced.

FSA members had planned to attend the Senate's budget subcommittee on higher education appropriations, but the meeting was canceled at the last minute.

Rather than sit in on other committee meetings following the rally, Long said he spoke with some of the representatives who support FSA's platforms.

"I think they're starting to [listen]," Long said. "I think the legislature is more of a complex, living organism than anything else."

Student Government external affairs Director Billy Vranish came to Tallahassee with a group of 13 UF students.

Vranish said tuition increases shouldn't just cover budget shortfalls, but also manifest in improvements for

students.

"If tuition goes up, we better see results," he said.

After the rally, the UF group met with four representatives to discuss tuition increases and Bright Futures requirements.

Of the three rallies Vranish has attended, he said, "This has been one of the most productive I've been on."

Richard Yost, UF chemistry professor and Board of Governors faculty member, said he supports FSA's stance on tuition increases and on State University System student body presidents electing the Board of Governors' student governor.

If the legislature took that power away, Yost said, they could do the same for the process in which the faculty representative is chosen.

"I think it's really a matter of principle," he said.

UF political science senior Cassia Laham, 22, went to Tallahassee with the Florida Alliance for Student Action.

She said she was upset the rally wasn't as intense as it could've been. "I drove two hours for a rally and all I got was a press conference," she said.



Joey Flechas / Alligator

Florida Student Association chairman Michael Long, of New College of Florida, speaks to a crowd of students at the annual Rally in Tally.

Candidates face off at debate

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Writer

City Commission at-large 1 candidate Nathan Skop stood up, placed his right hand on his hip and told his fellow candidates he was an “energy policy expert.”

Six of the seven other at-large 1 and District 1 candidates who were sitting on the panel sat back and scoffed.

“There are many experts on many things,” Donna Lutz, another City Commission at-large 1 candidate said, as she leaned forward and turned her head toward Skop. “People here are saying they know everything, but they don’t. No one does.”

Tensions ran high Thursday afternoon as candidates discussed their final thoughts on the city’s biomass contract, fiscal condition and job creation at a debate at Santa Fe College. The debate was the the last Gainesville City Commission candidate forum before election day Tuesday.

Santa Fe College Student Government and the SFC Office of Civic Engagement & Service hosted the event. Six of the eight at-large 1 candidates attended. James Ingle and Richard Selwach did not attend. All District 1 candidates attended except Ray Washington, who sent a representative in his place.

Candidates were allowed 30 seconds to combat each other’s answers.

The first 45 minutes of the two-hour debate were spent talking about the city’s biomass contract, a plan to get energy from a wood-burning power plant.

Skop reiterated his disapproval for the city’s “disastrous” biomass contract, citing the fact that it would cost the city \$3.1 billion and cause utility rates to skyrocket.

Lutz rolled her eyes. At-large 1 candidates Lauren Poe and Darlene Pifalo and District 1 candidate Yvonne Hinson-Rawls smirked and sat back in their chairs.

Poe said abandoning the project would cost the city about \$150 million. Backing

out of the contract would also look bad to those looking to bring business to the city.

“Who is going to want to do business with a city that breaks its contracts?” Poe asked.

Everyone remained calm when the candidates were asked about the city’s fiscal policy. Every candidate agreed money wasn’t being allocated properly.

District 1 candidate Armando Grundy said more money should be put toward resurfacing Gainesville’s aging roads and water systems, especially in East Gainesville.

But when the issue of job creation arose, the snarling began again.

Poe said the city’s innovation initiatives will be key to job creation. Skop and Cain were quick to counter.

“I hear all of this Innovation Hub, Innovation Hub talk and absolutely no talk about Plan East Gainesville,” at-large 1 candidate Dejeon Cain shouted while he waved his hands over his head. “Once again, you’re completely forgetting about East Gainesville.”

Poe then corrected Cain.

Innovation Hub is a building, he said. Innovation Gainesville, to which Poe was referring, is an idea that encompasses the whole city, including East Gainesville.

Cain, brow furrowed, shook his head and laughed.

The last 10 minutes of the debate were allotted for candidates to ask questions of one another.

Most of the questions were directed at Poe, because he supported the biomass contract when he was a city commissioner.

“The bottom line,” Poe said, “is that any other alternative to the contract would be a disaster for this city.”

At the end of the debate, each candidate expressed how great it was that Santa Fe College hosted a debate.

“Though this was great,” Venzke said, “it was too short a time to get to the bottom of all of these deep issues.”

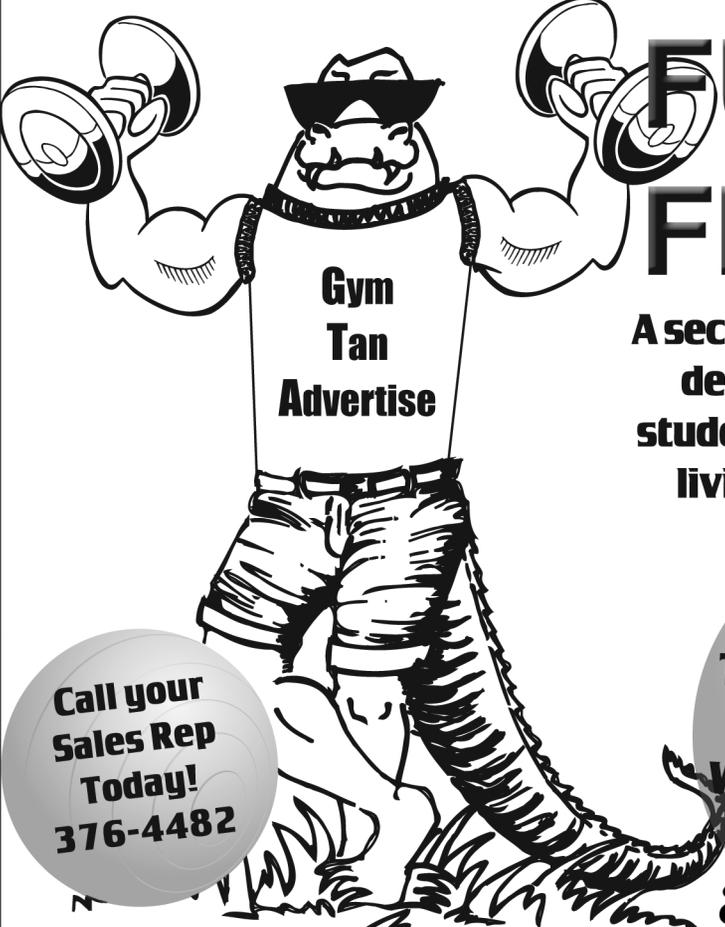
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Inflatable Fun

Harris Pickholtz, a 20-year-old telecommunication management senior, jousts Marley Jackman, a 21-year-old advertising junior, off her stand inside the inflatable ring on the Reitz Union North Lawn on Thursday afternoon. The event was organized by Catholic Gators as part of Catholic Awareness Week.



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We hope everyone has had a great week. We have a lot to cover today, so without further ado, it's time for our does-anyone-even-read-this-introductory-part-anyway edition of...

Darts & Laurels

First, we have to throw a to-infinity-and-beyond **DART** to **Newt Gingrich** who recently said his big goal as president would be to colonize the moon. Apparently, America needs to stop spending money on wasteful programs and focus on real important things ... like colonizing the moon.

Next up, we give an A-for-effort **LAUREL** to **Michael Fuller**, a 53-year-old man who tried to purchase nearly \$500 worth of items at a North Carolina Walmart with a \$1 million bill.

It's surprising that he's only being charged with attempting to obtain property by false pretense and not for being under the influence.

And for a wonderful display of dumb, we toss a why-don't-you-try-knocking-next-time-you-idiot **DART** to the **DeKalb County, Ga. police officer** who shot and killed a family's dog while responding to a possible armed domestic dispute call. When he entered the home, he was met by a German shepherd that was chained in the garage. The officer said when the dog lunged at him, he shot it.

Turns out the officer went to the wrong house. But hey, at least the officer isn't facing disciplinary action. Good call, DeKalb County police.

For standing up to the Man, we give a relief-MacGyver-style **LAUREL** to a **12-year-old boy from Houston** who, after being denied permission to leave class to use the restroom, used a water bottle as a makeshift toilet to relieve his bladder. To be fair, not allowing people to go to the restroom should be a form of torture.

For being a complete moron, we throw a so-about-those-parking-tickets **DART** to a **Kissimmee parking enforcement agent** who was giving incorrectly dated tickets to drivers for parking on blocks without parking restriction signs.

The agent has also been ticketing cars in privately owned parking lots that are out of the city's jurisdiction. One city resident summed up the agent's antics, saying, "She obviously doesn't know her numbers, doesn't know math or anything."

Finally, we award a going-where-it-matters **LAUREL** to the **students from UF and other schools around the state** who went to the capitol in Tallahassee yesterday for Rally in Tally.

While we won't comment specifically on their demands yet, we support the fact that they are going to Tallahassee to let their voices be heard. It's a lot more effective than yelling and screaming around Turlington Plaza about policies that can only be changed by the state legislature.

Have a fun and safe weekend, and be sure to check back next week.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you believe that Newt Gingrich could lead us to colonize the moon?

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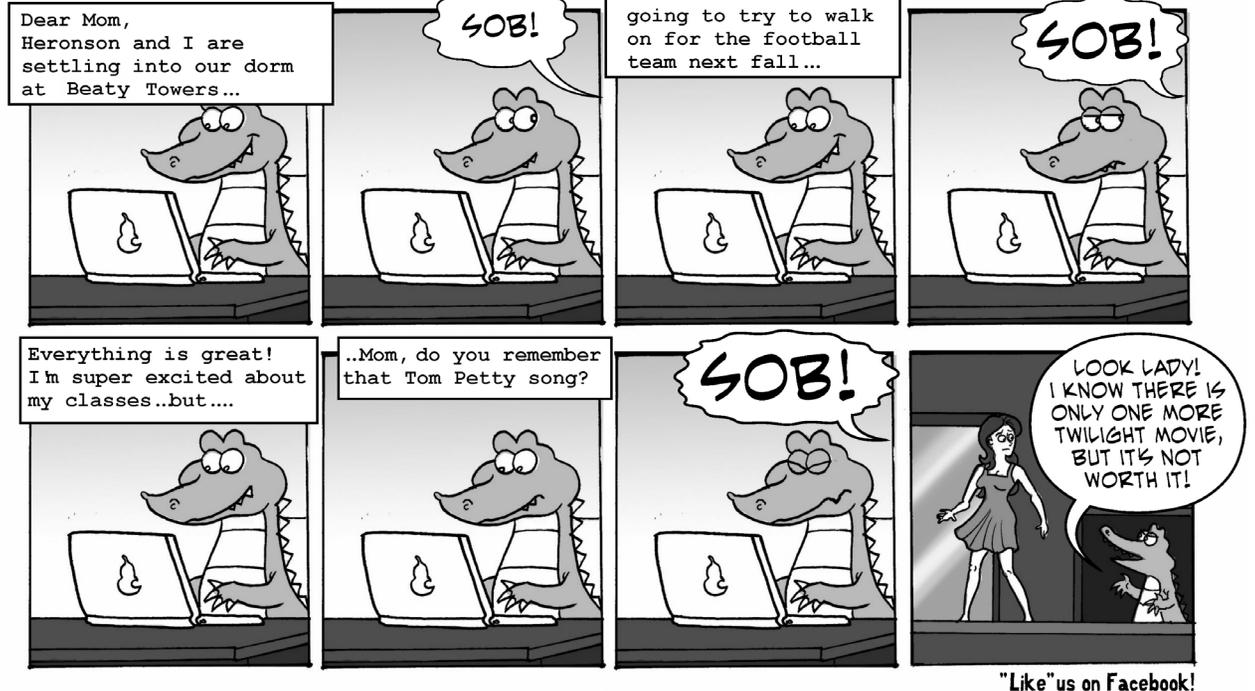
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Column

Military empire undermines America

From outspending the rest of the countries of the world combined with having nearly 1,000 overseas military bases, it is unmistakable that the United States has a military empire. This empire spans the planet, maintained by the most capable, conventional forces in history with the most sophisticated destructive technology.

This military is run by an incapable government, comprised of chickenhawk politicians who nonchalantly vote to send our troops to danger largely without any military experience themselves. The increase in militarism necessitates a growth in the state at the expense of our freedoms with our foreign policy quickening our day of reckoning.

Some will not characterize the U.S. as an empire but as a superpower because they'll say we spread good to the world and extend justice, egalitarianism, freedom or some other ideal that gives us fuzzy feelings. They'll also say the very word "empire" evokes a sinister connotation, despite the fact that it is an appropriate description.

We don't spread good when we topple regimes and install governments favorable to the West. We don't spread good when we torture and indefinitely detain people, including our own citizens. We don't spread good when we start preventative wars shrouded in lies, deceit and war propaganda such as in Iraq (Iran may be next). The harsh reality is that we are an empire.

As a consequence of our military empire, the very idea of patriotism has been grossly changed. A patriot used to be a person who unequivocally stood up to the government over principle. Patriots were the people who threw tea off ships in Boston and fired shots at Lexington and Concord.

Patriotism is a different concept today. If someone called for cuts in the defense budget to begin to solve the deficit problem, that move would be branded as unpatriotic, leading to doom, gloom and China taking over the world.

Today, the patriot has morphed into someone who advocates the perpetual intervention to "liberate other na-



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tions" and "defend our country," even though these adventures are not in our direct national security interests; think Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan. We have been brainwashed into thinking that maintaining a military empire is patriotic.

For the military to grow, the government must also grow. The government requires more tax money to finance greater warfare and militarism, limiting economic freedom. It also mandates more surveillance and security, leading to things like an anti-American Patriot Act and regular TSA gropings, both of which undermine personal liberty. The military empire has started to crowd out even the Constitution.

These wars are unconstitutional because there are no declarations of war. Wars should be declared, and enemies should be swiftly defeated. The U.S. has been in Afghanistan for more than a decade now, yet there has been no war declaration. Instead, we are supposedly nation-building, another power not expressly given to the federal government under the Constitution.

There is an alternate vision for America's role in the world, in which the police badge is given up but American military supremacy is not relinquished. We should decommission many military bases, especially in areas that aren't contentious, like Germany. We should stop the endless intervention and embrace self-determination and diplomacy. We should trim the defense budget to help the country's finances.

We should stop the war profiteering and propaganda. We should recognize the ramifications of war and consider the lives and families of those affected by it. We have an obligation to fight to restore the republic.

Chris Ceresa is a math and classics junior at UF. His column appears on Fridays.

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

Letters to the Editor

Guest columnist wrong about STEM degrees

I applaud the underlying premise of Austin Swink's column regarding STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) majors. There is a need to encourage students to pursue these fields because they provide a large part of the foundation upon which our economy and society rest. However, his proposal that raising the tuition for these students will increase the number of graduates with these degrees is wholly false.

First and foremost, Swink neglected to consider that Bernie Machen is hardly speaking as an impartial observer seeking the best for students. His job is to manage UF, and one of the main objectives of that job is for him to bring in as much money as possible to the university by any means at his disposal, including raising tuition. This is not an indictment against Machen; it is simply a statement of the obvious.

This corresponds to the argument that increasing tuition will improve funding for lab equipment, high-salaried professors and costly teaching materials. While charging students more will bring in more dollars, the question should be: at what cost?

It is highly doubtful that the additional revenue brought in will offset the loss of students as a result of the increase in costs. Furthermore, a large portion of the money used to pay for new equipment, materials and even professors comes from research grants, not student tuition. Consequently, raising tuition would ultimately do relatively little to improve the labs, professors and materials. I find it interesting that Swink argues that increasing tuition will make potential STEM students more carefully consider whether or not they should pursue such a degree. If this is such a good thing for STEM majors, why not apply it to all majors?

Raising tuition for a political science degree will make potential students also more carefully consider whether that is, in fact, the major they wish to obtain. Of course, this idea is nonsense. Rather than charging a "cover" for a STEM degree, a far more effective means of assisting students in choosing the major is to allow them to see firsthand what they will be learning and how it will help them in the long run.

There are numerous programs in the College of Engineering that pair new and potential students with current

students and professors who can answer their questions and shed some light on the various degrees that interest them. Finally, I do agree with Swink's counter to the argument that raising tuition will not keep students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds from seeking a STEM degree.

There are abundant sources of financial aid to assist those students. However, he seems to ignore the harm that will be done to students of average socioeconomic status who do not have various financial aid programs to fall back on. The additional burden placed on these students will result in them being forced to work more hours or take out more loans in order to make it through. There is no need to saddle these students with additional debt or responsibility.

Swink's intentions are admirable and noble. There is a real social and economic need for UF and universities across the nation to increase the number of STEM graduates. However, as is often the case, the best of intentions result in the worst outcomes. Such is the case here.

Brent Melvin
UF senior
Civil Engineering

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Few things missing from "Shire" column

This is a letter in response to Luke Bailey's column regarding the Shire as an ideal economic model. Being a Brit and a Tolkien nut myself, I thought I would provide you with a couple of insights that you appeared to be lacking based on your article.

Hobbits were modeled on Englishmen (specifically rural Englishmen), which means the Shire, in essence, is rural England — at least the area near Oxford where he lived. So the economy that you spoke of as being part of a "world that never truly existed" actually did.

It was the agrarian economy of central England in the 1930s that Tolkien was familiar with. I have never actually read this anywhere, but I simply know it in my heart to be true — hobbits represent rural Englishmen. I grew up in rural southern England, and all the marks of the truth of what I am saying were in the community where I grew up.

So our modern economy is simply the evolution of what has happened from then to create what we have today.

Peter Colverson
Gainesville resident

Column

Spring admits are part of Gator Nation, too

I can still clearly remember the joyous epiphany I had when I saw that 15-letter word on the UF website.

After 30 minutes of refreshing my browser to check my admission status, multiple lines of tiny text greeted my eyes.

One word, the only word that mattered, shouted at me: Congratulations.

I was a Gator.

After congratulatory hugs and phone calls, I finally bothered to read the rest of the text, as if there might be a mention of something more important than "congratulations."

In the same sentence was the verdict.

In plain English: You have been accepted into the spring 2012 freshman class.

Spring 2012.

All feelings of celebration silently sank into an internal abyss of worry and uneasiness.

Spring meant not starting college until January. Spring meant watching all my friends move away and beginning the "college experience" while I stayed in limbo for another five months.

Spring meant missing football season. Spring meant delaying my first year in college.

More serious concerns came to mind:

Will I be able to graduate on time?

How will I adjust?

What should I do for my first semester?

Choosing another school was not an option. As an in-state school with a reputable journalism program, UF was the obvious choice for me.

Bright Futures and Florida Prepaid College tuition were financial help I couldn't afford to refuse.

So I, along with a few hundred other spring admits, had to reluctantly make some decisions.

From what I've gathered so far, many packed up early and enrolled at Santa Fe Community College for a semester in an effort to not fall behind.

I chose to stay home and take two classes at a community college while working to save up money.

Others did the same and stuck it out with mom and dad back in their hometowns, sympathizing with me that their experience was less than ideal.

As if our first semester of college wasn't already handicapped, an email was sent out to all those who applied for housing months before, delivering the solemn news.

The campus dorms were full.

Life in the dorms — the epitome of the college



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experience — had been stolen from us as well.

We were being robbed of the experience of dealing with a randomly assigned roommate, becoming friends with others on the floor and having the luxury of walking to near-

by classes.

With no room at the inn, many resorted to less lively off-campus housing.

Months passed and the invitation to attend Preview finally came along.

Instead of the traditional, comfortable two-day orientation with a night in a dorm, two days worth of information was crammed into one draining, seemingly endless session.

Jan. 9 came and went, the rest of the Student Body continued about its already-familiar routine, walking, "scootering" and catching the bus across campus as if it were second nature.

We spring admits were still glued to our smartphones using maps to find classes.

Some things somehow managed to work out — for me, at least.

I am thrilled that I was able to stay a few extra months at my job, getting paid for doing what I love: writing.

And I'm fortunate enough to be one out of only a dozen or so students who was finally offered on-campus housing, therefore salvaging a significant part of my college experience.

During Preview, I discovered that I will be graduating on time.

In fact, I might possibly be a semester early due to Advanced Placement, college and dual-enrollment credits.

Others might not be as lucky, but I'm sure a summer session can help with getting back on track. Hall

Spring admits: While you continue to acclimate here to the Swamp, remember that we are, indeed, members of The Gator Nation.

Although the road to Gainesville has not been the smoothest, in three years, we will be throwing up our decorated caps with the rest of the Class of 2015. Best of luck.

Colleen Wright is a journalism freshman at UF. Her column will regularly appear on Tuesdays.



AROUND GAINESVILLE

Organization surveys city's homeless

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

David Steenbergh blew cigarette smoke and gripped a plum binder thick with blank homeless surveys.

The data that would fill that binder would tell stories of breakups, adictions and empty bank accounts.

Steenbergh, 44, was one of about 50 people who went around the city Tuesday completing surveys for the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry Inc.

The surveys are reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Florida Department of Children & Families to help determine how much funding the coalition will receive.

"It gives us a much stronger argument for the basis of our funding," said Theresa Lowe, director of the Gainesville/Alachua County Office on Homelessness.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 1,100 homeless people were counted on city streets — not including those who were in shelters, hospitals, schools and jails, Lowe said.

Steenbergh had been out in the heat all morning. True, he was paid \$10 an hour to do the surveys. But he said it's not about the money.

He said the coalition needs money, though he's heard homeless people say they don't see the results.

He does, though. He said he sees it in the work done through Section 8 housing and the Salvation Army.

"If you don't look, then you don't see it," he said.

He walked up to a group and spoke to a woman. Looking directly in her eyes, he explained why he was there.

He explained how the coalition defined homelessness as anyone without a permanent home.

Most of the group wasn't interested. He approached a man in a black collared shirt and gold-rimmed glasses.

Charles Folsom, 43, cleaned his glasses as Steenbergh read the list.

What caused you to be homeless? A breakup.

Where did you sleep Monday night? A friend's house.

What brought you to Alachua

County? Looking for work.

Steenbergh moved on, walking past the downtown library, through Sweetwater Park and, eventually, back to the Alachua County Housing Authority.

Lowe waited for him. She sat by maps highlighted in orange and pink that marked boundaries of homeless haunts.

From sunrise to sunset, she waited for papers that might alleviate her constant fight for funding.

This fiscal year, she said, the coalition has received about \$650,000 in grant renewals.

The count lets her know how many children don't have homes, how many veterans don't have medicine and how many empty bellies roam the streets.

Last year, the survey found homelessness had jumped by 38 percent to 1,781 people.

Perhaps, she said, surveyors did a better job at finding people.

"It could just be that there are a lot of new people that are homeless," she said. "And I suspect that it's a lot of the latter."

Dean of journalism college to step down

CLARE LENNON

Alligator Staff Writer

The dean of the College of Journalism and Communications announced Wednesday in an email to faculty and staff that he will step down in January 2013.

John Wright has been on medical leave since before fall final exams and is being treated for throat cancer. After serving as interim dean since July 2006, Wright became dean in December 2007.

Wright wrote he will remain part of the faculty and thanked his colleagues for their support.

The news comes days before the college is scheduled to be re-evaluated for renewal of its accreditation. Mike Weigold, associate dean for Undergraduate Affairs and Enrollment Management, said Wright started preparing the college about a year ago for the visits, which will take place Monday and Tuesday.

"We're ready for this because John made sure we were ready," Weigold said.

Spiro Kiouisis, chair of the public relations department, said Wright will be back in a limited capacity within the next few weeks.

Kiouisis said Wright pushed the college forward in digital communications, study-abroad programs, distance learning and interdepartmental collaboration.

"We've been very fortunate to have him as our college leader," he said.



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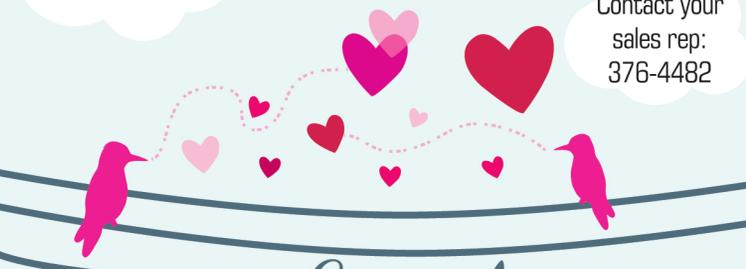
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2BR/1BA Cent heat mobile home. Shaded lot, laundry room. From \$380 to \$450/mo. Includes water. No pets. 1ST MONTH FREE! Vacant lots also available. 4546 NW 13th St. 376-5887 2-3-91-2

Gatornest - 300 NW 18 ST
\$550 - 1BR/1BA - 3 blocks to UF
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\$450 - 1BR/1BA - 4 blocks to UF
Centerpoint - 1220 NW 12 ST
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\$1650-special spring rate! - 4BR/2BA
W/D,DW, cent AC/heat
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rentals@efnproperties.com
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2BR/1.5BA close to UF, Shands, Vet School
\$625 w/ 1 month free; \$595 selected units.
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Units starting from \$550!!
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2 Large Homes in NW For RENT
5-7 bdrm \$2000 per month
Will Accommodate Individuals or Groups
Ask about Family Discount
Call Eric at (352) 682-7424
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Avail Aug 1st. 4BR/2BA great house.
Fireplace, wash/dry provided, dishwasher,
wood floors, fenced. Pets OK. 7 min bike to
campus. \$1400/mo 830 NW 16th Ave 352-
339-2342. Gainesvillequalityrentalhouses.com
1-27-12-14-2

3BR/1.5BA in Pleasant St, historic district,
downtown. Ceiling fans, wood floors. Porch,
newly painted. No dogs. 1st, last, sec. \$1100/
mo call April. 538-1550
aprleve@aol.com 1-31-12-15-2

★ **CAMPUS EDGE CONDO** ★
2/2 Walk to UF, Shands, VA & Pharm School.
Tile floor, W/D in unit. Avail fall. Reasonable
rates. 239-300-1294 1-31-12-14-2

Avail Aug 1st. 4BR/2BA large house w/ big
bedrooms & living room, extra game room.
Fenced. Pets ok. W/D provided. 352-335-
2342 or text 2100 NW 8th Court. \$1400/mo
or go to gainsvillequalityrentalhouses.com
1-29-12-14-2

1/1 spacious apt, \$500, quiet, private, trees,
close to downtown and UF, bus to SFC, car-
pet & tile, pvt. patio w/locking gate, for calm,
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284 3873. postj@bellsouth.net 2-1-12-14-2

2 For Rent unfurnished

Avail Aug 1st. 4BR/3BA house. Incredibly
beautiful, clean, modern house. W/D pro-
vided, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, lg rooms.
2108 NW 8th Ct. Text or call 352-339-2342.
\$1550/mo. gainsvillequalityrentalhouses.com
1-27-12-9-2

AVAILABLE NOW!!
WALK TO UF! Nice 2BR/1BA house. \$450/
mo. Call Richard 371-4367 1-30-10-2

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Great kitchen and bath with w/d, disposal,
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Small pet ok. \$535+ deposit. 352-371-9520,
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Off SW 34th St b/t Archer & Williston Rd.
Updated units, private courtyards, full W/D
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Water, sewer, garbage provided.
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1BR \$445, 2 BR \$545. 352-335-0420 2-15-
12-20-2-2

VETERANS and SECTION 8
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3783 2-15-12-20-2

Avail Aug 1st. 4BR/2BA house. Full size hottub
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port. Across from one of nicest parks in Gville.
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339-2342 gainsvillequalityrentalhouses.com
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Avail Aug 1st. 1BR/1BA house, fireplace,
wood floors, W/D, 1 block from campus. 106
SW 12th St. \$525/mo. Call or text 352-339-
2342. website: gainsvillequalityrentalhouses.com
1-27-12-9-2

Avail Aug 1st. 4BR/2BA house. Very private
backyard, btw UF & Santa Fe. W/D provided,
pets OK, tile throughout. 1330 NW 39th St.
Call 352-339-2342. \$1200/mo. More info &
pictures: gainsvillequalityrentalhouses.com
1-27-12-9-2

2 For Rent unfurnished

Avail Aug 1st. 4BR/2BA nice house close to
campus. Fireplace, wood floors, nice private
backyard, W/D included. 1105 NW 10th Ave.
Call or text 352-339-2342. \$1550/mo. More
info on gainsvillequalityrentalhouses.com
1-27-12-7-2

TOWNHOUSE - 2BR/1.5BA, W/D hook-up,
pvt backyard, carpet, tiles, just painted. Extra
clean. \$600/mo + \$600 sec. 2627 SW 38th
Place. Available now. 941-204-1304 or 352-
215-3160 2-9-12-10-2

BOARDWALK 2/2 \$500
Tennis & Pool Community
Near UF 2701 SW 13th Street
Sublet til July 31st @ \$500/mo
End Unit 980 Sq. Ft. "Carlyle"
Compare @ \$699 - \$759. Move in today!
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*****5 BEDROOM HOUSE*****
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4-2

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●4/2 house 929 nw 22 st \$1500
●4/3 house 3514 nw 7 pl \$1500
●4/2 house 610 nw 34 ter \$1200
●5/3 house 630 nw 36 st \$1500
1-31-12-5-2

Tumblin' Creek condo! remodeled 1bed-
1bath, balcony, wood floors, a/c, pantry, walk/
bike to uf, pets neg. \$725. per/mo. University
Mgt, Inc. Lic. real estate broker 373-7904
2-7-12-10-2

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2 For Rent unfurnished

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Prestigious Bivens Arm. 5BR house, Pool, &
Dock. Bike or walk to Shands & UF. Serious
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619-857-9903 2-22-12-20-2

1BR/1BA Apt.. Large screened-in porch,
W/D hook-up. Pets ok. Monthly rent \$499.
Sec Dep \$499. Near Shands & Vet school,
3300 SW 23rd St. Apts #3. Please call 352-
371-3473 leave message. 2-22-12-20-2

3 Subleases

One Bedroom Apartment to Sub-Lease
Williamsburg Village Apartments Furnished
or UnFurnished Flexible Availability 2 blocks
south of Shands Hospital
352-376-1253 ask for Val 1-31-12-5-3

3-bdrm, 3-bth, till July, \$725/mnth, NO
DEPOSIT, washer-n-dryer in unit, new car-
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Sorority Row, near Shands, Tigert, Mid/
Downtown. 4 lg BR/2BA. Students preferred!
Huge, very clean home. Cent AC/H, FP, W/D,
new wd flrs, DW, 5 extra closets, fenced yard,
plenty of parking, on quiet street. Only \$398/
mo/room. Call/text Jordan 305-896-9066
1-31-19-4

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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NEW CONDOS-WALK TO UF
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BED - QUEEN - \$120 ORTHOPEDIC
Pillow-top, mattress & box. Name brand, new, still in plastic. Call 352-372-7490 will deliver. 4-25-12-72-6

BED - FULL SIZE - \$100 ORTHOPEDIC
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6 Furnishings

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BEDROOM SET- \$300 BRAND NEW
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WE PAY TOP DOLLAR FOR CELL PHONES!
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EVEN IF BROKEN! TECHMOD0 6450 SW
ARCHER RD 352-872-5881. OPEN 7 DAYS
A WEEK! 1-31-15-8

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●Uf Surplus Equipment Auctions●
are underway...bikes, computers, printers,
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4-25-12-72-10

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Two brand new Sealy double sized, firm mat-
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73-11



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Worship Guide

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Episcopal

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All are welcome! 1522 W
University Ave. Communion:
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Gainesville, FL 32653
Phone: 352-376-9940
Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
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Methodist

Gator Wesley Center
United Methodist Campus Min.
www.gatorwesley.com
Worship - Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.
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Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
"Commit thy way unto the Lord"
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352-372-4872
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Service: Fridays at 6:35 pm.
376-6615 | TrinityGNV.org
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Non-Denominational

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ministry college group meets at
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at 7pm - practical application
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Non-Denominational

The Chapel
Sundays: 10:00am Coffee/do-
nuts, 10:30am Worship. Pastor
Teacher: Dr. Richard Parker
A church committed to en-
abling believers to mature in
Christ and to make Him known
to all peoples...with a focus
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and Evangelism! "Set the Traj-
ectory of Your Life on Christ."
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Cash vehicles \$999 and up!
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Over 150 vehicles in stock!
Cars, Trucks, SUVs, & Vans!
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02 Toyota Camry \$6999
04 Chevy Astro \$6999
352-338-1999 4-25-72-12

98 Dodge Ram \$3999
95 Chevy Blazer \$3999
02 Chevy Blazer \$4999
99 Dodge Durango \$6999
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Bring W2 and drive home today!
30 Day Warranty!
No Credit Check!
352-375-9090 4-25-72-12

SUNRISE AUTO SALES
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Cars, Trucks, SUVs & Vans
30 Day Warranty
352-375-9090 4-25-72-12

04 Honda Accord \$7999
04 Chevy Impala \$7999
02 Honda Odyssey \$7999
01 Toyota Solara \$7999
352-375-9090 4-25-72-12

05 Dodge Durango \$9999
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07 Ford Mustang \$12,999
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01 Dodge Neon \$1999
00 Hyundai Elantra \$1999
02 Kia Spectra \$2999
01 Olds Alero \$3999
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94 Cadillac SLS \$1999
99 Acura Integra \$3999
099 Buick Century \$3999
95 Chevy Camero \$2500
352-338-1999 4-25-65-12

97 Ford Explorer \$1999
97 Landrover Discovery \$2999
98 Chevy Venture \$2999
98 Chevy Astro \$3999
352-338-1999 4-25-65-12

13 Wanted

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4-25-72-13

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4-25-72-13

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VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
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Flexible schedule.
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14 Help Wanted

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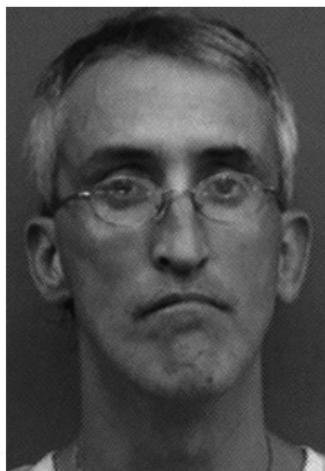
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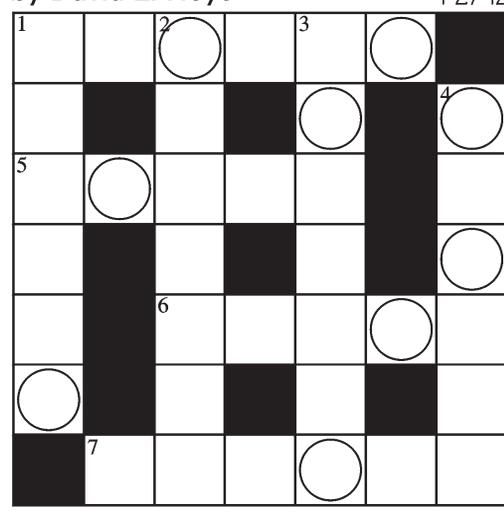
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- 7 Ending with neur-
- 11 Ring leader?
- 14 "Take it easy!"
- 15 Bonus, in adspeak
- 16 Actress Lupino
- 17 Wichita-based aircraft company
- 18 Accordion-playing satirist
- 20 Soft spreads
- 21 Pact
- 22 Idaho crop
- 24 Santa ___: West Coast winds
- 25 "Sonic the Hedgehog" developer
- 28 Western symbol
- 30 Hiker's chewy snack
- 32 Chart used for comparisons
- 36 "I didn't need to know that!"
- 37 Family leader?
- 38 Early Beatle Sutcliffe
- 40 Lower land?
- 41 Steakhouse section
- 43 Coming-of-age ritual
- 45 Medium
- 49 Grub
- 50 Italian bubbly source
- 53 The Dike Kokaral divides its two sections
- 55 Earth's life zone
- 57 Float ___
- 61 Where many shop
- 62 One making big bucks?
- 63 Payable
- 64 Default consequence, for short
- 65 They're often distinguished by degrees
- 66 Slalom curve
- 67 God of lightning
- 68 Fix, in a way, as a lawn

DOWN

- 1 Danish shoe brand

- 2 Seasonal number
- 3 Obeyed a court order
- 4 One who didn't get in
- 5 Infomercial knife
- 6 LAX listing
- 7 Trendy place to get gas?
- 8 Kicks off
- 9 One of the Gallos
- 10 Drink with sushi
- 11 Torn asunder
- 12 Minneapolis suburb
- 13 Things to face
- 19 "My World of Astrology" author
- 21 Turkey diner, probably?
- 23 WWII invasion city
- 25 Certain NCOs
- 26 "Forever, ___": 1996 humor collection
- 27 Author Sheehy
- 29 Bust ___
- 31 Ironically, they might be even
- 33 Inventing middle name
- 34 Three-___: sports portmanteau

- 35 Derisive cries
- 38 Prepare to be shot
- 39 Some twitches
- 42 Like copycats
- 44 Enthusiastic
- 46 God, in Judaism
- 47 Sleazeball
- 48 Maine resort
- 50 Humble place
- 51 Skull cavity
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- 54 Canadian poet Birney
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Gators rally from large first-half deficit to beat Ole Miss

JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

As the nation's leader in 3-point shooting, Florida came into Ole Miss' Tad Smith Coliseum knowing how to sustain a scorching pace from behind the arc through more than half a season.

On Thursday night, the Rebels could only maintain theirs for half a game.

Though Ole Miss led by as many as 16 points early in the first half on 6-for-6 shooting from three, Florida had no need to panic as it entered its locker room down 38-28 at the break.

"They shot the ball incredibly well in the first half, but we just stayed the course," UF coach Billy Donovan said.

The Rebels (13-7, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) — ranked 339th nationally in 3-point shooting percentage before Thursday — made just one of their six attempts from long range in the second half as the No. 14 Gators rallied for a 64-61 win.

Facing a daunting deficit against a team with a perfect 8-0 home record, Donovan challenged his team in the second half to win in four-minute segments, even if it was just by a point.

"What we talked about coming out of the half was, OK, it's a 10-point game, we don't need to get 10-points back in two minutes," Donovan said.

UF was able to claim each of those segments by holding the Rebels to 8-of-29 shooting from the field. Florida outscored Ole Miss 36-22 in the final 20 minutes on 52 percent shooting.

With just less than 12 minutes left, UF cut the lead to one. Florida claimed the lead for the final time with 5:35 remaining after three straight 3-pointers by junior guards Mike Rosario, who had eight points, and Kenny Boynton (12 points).

"I was really happy with our guys' resiliency, their character and the way they kind of handled themselves on the road," Donovan said. "Kenny Boynton stuck with it and knocked down some shots."

While long-range shooting ultimately grabbed Florida the lead, it was junior center Patric Young who led a second-half surge inside.

For the third straight game, the Gators sat the 6-foot-9 Young in favor of fellow sophomore Will Yeguete, a 6-foot-7 forward, in the starting lineup.

Young has seen limited playing time since Florida's last road game at South Carolina on Jan. 14, but against Ole Miss, he was on the court for 26 minutes and scored a team-high 15 points.

"I was really proud of Patric Young," Donovan said. "I thought he really took a step maturity-wise, keeping his composure and just kept playing and playing and playing. He was a force at the basket for us."

The Gators also received a solid performance out of senior

point guard Erving Walker, who keyed UF's 21-assist, five-turnover night with nine assists of his own and 10 points. His only turnover of the game came in the final 18 seconds with Florida up 63-60, when he slipped on the court while trying to milk the clock by evading an Ole Miss foul.

Having escaped Mississippi with its second road win, Flor-

ida will have to turn its attention to a quick home turnaround Saturday against No. 18 Mississippi State at 1:30 p.m.

"To be honest with you, Ohio State (and) Mississippi State, probably one-two of the most talented teams we'll have played so far this season," Donovan said. "They're very gifted and they're very talented."



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Florida point guard Erving Walker scored 10 points and registered nine assists in Thursday's come-from-behind win at Ole Miss. The Gators overcame a 16-point first-half deficit to beat the Rebels 64-61 in Oxford, Miss.

LACROSSE

Florida finds potential starters in exhibition win against England

JOSH JURNOVOY
Alligator Writer

The Gators came into the 2012 season with a big hole to fill in the midfield.

Thursday night, they might have found three ways to fill it.

Freshmen midfielders Nicole Graziano and Nora Barry made strong first impressions along with junior transfer attacker Gabi Wiegand in Florida's 17-2 win against the England Women's National Team on Thursday night at Donald R. Dizney Stadium.

After UF's fourth leading scorer

from the 2011 season, Janine Hillier, transferred to Stony Brook in December, Gators head coach Amanda O'Leary was looking to her newcomers to replace the departed midfielder's production.

"Our freshmen came out and did a good job," O'Leary said. "Gabi did a great job scoring a lot of goals for us and has been a great addition to our program."

Wiegand, who played at Richmond for two years prior to transferring to UF following the 2011 season, had no trouble fitting in with her new team, finishing with a game-high five goals and two assists.

Her intensity was evident in the 21st minute when she scored an unassisted goal for her first as a Gator. Wiegand wrapped around the left post and shot from 5 meters out while diving head first to make it 9-0.



Wiegand

"I wasn't thinking anything," Wiegand said. "I was just thinking, 'Take the shot and hope for the best.'"

O'Leary said the biggest aspect of Wiegand's game the staff has

worked with her on is her aggressiveness, and the results showed Thursday night.

"She was very tentative in the beginning to go to goal," O'Leary said. "With that kind of talent, she doesn't need to be very tentative. She needs to go to goal as much as we can possibly get her to go to goal."

Barry and Graziano were part of Florida's 2011 recruiting class that was ranked third in the country by Inside Lacrosse magazine.

Graziano, a native of Mendham, N.J., finished the game with four goals, two of which were on free position shots. Despite her strong play,

Graziano refused to take any credit and was effusive with praise for her teammates.

"I couldn't have done it all by myself," she said. "Whether it was the defense or (goalkeepers Mikey Meagher and Cara Canington) making a huge save ... or my teammates assisting me, it was definitely a team effort."

Barry, the 15th ranked recruit in 2011 according to Inside Lacrosse, scored both of her goals in the first half. Florida's leading scorer from 2011, Kitty Cullen, assisted on one of Barry's goals while also finishing the game with a hat trick.



Quotable

"My goal is a 4.1, so y'all be looking out for it. You think I'm playing. As soon as I run it, I'm running out of the stadium."

Chris Rainey, Former UF running back

(on his expectations for the 40-yard dash at the NFL combine)

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Florida gymnastics looking to avenge only loss from last year

Hosting No. 1 Arkansas tonight

LONDON WATNICK
Alligator Writer

Facing a top-ranked team like Arkansas may seem like a daunting task, but the Gators have a score to settle with the Razorbacks.

When No. 8 Florida (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) hosts No. 1 Arkansas (6-0, 2-0 SEC), No. 24 Maryland (3-2) and Bridgeport (2-1) in a quad meet in the O'Connell Center tonight at 7, it will look to avenge its only defeat of the 2011 regular season.

In last year's loss against Arkansas on Feb. 25, No. 1 Florida left Fayetteville, Ark., stunned after getting upset 196.70-196.10.

"It's in the back of our heads all of the time," sophomore Mackenzie Caquatto said.

In that meet, UF and Arkansas were tied heading into the final rotation.

On balance beam, then-freshman Alaina Johnson and then-sophomore Ashanée Dickerson suffered the first beam falls of their collegiate careers and scored a 9.05 and 9.275, respectively.

The Gators were forced to count a miss toward their team total.

In the 2011 postseason, UF placed second (196.975) at the SEC Championships, surpassing fourth-place Arkansas (195.800).

But the Razorbacks eventually edged out the Gators 196.55 to 196.425 at the NCAA North Central Regional.

"It was a very close meet," Dickerson said of last season's regular-season matchup. "But this year, I'm just going to go for it all and not worry about last year."

Junior Marissa King said last year's regular-season loss doesn't linger with her, but she's not sure if it still does with any of her teammates.

"I think a loss is like a nice realization of where you are in a season," King said.

"A loss is expected, and that just happened to be our loss last season against that team. I don't think there was ever like a dent or a scar that came from it."

The two SEC teams feature recent award winners. UF's Kytra Hunter earned SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Week honors on Tuesday, while Arkansas sophomore Katherine Grable was named SEC Gymnast of the Week.

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Marissa King
UF junior

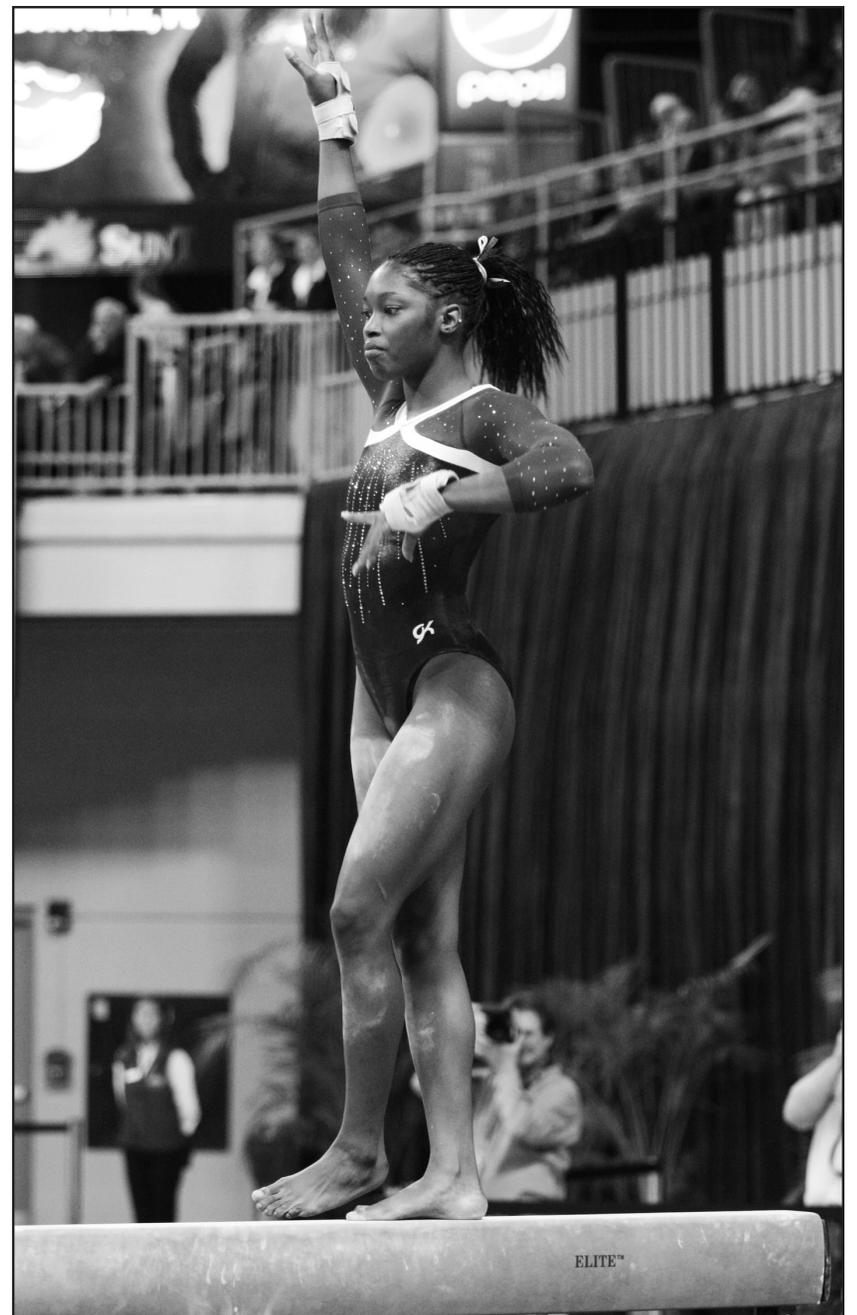
For the Razorbacks, Grable (39.492) and senior Jaime Pisani (39.367) have the second- and ninth-highest all-around averages in the country, respectively.

Hunter (39.233) is 16th in the nation in that category, while King and Dickerson are tied for 20th with a 39.188 average.

No. 8 Florida is not only focused on the challenge the top-ranked Razorbacks present, but also on adjusting to the swift, tournament-style pace of a quad meet.

All four teams will compete one after another with no down time, similar to how the SEC Championships, NCAA Regionals and NCAA Championships are organized.

"I've always referred to [a quad meet] as a three-ring circus," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "It's really a great test for the athletes to be able to focus with a lot of things going on."



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Florida junior Ashanée Dickerson fell on beam for the first time in her collegiate career last season against Arkansas, registering a disappointing 9.275.

Gators women to face stiff test

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Florida is looking to regain some of the program's lost swagger this week.

Coming off a successful meet at home on Sunday, the Gators women's track team will travel to College Station, Texas, to compete in the Texas A&M Challenge at Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium on Friday and Saturday.

The meet, which will feature six teams from the Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference, will be a test for a UF team looking to improve from last year. Coach Mike Holloway said the coaches had a meeting with some of the team's leaders to discuss motivation and pride in their program.

"We didn't have a very good year with the women last year," Holloway said. "We are trying to get them back up there, in the upper echelon, where they belong."

Five of the Gators' opponents at this week's meet, including an experienced and top-ranked Oregon squad, are listed in the Top 25 women's indoor rankings. Florida is not ranked.

Holloway said the women believe they have the ability and talent to be a top-25-caliber team. Many members of

the women's squad were high school All-Americans and competed on World Junior teams.

The women have up-and-coming, young talent that will be competing this week, such as sophomore sprinter Darshay Davis and freshman high jumper Taylor Burke. Both competed at the Gator Invite last week, when Davis finished fifth in the 55-meter sprint, and Burke won the high jump event with the fourth-highest jump in school history.



Holloway

"I'm really excited. It's definitely something I've never been exposed to," Burke said. "So I am excited to get there and just compete."

Current standout veterans, hurdler Ugonna Ndu and throwers Keely Medeiros and Fidela James, will have to perform well in their events for the women to have a successful day.

Holloway said the women's team is encouraged by the success of the No. 2 men's team.

"There is a focus, there is a determination," Holloway said. "They don't want to let the men have all the fun."

MEN'S TENNIS

UF to host qualifying matches

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After a quarterfinal exit in last year's ITA Team Indoor Championships, the Gators enter 2012 qualifying as the team to beat.

One week after an impressive 6-1 victory at Baylor, No. 5 Florida will look to carry its momentum into the ITA Kick-Off weekend at Linder Stadium.

The event serves as a qualifying event for the ITA Team Indoor Championships, which will be held at the University of Virginia from Feb. 17-20.

Last year, the Gators defeated North Carolina State to earn a berth in the Indoor Championships in Seattle. Florida was eliminated by No. 21 Duke in the quarterfinals. This year, the Gators are the hosts and the highest-ranked team. In many ways, this weekend will be a better indicator of the team's ability than last week's match in Waco, Texas.

"This weekend is far more important to us than the Baylor match," coach Andy Jackson said. "The main reason to play such a high-level opponent in the first match of the season is to get ready for the kick-off weekend."

Florida's opponents this weekend, however, are no slouches either. The Gators will host No. 55 New Mexico on Saturday at 10 a.m., before No. 33 Miami and No. 41 Wake Forest square off later in the day. The winners of each match will meet on Sunday for a

berth in the Indoor Championships.

With all three teams in Gainesville ranked among the top 55 in the nation, Florida will be up against some tough competition. Three years ago, the Hurricanes defeated the Gators in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Gainesville.

"We play New Mexico first, who have a lot of seniors," Jackson said, "And then, obviously, Miami is one of the few teams that have had some good success against us here at Florida."



Jackson

With last Sunday's match serving as a good barometer of where the team stands, Jackson still feels the team has work to do. The Gators face a difficult schedule this season, including matches at No. 1 USC and No. 2 Virginia.

While the slate of opponents seems challenging, Jackson is confident that his team will improve.

"We have a huge amount of improvement that we have to do, but I love the senior leadership we're getting from Nassim Slilam. And I love that sort of team chemistry and work ethic of our team," he said.

"We're going to take some losses, but we've got to get better as the season goes on. That's what the schedule is designed to do, but it can crack you if you don't handle it the right way."

SOFTBALL

Gators taking small-ball approach after exodus of power hitters

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Failing to muscle up enough for a championship last season, Florida now looks to finesse its way to the top.

Although the Gators led the nation in runs (508) and home runs (124) last year, their offense ran dry when it counted most against Arizona State in the Championship Series of the Women's College World Series. Florida's six total runs in two games in the finals were just more than one run below its average during the rest of the season (7.18).

Now, coach Tim Walton has changed their offensive philosophy to try to keep the scoring consistent from beginning to end.

The Gators have focused on building a faster team, with an emphasis on reaching base and good baserunning to control the game. This change comes after losing four seniors on offense that combined for 51 percent of the team's home runs.

"The biggest thing, the quickest thing to see is . . . the offensive magnitude of what we lost, [and] being able to pick that up in numbers, in bunches, as opposed to picking it up by one or two individuals," Walton said.

A small-ball approach to the game does not mean a complete abandonment on hitting for power; instead, it's a shift from relying on an entire lineup full of strength to relying on players getting on base with select individuals knocking them in with extra-base hits.

"The number of home runs we hit last year, we are not going to hit this year," Walton said. "But I think there are plenty of powerful hitters in this lineup that can do a lot of great things."

Walton expects those great things again from both senior Michelle Moultrie, who led the team in steals (31) and on-base percentage (.519), and sophomore Cheyenne Coyle, who finished second in both categories among returning players.

Along with the experienced players, Coyle said the seven incoming freshmen will also help UF play better small ball.

"We still have our powers, but, having the speed, we can do a lot more things, like on the bases," Coyle said of this year's lineup.

"[We can] score a lot of runs, outscoring our opponents more, not just with power but with base hits, stealing bases and delayed steals. It's definitely going to happen this year."

Still, Florida returns junior Brittany Schutte, UF's single-season home run record holder (22). If she remains a top-tier slugger, it will allow the rest of the lineup to focus on getting

on base and working the basepaths.

Both players and Walton expressed that they already see a changed team, although the season has not even started yet. Sophomore Kasey Fagan compared the two squads during the preseason media day.

"I feel like this team is more versatile," Fagan said. "We're faster; we can do more things at the plate. We aren't just a one-dimensional team. People are going to be surprised, that's all I can say."



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Florida sophomore shortstop Cheyenne Coyle is one of the players the Gators will be relying on to architect a small-ball feel to this year's offense. Coyle finished second among returning players in OBP and stolen bases last year.

SMALL BALL IN 2011

How UF compared to Missouri, a renowned small-ball team, and the rest of last year's WCWS opponents.

	BA	HPG	OBP	SB	BB	SacB	HrPG	RPG
Florida	.324	8.30	.432	1.48	322	32	1.80	7.36
Missouri	.296	7.90	.385	1.73	218	109	1.06	5.76
Avg. of 6 other teams	.303	7.92	.393	1.49	214	44	1.00	5.63

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