

Patric Young
 and Erik Murphy
 played large roles in
 Florida's road win
 against Alabama
 on Tuesday.
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Lauren Adamson / Alligator

Mock Marriage

Biology freshman Daniela Sanchez and finance freshman Alejandra Miyares get married on the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday afternoon. Delta Sigma Pi hosted the wedding ceremonies, complete with bridal bouquet, optional bow tie and Ring Pop exchange for a \$3 donation to the American Cancer Society.

**Spring-summer students
 to move to Beaty East**

▶ ABOUT 377 STUDENTS WILL BE
 DISPLACED.

MARIANELLA TELLO

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF freshman Christie Fleeman and her three roommates arrived at their Beaty East apartment last fall, determined to make it as homey as possible.

Next fall semester, Fleeman, 18, may have to start over in Beaty West.

Fleeman, and about 377 other students living in Beaty East will not be able to continue living there during the 2012-13 academic year because it will house Innovation Academy students.

Innovation Academy is an enrollment model in which students attend classes on campus only during spring and summer semesters. The first Innovation Academy class will arrive in Spring 2013.

Fleeman said she did not know about

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ON CAMPUS

**UPD investigates second
 suspected hazing incident**

JOEY FLECHAS

Alligator Staff Writer

University Police are investigating a second possible hazing case that occurred two years ago.

As police investigated a hazing incident reported Feb. 4, a second incident was reported to police Monday.

According to the UPD crime log, the hazing may have occurred between April 2010 and late January 2011. Officials said the case involves a Greek organization. Police have not released many details on either incident.

The incident reported Feb. 4 involved an individual hoping to become part of Alpha Phi

Alpha fraternity. Officials said the student suffered visible injuries, but hospitalization was not required. Sources with knowledge of the situation said the hazing may have involved beatings.

The UF chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was temporarily suspended last week as police investigate.

UF's antihazing task force met Tuesday to talk about measures to educate students and parents about hazing, including posting past hazing incidents on student organizations' websites and inviting students to work with the task force to discuss the issue. Considering recent events, the group also agreed to start meeting every two weeks.

**Tempur-Pedic donates mattresses to Ronald McDonald House
 Organization calls for volunteers to move beds**

ADARA NEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Ronald McDonald House of Gainesville will need some helping hands next week.

The organization will need volunteers from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 21 and 23 to move 51 mattresses and 51 box springs from storage containers into its 31 guest rooms, said Theresa Drews, house operations director at Gainesville's Ronald McDonald House.

Tempur-Pedic donated the beds Mon-

day. The Ronald McDonald House provides temporary housing for families with critically ill children receiving treatment at Gainesville hospitals.

Mike Mason, the director of brand development and integration at Tempur-Pedic, said the company was eager to provide mattresses for families staying at the house because they are in need of a good night's sleep.

"We give people their best night's sleep," Mason said. "So there is this great

connection between what we do and the charity."

"We give people their best night's sleep."

Mike Mason

director of brand development and integration
 at Tempur-Pedic

The brand became an official sponsor for the charity in January 2010. Since then, Tempur-Pedic has donated about 2,500 beds, Mason said.

Tempur-Pedic's goal is to replace beds at every Ronald McDonald House in the U.S. by 2014, he said.

Drews said she knows the importance of the loving and comfortable atmosphere the houses provide. Three years ago, she stayed at the Chicago house while her 14-year-old nephew was being treated for brain cancer at the Children's Memorial Hospital.

Mason hopes other companies and individuals will follow suit in donating their time and resources to charities.

"It really is about doing the right thing," he said.

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Today, 10 p.m. to 2 p.m.
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This Day of Action supports human rights causes. Learn about global, national and local human rights issues, and learn how to get involved in supporting human rights.

Birthright Registration Party

Today, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Gator City
Come to the Birthright registration party at Gator City to register and receive priority. There will be free food and drinks.

International Internship Seminar

Today, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Bryan Hall, Room 232
International Programs will host a seminar to discuss opportunities for international internships through the Warrington College of Business. Representatives from various study abroad programs and international universities will be present. RSVP to the event through Facebook to International Internship Seminar.

College of Education School of Teaching & Learning: Graduate Degree Program Information Sessions

Today, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Reitz Union, Room 285
At this information session, faculty will share information and answer questions regarding on-campus and online graduate degree programs.

Florida Alternative Breaks Online Auction

Today through next Wednesday at midnight.
FAB will host an online auction to raise money for student service trips. To view the auction, visit www.fabauction.org. Items include donations from businesses such as Sarkara Sweets, Maude's Classic Cafe, Gainesville Health and Fitness,

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Florida Alternative Breaks Meet and Greet

Thursday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Peabody Hall, Room 411
Come to the meet-and-greet to learn more about FAB. Members of the board will be there to answer questions about upcoming spring break trips and any questions about the organization. Learn how to apply for trips, as there are still spots available for Spring Break 2012.

A few blocks over, a world apart

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
La Casita
Hear the stories of migrant farm workers and the poverty-stricken in Gainesville from someone who works in the community to help people. Please bring nonperishable items listed on the Facebook event page. There will be free food and prizes.

Shabbat with Rabbi Telushkin

Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
6 p.m. - Judaism and the Law
7:30 p.m. - Reform, Conservative and Traditional services
8:45 p.m. - Shabbat Dinner. Dinner is \$20 a person (free for students) and reservations are required for community members.
10 p.m. - Lecture on Eco-Kashrut and what Judaism

says about treating vulnerable populations. For reservations please call UF Hillel at 352-372-2900.

Shabbat with Rabbi Telushkin

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.
10 a.m. - Traditional services
1 p.m. - Shabbat Lunch. Lunch is \$10 a person (free for students) and reservations are required. Rabbi Telushkin will discuss his book, "Hillel: If Not Now, When?"
6 p.m. - Seudah Shlishit, the third meal. Reservations requested.
7 p.m. - Havdallah
7:30 p.m. - Rabbi Telushkin will speak about his book, "Jewish Humor: What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews." A dessert reception will follow. To make reservations, please call the UF Hillel at 352-372-2900.

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McDonald's to address living conditions of pregnant pigs

CHRIS ALCANTARA
Alligator Contributing Writer

One of the world's largest restaurant chains is taking steps to improve living conditions for pregnant pigs in its pork supply facilities.

McDonald's Corp. announced Wednesday that it will require its U.S. pork suppliers to submit plans to phase out individual stalls for the pigs by May, a decision supported by the Humane Society of the United States.

"There are alternatives that we think are better for the welfare of sows," said Dan Gorsky, senior vice president of McDonald's North America Supply Chain Management, in a statement. "McDonald's wants to see the end of sow confinement in gestation stalls in our supply chain."

The decision came after years of talks between McDonald's and the Humane Society and from the fast-food chain's analysis of how the stalls affect the animals, said Josh Balk, a spokesman for the Humane Society.

Balk said sows spend a majority of their lives confined in 2-by-7-foot metal cages, which give them

little room to move around and are considered inhumane by animal rights groups.

He said the use of gestation stalls by pork suppliers is banned in the European Union and in eight

U.S. states, including Florida.

"It's cruel and inhumane to permanently confine an animal in

a cage so cramped she can't even turn around," he said.

Balk said an alternative to gestation stalls would be to move pregnant sows to open pen houses.

"Pigs are built to move, and in order to have proper welfare they should at least be able to walk around and turn around and socialize with other pigs," he said.

The pork industry does not see McDonald's decision in the same light as the Humane Society.

Dave Warner, a spokesman for the National Pork Producers Council, said moving sows from stalls to pens has its disadvantages.

"If you put 10 pregnant sows in a room or pen, they get mean," he said. "They will attack each other and bite in places where, as a sow, you really wouldn't want to get bitten."

Sows in open pens also pose a worker-safety issue, he added.

Sam Kowalczyk, a 21-year-old nuclear engineering junior, said he's concerned with the issue of sanitation if sows are moved from individual stalls to group pens.

"I'm all for McDonald's exercising their decision of where they get their food from," he said. "As long as it's safe."



Haley Stracher / Alligator Staff

Hunter Nichols, a 20-year-old English sophomore, studies while he eats at the McDonald's at 201 NW 13th St. on Tuesday afternoon.

Donovan takes second shot at charity challenge, seeks votes online

KELSEY GRENTZER
Alligator Contributing Writer

After winning \$100,000 for children's health last year, basketball coach Billy Donovan is back in the game.

This year, Donovan will participate in ESPN's second Infiniti Coaches' Charity Challenge. He is vying to get enough online votes to raise money for the Sebastian Ferrero

Foundation, which donates money to the expansion of Shands Hospital for Children at UF. He supported the same cause last year.

Fred Demarest, UF assistant athletics director and spokesman, said the foundation remains an important charity to Donovan.

"It's a charity that's very close to his heart," Demarest said.

The number of participating coaches jumped to 48 from last year's 14.



Donovan

continue until March 8.

As of Tuesday, Donovan was in second place in the southern region, with 23 percent of the votes.

Voters can pick one coach per region online at ESPN's website each day until Feb. 27. Voting among the final four will

Each coach will earn \$5,000 for his charity of choice, and the winning coach's charity will receive \$100,000.

Last July, the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation used money from the competition to create a new pediatric emergency room at Shands at UF, said Linda Michalisin, a spokeswoman for the foundation.

"Coach Donovan's support has been critical," she said.

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Traffic stop yields 1.8 pounds of pot

► SUSPECTS WERE STOPPED FOR HAVING A BLOCKED LICENSE PLATE.

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

A routine traffic stop turned into a drug bust Monday night when an Alachua County Sheriff's deputy found 1.8 pounds of marijuana under a car's hood.

Harvey K. Mason, 21, of Williston, and his roommate, Louis K. Marks, 20, were charged with marijuana possession with intent to sell. They were both being held at Alachua County Jail as of Tuesday night.

Deputy Victor Borrero stopped Mason's white Jeep at 17000 SW 134th Ave. on Monday night because one of the Jeep's taillights was blocking the license plate. After Mason stopped, Borrero could smell the marijuana, according to an arrest report.

Borrero asked him about the smell, and Mason admitted he kept a small bag of marijuana under one of his seats. Borrero searched Mason and found a small scale in his pocket, which the officer suspected Mason used for weighing drugs.

When Borrero searched the car, he found a small green vial under the passenger's seat. He asked whom it belonged to.

"Mine!" Mason and Marks said at the same time, according to the arrest report.

They told Borrero they drove around Gainesville on Monday night looking for "quality weed" and bought the drugs for \$25, according to police.

Borrero continued to search the car. After he opened the hood of the Jeep, he found a green bag on the driver's side engine compartment, according to the report.

Inside, he found a white bag. Inside the white bag, he found two Ziploc bags containing a total of 1.8 pounds of marijuana.

CRIME

Women charged with domestic battery

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH

Alligator Writer

Two women were charged with domestic battery Monday night.

Laurie Bowlen, a 28-year-old claims adjuster, attacked her husband after she found him talking to another woman in a car, and Rebecca McKenzie, a 25-year-old Gainesville Regional Utilities employee, fought with her ex-husband because he had her cellphone, according to a Gainesville Police Department arrest report.

In the first incident, Laurie found her husband, Brent, talking to Jennifer Cruikshank, a friend, in a car in the driveway of the couple's home.

Brent got out, and the couple argued.

Laurie suspected her husband was behaving inappropriately with Cruikshank, and according to the report, Brent then grabbed his wife. He was concerned she would "do something stupid," like attack Cruikshank.

A GPD officer arrived at 9:55 p.m. in response to a suspicious activity call, and he saw Brent holding his wife. The officer demanded Brent let her go, but Laurie bit her husband's right arm before he could. She was arrested.

According to the report, Bowlen said she bit him so he would release her.

The other instance of domestic battery Monday night involved

Rebecca and Latroy McKenzie. The two have been in a relationship for 10 years and married for five. According to a police report, they've been separated for the last three months.

Around 5:30 p.m., the two were arguing in Latroy's apartment, and according to the report, Rebecca grabbed her ex-husband's ears and hair and hit him on the back to get her cellphone. Latroy then pushed her out of his apartment.

After the fight, there was dried blood behind Latroy's left ear where his ex-wife had grabbed him, the report said.

Laurie Bowlen and Rebecca McKenzie were both released without bail Tuesday at 1:10 p.m.

State Senate to discuss in-state tuition bill

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Staff Writer

The Florida Senate recently rejected a bill that would allow some children of undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition, but hope for immigrants might not be lost.

Another bill, which would allow those students who immigrated to the U.S. illegally to pay in-state tuition, is scheduled for debate in the state legislature on Friday.

The bill, SB106, would allow those students to pay resident tuition if they attend high school in Florida for three years, graduate from a Florida high school, register at a Florida college or university and file an affidavit with the university promising to file for residency or citizenship.

The bill, offered by Sen. Gary Siplin, D-Orlando, last year, only made it past the judiciary committee. Siplin brought it back this year in an attempt to level the playing field for all students who were educated in the Florida school system, said Siplin's legislative assistant Lakeisha Hood.

The issue is also close to Siplin's heart, Hood said.

Siplin's wife emigrated from Haiti and attended school in Florida, but because

she wasn't a citizen, she was forced to pay out-of-state tuition for college.

Although the bill would allow undocumented students to be considered Florida residents for financial reasons, the measure wouldn't protect against deportation.

However, she said, the legal-status affidavit would be handled only by the university where the student is enrolled.

"The affidavit isn't going to send up a red flag to ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement] that they're undocumented," she said.

Nichole Teixeira, assistant public relations director for the UF immigrant advocacy group CHISPAS, said the bill would benefit Florida's economy by allowing more students the opportunity to get college degrees.

Without the bill, most undocumented students, who don't qualify for state-funded financial aid, wouldn't be able to pay tuition.

"It sets them up for failure," she said.



Siplin

Beaty East residents who re-applied for housing were given priority

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the change until her housing sign-up date.

"I found out about the displacement because someone in my floor received an email and told us what was going to happen," she said.

Jennifer Todden, residence life coordinator for Beaty Towers and Jennings Hall, sent the email explaining the Innovation Academy program.

"I found out about the displacement because someone in my floor received an email and told us what was going to happen."

Christie Fleeman
UF freshman

emy program.

The Department of Housing and Residence Education held a Q&A session for residents, saidCarolynn Komanski, assistant director of housing for administrative services.

Fleeman said she enjoys Beaty's central location and was upset when she found out about the changes.

"I was worried that because

only one tower would be open there would not be enough rooms available," she said.

However, the news will not interfere with her future living arrangements.

"I kind of wanted to stay in my same room because I like the view," she said. "But it didn't re-

ally change my plans that much because I just decided to live in Beaty West."

Komanski said the Department of Housing and Residence Education assigned the Innovation Academy students to Beaty East on Dec. 16.

Current residents received displacement notices prior to room sign-up week.

Residents of Beaty East who re-applied for campus housing were given priority for room selection.

Beaty East will house overflow students with late application dates and students who sign contracts only for Fall 2012.

The Department of Housing and Residence Education hasn't determined if Beaty East will house students from Innovation Academy after 2013.

"The department will have to evaluate the success of the program and demand for student housing," Komanski said. "At this time we have not determined what facilities will be for Innovation Academy for 2014 and onward. However, we will house students for this new academic term."



Haley Stracher / Alligator Staff

Students living in Beaty East will not be able to live there during the 2012-13 academic year. Instead, the building will house Innovation Academy students.

Student Senate tests online voting system

Senate president: Test went smoothly

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
Alligator Writer

UF Student Senate members cast votes Tuesday night for the upcoming Student Government elections, but they elected members of the Doctor's Party and the Hogwarts Party.

The senators tested the secure-location online vot-

ing system.

They voted on members of the fictional parties the same way students will vote for Students Party and Unite Party candidates during the election days.

On Feb. 21 and 22, students will cast their ballots and look them over.

They will be allowed to make edits before submission.

In the Fall 2011 elections, many students were classified under the wrong location-based districts for their college addresses.

The new ballot will give students three opportunities to complete an affidavit if their classification is listed incorrectly.

"I was pleased with the changes," said Senate President Andy Mason af-

ter the meeting.

The election codes require that the Supervi-

"Given the changes the [election code revision] committee made, things went smoothly tonight."

Andy Mason
Senate president

sor of Elections ensure all ballot-counting equipment is tested the week prior to elections.

After the senators cast their ballots, the results were printed and presented to the Senate.

"Given the changes the [election code revision] committee made, things went smoothly tonight," Mason said after the meeting.

The Senate also passed a resolution against hazing in light of the recent UF fraternity hazing investigation.

SG Elections

- Polls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22.

- Polling locations are available online at www.sg.ufl.edu/GetInvolved/Elections



John McLaughlin / Alligator

Student Government members test the secure-voting system in a mock election in the Reitz Union printing lab Tuesday night.

UF ranked No. 2 in 'slacker-ness'

► PENN STATE TAKES TOP SPOT IN SEC-DOMINATED LIST.

JULIA GLUM
Alligator Writer

Satire site College Humor ranked UF No. 2 on its list of the top 10 biggest slacker colleges in the U.S., according to a Huffington Post story.

It said students at the schools on the list maximize fun while minimizing effort.

Pennsylvania State University topped the list. Virginia Tech came in at No. 3, followed by the University of Oklahoma and Auburn University.

Educational consultant Steven Antonoff, who wrote "The College Finder," a book containing more than 700 college-related lists, disapproves of the rankings.

"I don't know that there are ways to measure slacker-ness," he said.

Antonoff likened the slacker list to the Princeton Review's party school rankings.

UF is the only Florida school ranked, but five Southeastern Conference universities made the list.

The popularity of football could be to blame for UF's ranking, said 21-year-old English junior Will Henry.

"I think this is such a big football and partying school, you kind of get the feeling that nobody's doing any work," he said.

Blair Erich, a 21-year-old psychology senior, said UF students know how to balance work and play.

"We're winners," she said. "We're always happy, always partying."

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Editorial

Tuition Tumult Student residency should determine rate

Last semester, we wrote an editorial in favor of a bill that would grant in-state tuition status to students who were children of illegal immigrants. The bill required those students to attend a Florida high school for four consecutive years and plan to enroll in college within 12 months of graduation in Florida.

Well, Florida Sen. Steve Oelrich, who chairs the the Senate Higher Education Committee, made sure the bill did not make it to the Senate floor.

In response, protesters gathered outside the senator's office at the end of last week to encourage him to change his mind on this issue.

Oelrich defended his position to the protesters, saying it was a "tradition" in Florida to award in-state tuition based on the residency of the parents rather than the children.

He gave the example of his son, who goes to school in Colorado but pays out-of-state tuition because his parents live in Florida.

According to the Associated Press, Oelrich also opposed the bill because it allowed students attending high schools near Florida's border to receive in-state tuition even if their parents lived in another state.

But Oelrich is missing the point.

The students who attend school in Florida but whose parents live in Georgia can still go to a school in Georgia and pay in-state tuition.

What choice do the children of undocumented immigrants have? Their parents came to the U.S. through the back door, leaving their children with no choice for an affordable education.

As we argued in our previous editorial about this issue, we should be careful not to place all the blame on the parents.

Our immigration system has many structural flaws that encourage illegal entry. The fact is, coming through the front door is extremely difficult, especially for people from non-Western countries. Our work visa system is strictly limited, and there is virtually no path to citizenship for unskilled laborers in this country.

In spite of all of this, it is still not the fault of the children that their parents came to the country without taking the legal, albeit cumbersome and nearly impossible, route.

These students would still have been required to attend school in Florida and would likely become upstanding citizens as a result of their chance to receive an education.

Otherwise, students who are the children of illegal immigrants would have to work in the state at a minimum-wage job for a full year before they could receive in-state tuition.

This not only puts them at a disadvantage compared to other students, but it also means that many might be discouraged from ever attending college in the first place.

Our policies should not discourage those people actively seeking to further their educations because of the actions of their parents.

Reader response

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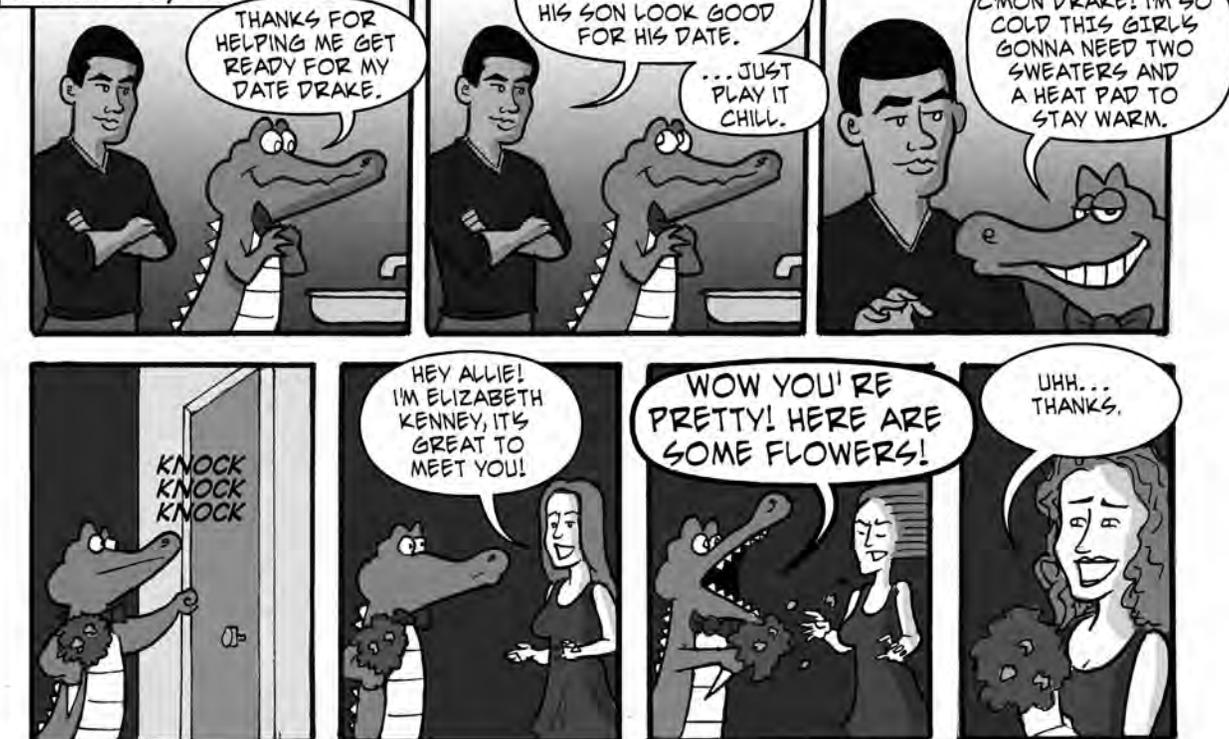
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Column

US should not support armed conflict

With tension between Israel and Iran so heated that armed conflict seems inevitable, the U.S. military must decide on a plan of action should combat arise, and it must decide soon.

According to the Washington Post, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta believes there is a "strong likelihood" that Israel will strike Iran in April, May or June.

The conflict between the two nations stems largely from Iran's nuclear program. In short, Israel doesn't want Iran to have nuclear power.

The words "Iran" and "Israel" conjure up two images: one of a backward, malevolent country and one of a civil, peaceful country. How could it be otherwise when rocket attacks from one country are called terrorism but occupation and incursions by another are accepted or ignored?

Consider the U.S.'s hostility toward Iran. At the South Carolina Republican Presidential Debate, candidate Rick Santorum said, "There have been scientists turning up dead in Russia and in Iran. ... I hope that the United States has been involved with that."

According to Santorum, who needs trial by jury or even a criminal accusation? When U.S. presidential candidates support the assassination of unarmed, nonviolent scientists, it's easy to see why Iran would want to equip itself with nuclear weapons.

Indeed, the conflict surrounding Iran's nuclear program is difficult and can't be entirely attributed to one country. If anything, the aggressor, at the moment, is Israel. Israel likely has access to nuclear weaponry, and it is Israel that appears most likely to open warfare to stop Iran's nuclear program.

This weekend, during the celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the Iranian Revolution, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made a major announcement: "In the coming days, the world will witness Iran's announcement of its very important and very major nuclear achievements."

These nuclear achievements, if real, are important, con-



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sidering that Iran's nuclear ambitions have been the target of opposition from many nations. As Ahmadinejad put it, "All countries have put pressure on us for not obtaining nuclear know-how, but all these pressures are futile."

Iran's possession of nuclear weaponry may prove to be the greatest source of peace for the Middle East. Nuclear weapons are primarily facilitators of deterrence, not combat. If Israel and Iran both know that the other has nuclear power, they will avoid war at all costs. It is similar to the circumstance of the Cold War: Mutually assured destruction will prevent either side from taking action.

Although it may be too much to expect the U.S. not to blindly back Israel, our loyalty should lie with ourselves alone.

There is a horribly mistaken notion that there are certain civilities of war: that massacre is civil as long as the murderers and victims are wearing their country's uniforms, or that one death, 100 deaths or 1 million deaths are acceptable as long as they are the result of adherence to the protocol of the Geneva Conventions.

As absurd as this notion sounds, this is how war is practiced today. Warfare of any kind is the vilest, wickedest action humans can take on each other. There is no civil warfare.

Thus, the United States should not jump into any conflict with Iran. War has become a farce, with the U.S. seeming to involve itself in some new conflict every year. But war with Iran would be far from a farce, and the U.S.'s only goal for this conflict should be to establish peace between Israel and Iran.

Abdul Zalikha is a biology and English junior at UF. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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ALACHUA COUNTY

Commission may leave GRU due to increasing costs

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Writer

The Alachua County Commission decided Tuesday to consider the costs of using other energy providers after learning that Gainesville Regional Utility's biomass contract will increase the county's utility bill.

Charlie Jackson, Alachua County facilities manager, said the biomass plant, which will burn wood to generate electricity, would cause the county utility bill to jump by about \$200,000 a year starting in 2014. Utility bills currently amount to about \$3 million, said Alachua County spokesman Mark Sexton.

The commission has not taken an official stance in support or opposition of Gainesville's decision to sign a \$3.1 billion biomass

contract, he said.

However, when the commission heard about the utility rate increase for its own buildings, it voted unanimously to have county staff look into the cost of other energy providers and research how much surrounding counties pay for electricity.

"My motivation here is to be able to draw a conclusion personally that our rates really are higher, lower or the same than others," Commissioner Paula DeLaney said.

Commissioner Lee Pinkoson analyzed electricity costs in other counties and asked if it was possible to switch energy providers.

Other energy companies under consideration such as Progress Energy, which provides most of the electricity to UF, and Clay Electric Co-op may cost less, he said.

Commissioner Susan Baird said the county should examine other ways to generate electricity in an effort to keep utility rates low for residents and prospective business owners who want to come to Gainesville.

"Business utility bills are going to go up significantly," Baird said. "If you see high utility costs, you aren't going to want to come here."

While Interim County Manager Rick Drummond said he understood the commission's concern for increased utility rates among residents and businesses in the county, he said the cost analysis will focus on impacts to the county government and its utility bills.



DeLaney

"We are really honing in on impact to Alachua County government as opposed to doing an analysis on the impact on economic opportunity in Alachua County as a whole," Drummond said.

Six county residents stood at the meeting and spoke against the biomass plan, including City Commission at-large 1 candidate Nathan Skop, who built his part of his campaign around opposition to the biomass contract.

Gainesville resident Paula Stamer said she appreciated that the County Commission discussed the contract and allowed public comment.

"Citizens in Gainesville have had absolutely no success in getting the city to discuss this issue," Stamer said. "Thank you for letting us talk."



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Caught the Love Bug

USF marketing major Josh Charpie catches a Frisbee from his girlfriend on the Plaza of the Americas on Monday afternoon. Charpie came from Tampa to visit his girlfriend, Kelsey Albina, for Valentine's Day.

New softball, baseball scoreboards to debut

RACHEL CROSBY

Alligator Contributing Writer

New digital baseball and softball scoreboards will be up and running for both teams' opening games this week.

The boards have video capability and will replace the ones served the stadium for the last 10 years.

They have undergone testing and will be fully operational for softball's opening game tonight and baseball's on Friday.

Chip Howard, senior associate athletics director, said the old boards were obsolete.

"We couldn't even buy replacement parts for them,"

Howard said.

The new boards are completely digital and will broadcast color headshots, highlight clips and commercials. The softball boards went up between Jan. 16 and 20, and the baseball boards from Jan. 20 to 27.

"We couldn't even buy replacement parts for them."

Chip Howard

senior associate athletics director

The total cost for the boards was \$700,000, which came from a \$15 million University Athletic Association bond used for renovating various athletic facilities.

Responders honored for work during I-75 accidents

▶ ABOUT 50 OFFICIALS WERE HONORED.

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Writer

Ed Bailey's gold-plated Alachua County Fire Rescue badge sat over his heart and gleamed under the lights of the meeting room at the Alachua County Administration building downtown.

Bailey, chief of ACFR, and the Alachua County Commission honored about 50 law enforcement, public safety and communications officials Tuesday morning for their work during the Interstate 75 accidents on Jan. 29. The wrecks claimed 11 lives and sent 21 to the hospital.

Bailey said the wrecks were the

worst he had ever seen in his 36 years in public safety.

Some in the room were law enforcement and public safety officials who responded to the accident scene. That day, officers, firefighters and paramedics were blinded by the smoke from a nearby brush fire and guided only by victims' screams.

Others were dispatchers who advised frantic callers while trying to process what was happening on the other end of the line.

"It's one thing to go on a call and respond to emergencies like a vehicle accident or a heart attack," Bailey said. "But it is another to go to an incident where nature is working against you."

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office Combined Communications Center dispatchers were lifelines that night, he said.

LOCAL

Station to host wine-centric fundraiser

DAVID A. MURPHY

Alligator Contributing Writer

To stay afloat, public radio stations often rely on the kindness of strangers.

WUFT-FM does it with wine.

UF's 89.1 WUFT-FM will host its 23rd annual "A Celebration of Wine" event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Sue Wagner, special events coordinator for WUFT-FM, said the event is an important fundraiser for the station.

"We've raised over \$300,000 for the life of the event," she said. "It's also provided awareness to the community."

Wagner said the fundraising event was started to help benefit the public radio station.

Last year, the event raised \$36,667 for the station.

Donors provide more than 1,000 types of wine for attendees to bid on or sample, said Kathy Bare, senior accountant for the multimedia department of the College of Journalism and Communications.

Attendees can also bid in the silent auction for prizes including wine, jewelry, pottery and art, all of which are donated for the event.

Tickets cost \$55 in advance and \$60 at the door. Tickets are available online at wuft.org/wine.

WUFT-FM 89.1 airs 24 hours a day in 19 counties in North Central and mid-Florida.

"I would like to see more people realize the value of public broadcast."

Kathy Bare

senior accountant for the multimedia department of the College of Journalism and Communications

Unlike commercial radio, public radio relies on fundraisers, pledge drives and special events to raise money.

Bare, a supporter of public radio, said she has attended about a dozen "A Celebration of Wine" fundraisers.

She said the event is important because other funding for the station has decreased with the economic downturn.

Although WUFT-FM has some staunch supporters and the fundraisers have been successful, Bare said, she still has one wish.

"I would like to see more people realize the value of public broadcast."

Seniors have last chance to be 'Hotdoggers' for Oscar Mayer

► 'HOTDOGGERS' SERVE AS BRAND AMBASSADORS ACROSS COUNTRY.

JAVIER EDWARDS
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF seniors will have one more opportunity this year to become Oscar Mayer "Hotdoggers" and travel the country in a 27-foot-long hot dog.

Two Oscar Mayer brand ambassadors, or Hotdoggers, will host an information session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Career Resource Center conference room.

The location may change. If it does, fliers naming the new location will be posted in the Career Resource Center.

All majors are welcome, but only seniors may apply for the position.

Hotdoggers represent Oscar Mayer by traveling through the U.S. 365 days a year hosting festivals, parades and charity events.

The application deadline for the electronic application was Feb. 1, but UF seniors who missed it can submit their applications and schedule an interview for Friday, said Hotdogger Traci Johnson, aka Tailgatin' Traci.

Johnson said students submitting ap-

plications should bring a resume and cover letter.

Students who only want to find out

more about the job are also welcome to attend the session.

"The reason we're on this campus is

because we know that this is an awesome college," Johnson said. "We have had many Hotdoggers in the past who have gone to University of Florida, so we know that there are great candidates on campus, and we're hoping that they will come out and apply."

Competition to become a Hotdogger is steep.

Only 12 candidates across the country are selected each year.

Johnson, a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin, said the experience she is gaining from being a Hotdogger is invaluable.

"It has opened up a lot of doors for me in the job market already," she said. "Even though I graduated with a degree in journalism, I am now completely media-trained."

Hotdogger "Beefy" Brian Keefe said students should bring personality and big smiles if they are looking to land an interview. It doesn't matter what major you are, he said, as long as you have a bubbly personality and enjoy interacting with people.

"This is huge for your resume," Keefe said. "You're looking at a chance to drive around in one of the world's most iconic vehicles."



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Oscar Mayer Hotdoggers Brian Keefe, aka Beefy Brian, and Traci Johnson, aka Tailgatin' Traci, Gator chomp in front of the Weinermobile.

LOCAL Mayor joins team to promote Obama's accomplishments

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH
Alligator Writer

Gainesville's mayor is working to promote the president and keep Republicans in check.

Mayor Craig Lowe announced Tuesday he joined the Obama For America "Truth Team," a group formed to remind voters of the president's achievements during his term

and hold presidential opponents accountable.

The group will spread President Obama's campaign message through speeches, campaigns and rallies. Groups will fact-check opponents' statements and post the results on several websites.

The team has set up attackwatch.com and keepinggophonest.com. Both will work to correct Republi-

can candidates if they make false claims about the president or his campaign.

AttackWatch was formed so viewers can "get the facts you need to fight back against false attacks on the president and his re-

cord," according to the website.

KeepingGOPHonest researches the Republican candidates and their stances on issues, including equal rights, the economy and health reform.

The group's third website, keepinghisword.com, was created to show initiatives Obama has passed while in office.

Lowe said he will tour North

Florida to promote Obama's accomplishments. He said he could have the most impact on that area since it is his home.

Lowe said he joined the group because he believes in the president's message and believes he has been successful while in office.

"I will be pointing out the truth," Lowe said. "And the truth is that this president should be re-elected."



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SG FALL PLATFORM REVIEW

Alligator staff evaluated last semester's platforms from the Students Party and the Unite Party. Both participated in the Fall 2011 elections, which were held in September. Platforms are intended to be yearlong efforts, according to Students Party assistant leader and Sen. Carly Wilson and Unite Party spokeswoman and Sen. Christina Bonarrigo.

Three Students Party senators and 46 Unite Party senators were elected, and one independent senator won a seat. The executive offices – Student Body president, vice president and treasurer – are only voted on in the spring elections.

Unite Party Fall platform

(46 senators elected)

No changes from the fall

-N/A

Some changes/progress made

- Install hand sanitizers in all residence halls
- Increase number of water fountains with sustainable water bottle refill locations
- Increase the number of SNAP vehicles and pickup locations*
- Add campus directories in high-traffic areas
- Install speakers for music at

- outdoor recreational facilities
- Build awnings at more bus stops on and off campus
- Work with faculty to make all classes online-submission based

Platform points completed

- Create a 24-hour library on campus
- Expand bicycle signage and awareness
- Expand scooter parking locations throughout campus

→ Unite Party information from **Christina Bonarrigo**

* Indicates points on or similar to points on the party's Spring 2011 elections platform

Students Party Fall platform

(3 senators elected)

No changes from the fall

- Aggressively fight unreasonable tuition increases.*
- Cut down on perks for SG officials*
- Make SG positions merit-based
- Reduce student funding waste*
- Provide students with detailed assessment of student fee breakdowns
- More water fountains on campus
- More electrical outlets in the libraries
- Expand food options on campus
- Make book prices more visible on ISIS
- Work to lower tuition costs for externships
- Add bus route GPS maps to residence halls and major bus stops
- Create a mandatory first-time warning system for bicyclist traffic violations

- Partner with tow companies to promote safe nightlife
- Increase lighting on campus*
- First-aid kits in buildings
- Increase number of recycling bins on campus*
- Add sustainable exercise equipment
- Add sustainable printing and copying

Some changes/progress made

- Fight to protect Bright Futures and financial aid*
- Make SG more transparent
- Increase parking on campus
- Increase SNAP availability*
- Increase ease of tuition payments by adding VISA as a payment option with the Registrar's office

Platform points completed

- Extend library hours*
- Students Party information from **Carly Wilson and Ford Dwyer**

* Indicates points on or similar to points on the party's Spring 2011 elections platform

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Students Party information from **Carly Wilson and Ford Dwyer**

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Green Tips

Unplug small appliances and electronics when not in use. These items draw energy even when they are not in use. You can also wash laundry in cold water, and try to keep the thermostat at 68 in the winter and 78 in the summer to conserve energy!

Buy goods in bulk or with recycled content. Buying in bulk helps reduce packaging waste (and bulk doesn't mean huge boxes of individually packaged chips), and buying goods with recycled content encourages demand for those products in the supply stream.

Use a reusable water bottle and/or coffee mug. You can save money, reduce waste and make a fashion statement.

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Drug dealer, buyer arrested for stealing electronics

► THE PAIR HIT LOCAL WALMARTS.

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police arrested a drug dealer and a buyer Monday for stealing about \$3,200 in electronics from local Walmarts in the past two weeks.

Charlie V. Davis, 36, and Derrell T. Hagans, 33, were each charged with three counts of grand theft and three counts of dealing in stolen property. They lifted six e-readers, two netbooks and three cellphones,

according to GPD.

Hagans wanted to buy crack cocaine from Davis, but he did not have enough money. He planned to trade the stolen electronics with Davis, who told police he only served as a lookout.

Around 8 a.m. on Jan. 26, Davis and Hagans entered the Walmart Supercenter off Waldo Road, opened an unlocked glass display and stuffed six Kindles under their clothes.

When security guards noticed the missing merchandise, they watched the security tape and saw Davis and Hagans steal the e-readers, which cost \$1,049 altogether, according to

police.

The same security guards got a chance to see the thieves in person that day. Davis and Hagans appeared at Walmart again at about 7:30 a.m. Monday. The guards detained them before calling the police. Davis and Hagans remained at Alachua County Jail on Tuesday evening, held on bails of \$30,000 and \$40,000 respectively.

Between trips to the Supercenter off Waldo Road, Davis and Hagans hit the Walmart at 2649 NW 13th St. twice, according to police.

The first time, on Feb. 7, the men stole two HP Pavilion netbooks. Davis put one in his

backpack, and Hagans put one in a pants pocket.

Davis said he drove Hagans to the Walmart Supercenter on Jan. 26 but didn't steal any of the Kindles. Hagans told investigators he and Davis each stole three e-readers.

After they left the store, Davis said, Hagans gave him a pair of Kindles in exchange for \$100 worth of crack cocaine. The pair made similar trades after the other two burglaries, in which Davis received a netbook, a cell-phone and \$40.

Hagans told investigators he sold all of the Kindles for \$50-\$100 each, and the other netbook sold for \$150.



Brett Le Blanc/Alligator Staff

Motorcycle Accident

The remains of a wrecked Kawasaki motorcycle sit on the sidewalk in front of the Pi Kappa Alpha house Tuesday afternoon. Police said rain and delayed reaction caused the rider to hit the back of a car.

Engineering students to promote fields

MATT BOLES

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF engineering students will showcase their talents with the 61st annual E-Week.

Each day through Feb. 27 will feature at least one event, according to the E-Week website.

James O'Connell, executive director of E-Week and a 19-year-old environmental engineering sophomore, said non-engineering students are invited to the events, all of which are free. He expects about 2,250 people to attend.

Freshman Leadership Engineering Council will host a Wii tournament in the New Physics Building at 7 p.m. today, the first of 15 events during E-Week 2012.

The largest event is E-Fair, which will be held Tuesday and Thursday in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. It will offer interactive booths and feature engineering exhibits such as a flight simulator, robots and liquid nitrogen-chilled ice cream.

"Every kid wants to be an astronaut, firefighter or scientist," said Michael Andrews, Benton Engineering Council President and 22-year-old mechanical and aerospace engineering senior.

The Field Day Extravaganza will run Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the North Lawn.

He said all of UF's 35 engineering organizations are participating. UF Student Government provides about \$14,000 for the week, and the overall event costs about \$16,000, he said.

Renovations begin on local community resource center

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Writer

A grassroots organization will finally see the fruits of its labor in the form of a renovated community center.

On Monday, renovations began at the Southwest Gainesville Advocacy Group Resource Center, a community center that has been in the works for two years.

The 3,100-square-foot center will serve as a meeting place for families and an after-school facility for children and teenagers. The center will open its doors in mid-April.

The Alachua County Commission gave the group \$225,000 to purchase two buildings, one of which will serve as the resource center, Commissioner Susan Baird said. The group hopes to turn the second building into a public health clinic, but it needs more funding.

Visitors use learning materials, family planning resources and health

services, among other resources. The site will have a playground, a meeting room, two play areas and a kitchen, said Dorothy Benson, chairwoman of the Southwest Gainesville Advocacy Group.

Southwest Gainesville, between Tower Road and Interstate 75, had one of the highest densities of crime in Alachua County in 2009, according to data compiled by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.

When residents who lived along Tower Road learned about this data, they formed the group to help strengthen and empower families in the area, Benson said.

"I remember hearing mothers in the area talk about how they didn't want their children to play outside because it was unsafe," Benson said. "That's unacceptable."



Baird

Senior Center swing dancers celebrate love to the music

SARAH LOFTUS

Alligator Contributing Writer

For the Saucermans, every day is Valentine's Day.

Alvera Saucerman, 79, and Jim Saucerman, 80, spent Tuesday at the Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dance at the Senior Recreation Center. Going to dances isn't unusual for the couple, who have been married for 60 years and met each other in elementary school.

They go to every dance hosted by the Swing and Sway Dance Club, which organized Tuesday's dance, Alvera said.

When the couple met, Jim was in third grade. Alvera was in second.

"You tell the story of how we met," Alvera said to her husband. "You're better at it."

The first time he saw her was at school. He immediately ran to find his aunt who worked there to tell her he had a new girlfriend, he said.

They became friends, started dating before high school and were married. She was 19, and he was 20.

"We're just really grateful to be together and in good health," she said.

Usually they're on the dance floor the

whole time, she said, but Alvera's feet were hurting. After two dances, the couple walked out of the dance room and sat on a sofa together.

Both worked in education their entire lives, so they were never rich. But they said that didn't stop them from pursuing their mutual passion for travel.

"We're just really grateful to be together and in good health."

Alvera Saucerman
swing dancer

Ten years ago, the Saucermans went bungee jumping in Queenstown, New Zealand.

He held her hand, and they laughed as they recalled their bungee jumping adventure.

"I thought they wouldn't let us do it because of our age," she said. "I was getting ready to protest, but then the woman said, 'Boy, do I have a deal for you.'"

Back on the dance floor, laughter filled the room as some of the men spun their ladies around to Frank Sinatra songs.

"The neatest thing about it is that people in wheelchairs and walkers throw them away and dance," said Otto Johnson, president of the Swing and Sway Dance Club.

♥ One Love ♥



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Phi Mu Alpha brothers hide flowers from Beth Feeley, a student teacher at J.J. Finley Elementary School, on Tuesday afternoon at J.J. Finley Elementary School. Her boyfriend Curtis Viselli bought the UF Music Education student the singing telegram.

Right: Hal Bingham, right, plays “Tin Roof Blues” on the clarinet with his son Steve Bingham, director of bands and assistant professor of music at Santa Fe College, during Santa Fe College’s swing dance Tuesday evening. Attendees danced to hits of the Big Band era, and they could dedicate a song to their significant others for \$5. The event has been held for the past four years, but this year is the first it has been held in the Fine Arts Hall.



Freddy Masterson, a soloist for the Phi Mu Alpha brothers and a 20-year-old sophomore business management major, sings “I Want It That Way” to an embarrassed Alex Polefko, a 19-year-old sophomore marketing major, just south of Matherly Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Polefko’s girlfriend Alex Avera, an 18-year-old freshman telecommunication major, bought him the singing telegram.



UF senior Donovau Horne, 22, a women’s studies and education major, relaxes with his partner Trent Blare, 30, a second-year food and resource economics Ph.D. candidate, before a Valentine’s Day dinner with Horne’s family Tuesday evening.



Donovau’s brother, right, a 17-year-old junior at Eastside High School, and his mother, Tina Lisenby, 42, join him and his partner, Trent, for prayer before their Valentine’s Day dinner Tuesday evening. The couple has been together 11 months.

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 37 Snare | 49 Practice opening? |
| 1 Superfluous thing | 1 Turn to wine, as grape juice | 38 "Oh, for pity's ___!" | 50 "One paying a flat fee?" |
| 6 Copy room unit | 2 "Nuclear plant building site | 39 "Must-see" review | 55 Pierre, to Pierre |
| 10 Good-sized | 3 Home to Purdue | 40 Scholarly | 57 Tequila sunrise direction |
| 14 ___, meenie ... | 4 Full deck at Caesar's palace? | 41 "Broke up late, as a meeting | 58 Bassoon kin |
| 15 Best way to make a mistake | 5 "Seinfeld" uncle | 42 3-Down's region | 61 Indian rule from 1858 to 1947 |
| 16 Like a fly ball that hits the foul pole, ironically | 6 "Suitcase lugger's aid | 45 "And Still I Rise" poet | 62 ___ de la Cité |
| 17 "Classic little red wagon | 7 "Shepherd Moons" Grammy winner | 46 "Short-antlered animal | 63 Hosp. heart ward |
| 19 Thomas ___ Edison | 8 Unreturnable serve | 47 "Forgive me" | 64 Ring victories, briefly |
| 20 Old AT&T rival | 9 Sea, in Paris | | |
| 21 Dockworker's gp. | 10 Out yonder | | |
| 22 Sign of the Flam | 11 Actress Flockhart | | |
| 23 Tchotchke stand | 12 "Rosie's role | | |
| 26 O'er and o'er | 13 Puzzle solver's smudge | | |
| 28 VW fore-runners? | 18 Commonly decorated tree | | |
| 29 Fifth canonical hour | 22 Consumed | | |
| 30 "Memorable, as a day | 24 Columbus, by birth | | |
| 33 Part of DOT: Abbr. | 25 "Mi casa ___ casa" | | |
| 34 Marvin or Majors | 26 Scarfed down too much, with "on" | | |
| 35 Bern's river | 27 Run for the hills | | |
| 36 They're not in the in-crowd ... and read differently, what each starred answer has two of | 31 In-crowd | | |
| | 32 Busy employee of a paranoid king | | |

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UF ends two-game skid at 'Bama

Gators used big second-half run to pull away

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

At halftime of Tuesday's matchup with Alabama, Florida looked like it might not be able to break free of its funk.

UF was mired in a 26-26 tie after shooting just 30.8 percent over a sloppy first 20 minutes, and a third consecutive loss looked like a distinct possibility.

But, once the buzzer sounded to start the second half, the Gators took off.

No. 14 Florida (20-6, 8-3 Southeastern Conference) opened the final 20 minutes on a 16-0 run, pulling away from Alabama (16-9, 5-6 SEC) en route to a 61-52 win Tuesday night in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Patric Young played a key role in the spurt, scoring eight of his game-high 19 points on three dunks and a layup.

"I told him after the game this is a by-product of how hard he has worked the last two days in practice," coach Billy Donovan said. "He has been phenomenal. Just his effort, his energy, pushing through things. He really gave us a huge lift."

Young and fellow frontcourt starters Brad Beal and Erik Murphy combined for 47 of the Gators' 61 points by exploiting favorable matchups against a depleted Alabama frontline.

The Crimson Tide was without JaMychal Green and Tony Mitchell — the team's top two scorers and rebounders — after both received indefinite suspensions Saturday.

Despite a foot injury, Young connected on 9 of 12 shots while playing just 22 minutes due to foul trouble.

"I'm not completely at 100 percent, but I'd

say [Tuesday] was the best I've felt in a while," Young said.

Murphy and Beal each added 14 points, with Murphy hitting 4 of 8 shots from beyond the arc.

The duo also made an impact on the defensive end, where Beal had two steals and two blocks while Murphy had four steals and one block.

Those efforts were just part of a dominating UF defense that helped spark the second-half run by switching to a suffocating zone.

Florida held Alabama without a field goal for the half's first 9:06.

The Crimson Tide entered the contest 342nd in the nation in 3-point shooting at 27.3 percent, and those struggles continued Tuesday. Alabama was never able to shoot Florida out of the zone, hitting only 4 of 16 shots from beyond the arc.

The Gators also forced 18 turnovers, a number that matched Alabama's total of made field goals. Florida converted those takeaways into 24 points.

"The zone in the second half helped us," Donovan said. "The zone was effective for us defensively."

Although the focus was on the frontcourt, point guard Erving Walker became Florida's all-time assist leader in the win. His seven assists brought his career total to 505, passing Ronnie Montgomery's mark of 503, which had stood since 1988.

"It's quite an accomplishment for him," Donovan said. "For a guy 5-foot-8, he's had a heck of a career."

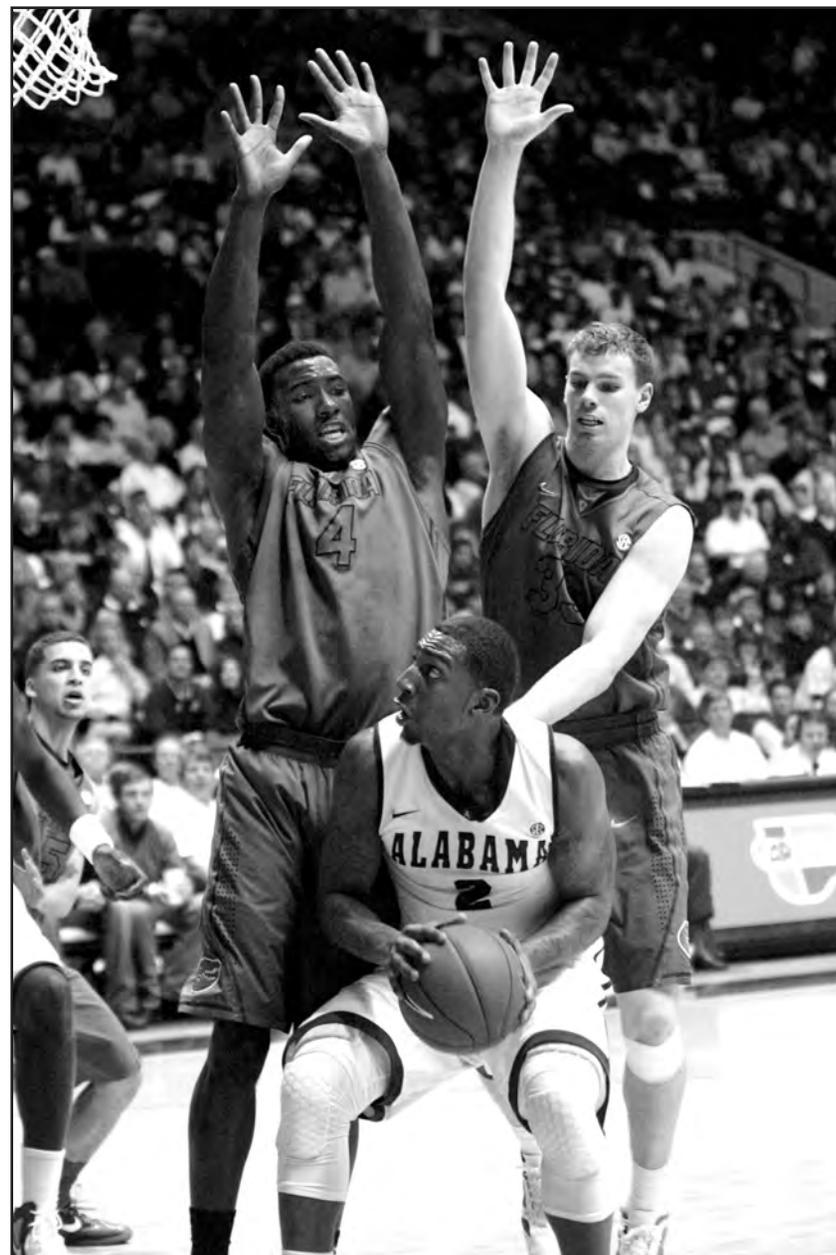
Walker and Kenny Boynton struggled to find their offense in the game, hitting a combined 3 of 14 shots, including 1 of 10 from beyond the arc.

It was also a poor offensive night for Florida's bench, which failed to register a point as Will Yeguete and Mike Rosario sat out with injuries.

Thankfully for the Gators, Young and the rest of the frontcourt were there to pick up the slack and put an end to Florida's two-game slide.

"I was proud of our guys' resiliency," Donovan said. "I think the adversity that we went through, I'm really hoping that it can make us better."

*A radio broadcast contributed to this report.
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AP Photo

Florida center Patric Young led all scorers with 19 points in UF's 61-52 win against Alabama on Tuesday. He said his ankle injury is still not 100 percent.

THE BOOTHE REVIEW

Florida running out of time, opportunities to toughen up

The Gators only have two games left to play in the O'Connell Center. March, the month synonymous with the NCAA Tournament, is two weeks away.

Time is running out on this season, but that hasn't stopped coach Billy Donovan's search for tougher, more resilient basketball players.

"I'm not pleased," Donovan said Saturday after Tennessee finished a season sweep of UF. "These guys are great guys, but we haven't been hardened enough. ... We need to practice better. We need to be more on edge. We need to take everything to a different level."

After being pushed around and outplayed in a pair of losses last

week, Donovan reflected during his postgame press conference on a time he barely had to look for a mentally strong and focused team.

He invoked the names of past Gators, winners of multiple national championships.

"Joakim Noah, Al Horford and those guys weren't hardened, either," Donovan said. "But there is a mentality and an understanding of what really goes into a preparation to really go out there and win."

Donovan said his current crop of players need to experience the adversity of mounting injuries or the indignity of blowout losses.

"There are certain teams that you sit there and you look back and say,



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"You know what? They had to kind of go through it," he said.

If so, Donovan should have seen a change months ago. The Gators have been through their fair share of adversity already.

Before conference play began, tight road losses at Ohio State and Syracuse should have shown them how national championship-caliber teams crash the boards and create turnovers. At Rutgers, the Gators

learned the pain of an overtime loss.

Injuries to forward Erik Murphy and Patric Young forced Florida to play eight games without its regular starting five.

The only hardship seemingly left for the Gators to experience occurred when forward Will Yeguete — UF's leader in steals and rebounding percentage, according to Kenpom.com — suffered his second concussion of the season against the Volunteers.

"You can play really, really hard and really, really well and be undermanned and still fall short, and you walk off the court disappointed and upset, figuring out where you can get better," Donovan said.

As UF's primary energy player

off the bench, Yeguete was sorely missed in the five-point loss and again in a win Tuesday at Alabama.

At 6-foot-7, he's undersized and not much of a shot blocker, but he's also the key to the Gators' press and a magician at engineering steals.

Without him in the lineup, UF is missing its one player who fits Donovan's "hardened" billing. A void has been created for someone like Murphy, Young, Casey Prather or Scottie Wilbekin to match Yeguete's impact down the stretch.

But with just five games left in the regular season, the window is closing fast.

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Coach Tim Walton said the Gators battled mental fatigue during a five-game opening weekend. They must recover before playing JU at 5 p.m. today in the home opener. See story, page 19.

Getting back to Omaha

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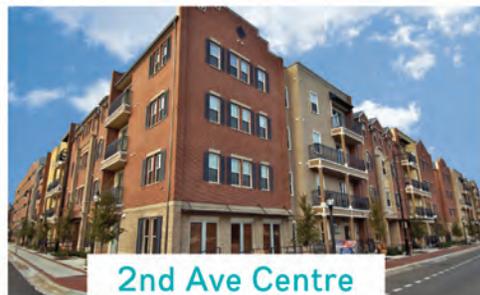
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Florida starting pitcher Hannah Rogers said her arm didn't suffer the same fatigue as the Gators' minds did throughout a five-game weekend.

UF pushing through mental fatigue

► FLORIDA PLAYS JU TODAY AT 5 P.M.

JONATHAN CZUPRYN

Alligator Writer

By Sunday night, the Gators' mental stamina matched the recent Gainesville weather: below average.

After a long weekend, coach Tim Walton has to get his team back up to 100 percent for its home opener against Jacksonville today at 5 p.m.

Florida played five games in the USF-Fairfield Inn Tampa North Tournament last weekend, winning every one. However, playing back-to-back games on both Saturday and Sunday took its toll on Walton's squad.

"I don't know if I had them motivated and focused to be honest," Walton said Sunday. "It was really cold and a long day. We were out here for almost seven-and-a-half hours. [It] was really longer than it is probably supposed to be on the last game of the weekend."

Sunday was an unusually long day for the Gators because the weather wasn't very accommodating Friday night.

Florida was scheduled to face Long Island and Florida Gulf Coast on the first day of the tournament. However, umpires halted play in the fifth inning of the first game against Long Island due to incessant rain.

The Gators, who were just one run and one half-inning shy of closing out their first victory of the season, had to return to the stadium Saturday morning to finally win 8-0 against the Blackbirds. With a double-header scheduled Saturday evening, Florida had to re-schedule its matchup with FGCU for Sunday.

"With the rain the other night, and three games (Saturday), I think we were not so much fatigued

but a little mentally exhausted," Walton said.

Heading into Sunday already worn from a long weekend, the Gators faced their toughest test of the tournament at USF.

After Florida mercy ruled its first three opponents, it needed eight innings and two pitchers just to squeak out a 3-2 victory against the Bulls.

Sophomore Hannah Rogers came in for freshman Lauren Haeger in the sixth inning, knowing she would return to the circle soon after to face the Eagles. But Rogers wasn't too worried about the physical aspect of pitching nine-plus innings in one day.

"My arm never really gets tired," Rogers said. "My legs get tired sometimes, but we have a really good trainer and he makes sure that we're always heating or icing or stretching our arms. That's probably why I don't have too many arm problems."

However, Rogers could not shrug off the difficulty of getting mentally prepared for the last game after just having pitched and weathered the dipping temperatures. She said she had to motivate herself to go out and



Walton

convince herself it was like pitching in any other game.

This Wednesday, the Gators will play host to the Dolphins on two days rest. Haeger, who started two of Florida's first five games in the circle, has already felt the impact of the long weekend but said she looks to become accustomed to the hectic schedule as the year progresses.

"It was tiring," Haeger said.

"Five games is a lot of games, but it doesn't compare to what we're going to get into. It was a long first weekend for all of us. Making it to Sunday was definitely a little bit of an adjustment, but I think it will get better."

Canington, Meagher battling for time in goal for No. 3 Florida

UF plays Jacksonville tonight

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Writer

Amanda O'Leary doesn't mind going with the hot hand.

As No. 3 Florida prepares to take on Jacksonville tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Donald R. Disney Stadium, the Gators' coach has something she did not have last season: two viable starting options in net.

As a freshman, Cara Canington started every game for Florida, while fellow freshman Mikey Meagher saw just more than 83 minutes of action. Last season, Meagher took control of the starting job for the entirety of the season after Canington suffered a broken finger on her right hand during the fall.

Canington said that over the course of the last year, her finger healed and it has allowed her to perform at a higher level than prior to the 2011 season.

"Mentally and physically, an injury is always tough to come back from," Canington said. "This year, being 100 percent now and coming back, it feels good and I'm ready to go."

It was evident to O'Leary from the start of fall practice that Canington was eager to earn more playing time her junior season.

"She definitely has come out with more of a fire in her that she didn't want to settle for being that backup," O'Leary said.

Canington said she focused on improving her hand speed in the offseason by juggling and throwing the ball against a wall repeatedly and catching it.

Meagher has played the first half in both

the Gators exhibition against England and regular-season opener, an 11-9 loss to North Carolina, while Canington was in net for the second half of each game.

Both goalkeepers allowed a goal against England, with Meagher saving four shots and Canington recording six saves.

"We're friends on and off the field and we're there to support each other for anything."

Mikey Meagher

UF goalie

In the UNC game, the Tar Heels scored four goals in the last eight minutes of the first half to take a 7-3 lead, and Meagher was replaced by Canington, who allowed four goals on five shots in the second half.

O'Leary said she was already planning on playing both goalkeepers, but added it is an advantage to have one who can step in when the other is having a sub-par day.

"It's a benefit versus a hindrance," O'Leary said. "To be able to look at whomever isn't starting and know they can go in and perform eases a lot off of our minds."

While she has not started a game this season, Canington said which half she plays does not make a difference to her.

"You try to keep the same mental edge," Canington said. "Whether you come in the first or second half."

Meagher said her relationship with Canington has made it an easy adjustment to go from getting the bulk of the workload last year to being in a constant battle for playing time.

"We're friends on and off the field and



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Florida junior goalie Cara Canington (25) is fully healed from last year's finger injury and said she put in extra work in the offseason in an effort to play more this year.

we're there to support each other for anything," Meagher said.

With both junior goalies completely healthy, O'Leary said she has no reservations playing either at any time. Their performance has been equal in practice and the

starter will be determined on a game-by-game basis.

"Now we have two great options; two options I feel really comfortable with," O'Leary said. "We'll allow them to compete each and every day for that starting position."

Crawford in running for midweek role

► HE IS BATTLING KISH, GIBSON AND MAGLIOZZI FOR THE SPOT.

TOM GREEN

Alligator Staff Writer

Jonathon Crawford is ready to be a starting pitcher again.

After seldom being used out of the bullpen as a freshman, Crawford, a starting pitcher before signing with Florida, feels he has matured enough to take the next step and contribute in a role No. 1 UF needs to fill entering the season: the midweek starter.

The only problem is the three fellow underclassmen standing in his way.

With the season set to begin Friday, Crawford and fellow sophomores Keenan Kish, a righty, and Daniel Gibson, a southpaw, along with freshman right-hander Johnny Magliozzi are all vying for the Gators' midweek job.

"It's really tight — you've got Johnny and us three sophomores," Crawford said. "It's really up for grabs for anybody."

Although the competition is open, Crawford and Magliozzi appear to have the edge as the season approaches. Each tossed at least three innings in Florida's intrasquad scrimmage at McKethan Stadium on Sunday, and each made his case for the starting job.

"It's really up for grabs for anybody."

Jonathon Crawford

UF pitcher

Crawford pitched the first three frames of the afternoon and surrendered three runs on three hits while striking out four and allowing four other batters to reach base.

Magliozzi tossed 3.1 innings and allowed three runs on five hits as he

struck out one and walked two.

While both labored at times, the underclassmen showed flashes of what they can bring to the midweek rotation for a Florida team that went 7-7 in regular-season midweek games and saw its starting pitchers go just 6-4 in those matchups.

At one point Sunday, Crawford struck out junior catcher Mike Zunino, making the reigning Southeastern Conference Player of the Year whiff at a pitch below his knees.

Zunino walked back toward the dugout and looked up at Crawford while shaking his head with a smirk of disbelief.

"Just throw that for a strike every time," Zunino said. "That was like 84 (mph) breaking two feet."

The outing showed progress for Crawford, who saw the fewest innings of any of the pitchers in Florida's bullpen last season. He appeared in just five games and pitched a total of 3.2 frames with a 4.91 ERA as a freshman.

In the offseason, however, he worked on dropping his arm slot and now gets more late movement on his fastball and slider — and more confidence on the mound, too.

"I've made a huge improvement from last year," Crawford said. "This year, I throw a lot more strikes and don't walk people."

While Crawford has adjusted his mechanics and feels more comfortable on the mound, teammates have been impressed with Magliozzi in the short time the 20-year-old freshman has been on campus, and not just because of his reliable changeup and low-90s fastball.

Hudson Randall, who will take the mound for Florida's season opener Friday, said he has really been impressed by Magliozzi's maturity on the rubber.

However, coach Kevin O'Sullivan hasn't tipped his hand just yet as to which underclassman will take on the role, saying the team needs to nail down that position, as well as the middle relief slots.

"They're competitive," left-handed pitcher Brian Johnson said. "They all know that there are spots open and having a spot doesn't mean you're guaranteed that spot every day."

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Gators sophomore pitcher Jonathon Crawford is in competition for the midweek starter's role. He threw just 3.2 innings as a freshman last year.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Piccio falters as Gators continue to struggle

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Junior Mia Piccio started the second day of the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge on Tuesday tied for 11th, and after she parred her first five holes, she moved up to sixth.

Piccio's round then took a turn. She finished the round with seven bogeys, a double bogey and one birdie for a 79 (+8) which caused her to jump from sixth to 35th.

Evan Jensen, a senior who entered the tournament as Florida's No. 4 player, currently leads the Gators after she carded a 75 (+4).

Although this wasn't the greatest round for Jensen, the 72 (+1) she shot on Monday helps balance it out. She is currently tied for 14th.

Although Piccio and Jensen scored higher Tuesday than they did on Monday, freshman Camilla Hedberg had a better performance in the second round. Her five-bogey, four-birdie round of 72 (+1)

pushed her up 16 spots from tied for 35th to tied for 19th.

"Evan and Camilla really grinded hard [Tuesday] and played solid golf," coach Jan Dowling said.

Despite Hedberg's improvement Tuesday, the team continued to drop. The Gators went from tied for eighth to 12th by shooting a 308 (+24), six strokes more than Monday's round.

"It was a pretty frustrating day for us," Dowling said. "But we have a fresh start tomorrow, and we're capable of a lot better."

UCLA remains at the top of the leaderboard with a two day total of 570 (+2). This puts them 18 strokes ahead of second-place Southern Cal and 40 strokes ahead of Florida.

Andrea Watts and Isabelle Lendl both continued to have a hard time on the course shooting an 82 (+11) and an 89 (+18).

Although finishing in the top 10 is not out of reach for Florida, Piccio, Jensen and Hedberg will be counting on Watts or Lendl to break 80 in the final round.



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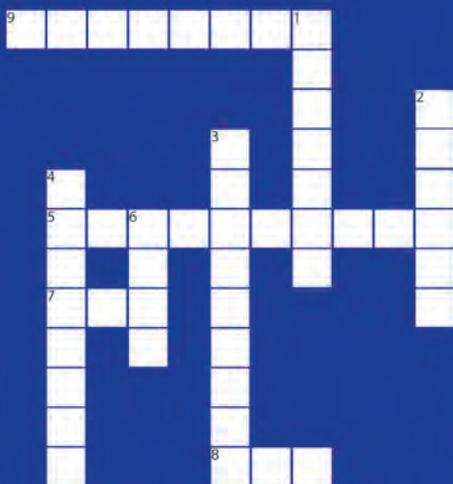
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