

Coach Billy Donovan was disappointed with the Gators' effort in an upset loss to Georgia on Saturday. See story, page 13.



David Carr / Alligator

Beast Feast

Civil engineering major Kyle Mays, 19, eats a piece of fried quail at the 29th annual Beast Feast on Saturday night. The event was sponsored by the UF Wildlife Society. Read the story on page 5.

Engineering senators to keep seats

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Writer

The UF Supreme Court determined that three upcoming Students Party engineering senators will be allowed to keep their seats.

The court met Sunday night to hear the Election Commission's recommendation to disqualify the Students Party engineering candidates. The justices ruled there was not enough evidence to prove the Students Party

violated codes, so disqualification was no longer an issue.

"The mixed finding of fact and law was not supported by substantial evidence."

Cecily Welsh
acting Chief Justice

"The mixed finding of fact and law was not supported by substantial evidence," said acting Chief Justice Cecily Welsh after the hearing.

A candidate for the Students Party contacted a student organization to get information about its meeting. The organization had already met, but the president offered to send information through its list-serv. The political advertisement ended up being sent through an academic list-serv, which violates election codes.

Michael Hacker, the Election Commission chairman, said the party should have foreseen that the organi-

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Hazing involved paddling, chest slaps, police say

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

For four nights in a row, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members smacked five recruits with paddles. Each time, the beatings lasted at least an hour.

University Police filed sworn complaints to the State Attorney's Office on Thursday alleging that nine UF students and one alumnus engaged in hazing with a risk of physical injury or death.

The report, which was released Friday, names the following APA members: Metkel W. Beiene, Chad W. Billington II, Brandon T. Daniel, Gregory J. Davis, Jason A. Dubery, Christopher D. Jenkins, Dominique E. Martin, Bryan E. Mizzell and Gary B. Terrell. Safo O. Agyemang, who graduated in 2007, also beat recruits, according to police.



Sikes

None of the suspects is allowed to step foot on campus right now, according to a UF release. The university also fired Agyemang and Billington, who were temporary employees, said spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

"We are extremely disappointed with the alleged conduct of the 10 individuals charged with hazing," said

Dave Kratzer, UF's interim vice president of student affairs. "We will not tolerate hazing or any behavior that threatens the health and safety of our students."

While Sikes would not comment on any of the students in this case, she said UF usually suspends those who are suspects in "violent, serious incidents."

The hazing included forced chores, slaps to the chest and paddle beatings, according to police. Scabs covered one recruit's bottom. Green bruises spotted another man's collarbone. A third recruit said he couldn't sleep on his back for several nights.

APA members began hazing recruits after holding a

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Parking decal prices could increase by 4 percent this fall

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL REVIEW THE PROPOSAL.

JULIA GLUM

Alligator Writer

Parking decal prices could go up by 4 percent starting in May if a request from UF's Transportation and

Parking Services is approved.

The price increase would change the cost of an annual decal for any student vehicle from \$144 to \$150.

This price change is not unusual, said Director Scott Fox. He said it is the smallest percentage increase requested in about 12 years.

Fox said Transportation and Parking Services receives no operat-

ing money from the state or university, so it covers its expenses with revenue.

The greatest expenses for next year will include about \$3.5 million in payments on four parking garages, about \$1 million in upkeep of the garages and \$725,000 in lighting utilities, according to information Fox provided.

"We can't turn off the lights in the parking garages at night because we've run out of money," Fox said.

The proposed changes will be presented to UF's Board of Trustees at its March meeting. Fox expects the changes to be approved.

The price change would become effective for the decal year starting May 1. Faculty and staff decals are

renewed then, Fox said, but the student decal year starts in the fall.

Students buying decals during the summer will pay the old price.

Accounting junior Sara Rodriguez, 19, said decals are already pricey enough. Still, she'll probably buy one for next year.

"My car's up here," she said. "What am I supposed to do?"

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Moshe Katz, Krav Maga Black Belt Free Seminar

Monday, 6 p.m.
UF Hillel, 2020 W University Ave.

Moshe Katz will be giving a Krav Maga Seminar at UF Hillel in addition to the regularly scheduled Krav Maga class led by our certified Krav Maga instructor. This talk is free and open to the public.

Gainesville Roller Rebels Open House

Monday, 8 p.m.
Skate Station Funworks
1311 NW 76th Blvd.
Gainesville Roller Rebels will hold an open house for those interested in learning more about GRR and becoming involved. There will be booths for skaters, refs and volunteers, as well as a Derby 101 demonstration. No experience is necessary.

Toastmasters hosts potluck

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m.
Entomology Building, Room 1031
Talking Gators Toastmasters Club hosts its monthly potluck. Guests are welcome. Toastmasters is an international organization that provides an atmosphere to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills in a group setting. For details, go to talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators is also on Facebook. The Area Contest is Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Alachua County Millhopper Branch Library, 3145 NW 43rd St.

Institute of Black Culture presents "IBCinema: The Black Power Mixtape (1967-1975)"

Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Reitz Union
Join the Institute of Black Culture at its IBCinema film-showing series. This week, IBC will be showing "The Black Power Mixtape (1967-1975)," a mixtape highlighting the key figures and events in the Black Power movement as seen from a foreign and completely different perspective than the typical American narrative from the media at the time.

HEAL's Spring Health Panel

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Pugh Hall
The Spring Health Panel provides an opportunity for everyone to learn more about various health care fields. The panel consists of medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy, physician assistant and psychology professionals who will be broken up into a small group setting to provide attendees with a customized experience. There will be food and drinks after the Q&A.

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Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
In a collaboration between the Boston Brass and UF's award-winning composer Paul Richards, the ensemble celebrates its 25th anniversary through thrilling classical arrangements to renowned jazz standards, along with the best of the original brass quintet repertoire. Student tickets are \$12. Visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

Map the Gator Nation

Wednesday, 6p.m.
Architecture Building, Room 16
Have you ever found a mistake on Google Maps? New buildings missing? Unmarked routes? Come out to our first live MapUp where you'll hear from a representative on the Google Maps team, learn how to edit Google maps and have a chance to win Google swag. Learn more and RSVP at bit.ly/mapUF.

Startup Bus

March 6 to March 11
Startup Bus is a competition, hackathon and roadtrip. Participants create startup businesses en route from Tampa to SXSW in Austin where they pitch them to a panel of experts. Buses depart March 6, participate in semifinals in San Antonio and arrive in Austin on March 9. The Grand Finale will at SXSW's Startup Village on March 11. To sign up, go to subtampabay.wufoo.com/forms/interested/

Giddy Up Gators 5K

March 24, 8AM
Flavet Field
The Student Occupational Therapy Association is hosting its annual 5K run and walk to raise money for the organization HOuses helping PEople (HOPE). HOPE is a not-for-profit organization that utilizes equine assistant therapy to help enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities. Register online at bit.ly/GiddyUp5K by March 9 to be guaranteed a T-shirt. More information on Facebook: Giddy Up Gators 5k.

5K to HEAL

March 25, 8:30 a.m.
Park-n-ride lot across from Southwest Recreation Center
Put your New Year's resolutions to the test in this 5K fundraiser to benefit the VetMed chapter of Project HEAL. Register in advance

online at www.active.com for \$15, or register on race day for \$20. Walkers are welcome.

Health Expo

March 27, 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Reitz Union Colonnade
Come out and get your own health inventory at our Health Expo! Learn about how to stay healthy while being a student. Sponsored by Baby Isaac and Campus Advent. Online at www.babyisac.org

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Hot tub installation on campus roof a mystery

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Officials are puzzled over a mysterious hot tub that was installed — and then removed — from the roof of a building on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

But a group of "creative" students are believed to be the culprits, spokesman Steven Crang told AnnArbor.com on Friday.

Initially reported by the Michigan Daily campus newspaper, the hot tub was first noticed Saturday, had visitors and was gone by Monday night.

"People were kind of flabbergasted," Crang said. "It was obviously unexpected. It was pretty creative and now it's gone. It left a buzz in its wake."

Despite its short stay, students called the hot tub the Bob and Betty Beyster Bubbler after the couple who donated \$15 million to the school. The building is named after them.

The philanthropic couple "found it amusing," Crang said.

"It's apparently people who are close to the department because they were able to gain access to the building and install the tub," he said of whoever installed it. "The thing that intrigued everyone was that it was on the fourth floor balcony. It's a large hot tub and the doors that lead out to the balcony are not real big, so they had to do some work to get it out there."

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Filmmakers brave deadlines in contest

▶ ENTRANTS HAD 48 HOURS TO MAKE AND SUBMIT FILMS.

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Contributing Writer

Not many people would subject themselves to 48 hours of nail-biting tension and a crushing deadline for fun, but Santa Fe College digital media professor Marc Shahboz was not looking for average people. He was looking for people who eat, sleep and breathe film.

The deadline for SFC's second annual 48 Hour Film Competition was 7 p.m. sharp Sunday night at Emilia-

no's Cafe — a deadline so strict that two teams were disqualified for submitting three minutes late.

"It's a great learning experience," Shahboz said. "It teaches you how to deal with deadlines and work together as a team."

The 23 teams were given a fixed genre, a line and an object to incorporate into their movie. This year, teams were tasked to make a heist film featuring a candlestick and the line, "I got a bone to pick with you."

Hollywood producer Del Weston, senior producer of Ubisoft video games Marc Fortier and Humoring the Fates' Jesse Norton will judge the films.

The winning teams will be announced and will receive their awards March 14 after a screening of all the films at 7 p.m. in the building E theater at Santa Fe.

During the filming and amid the mayhem and stress, one team got the attention of the authorities — twice.

Nick May and his team were choreographing a fight on the second floor of the parking garage on Gale Lemerand Drive. It was four guys fighting three, and the scene was so intense it persuaded an uninformed bystander to call University Police.

Read the rest of the story at alligator.org.

STUDENT LIFE

J.K. Rowling to release adult-oriented book

KATHERINE HAHN

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students might have said "mischief managed" when the last Harry Potter movie came out in the summer of 2011, but they won't have to say goodbye to author J.K. Rowling just yet.

She announced Friday via Twitter that her new novel for adults will be published later this year.

Rowling wrote the seven Harry Potter books, which were released in the U.S. from 1998 to 2007. The books have been translated into 69 languages and have sold more than 400 million copies worldwide, according to Rowling's page on the Scholastic publishing website.

Her new novel, however, will be aimed at adults instead of children.

"It would only make sense for her to write an adult book, seeing as all her readers that grew up reading the

books have just done that: grown up," said 21-year-old interior design major Mayling Sigler.

The book deal is estimated to be worth about \$8 million, according to the UK Daily Mail website.

Telecommunication major Andrew Arons, 19, said he wishes Rowling were writing a Potter prequel.



Rowling

Details about the novel will be announced later in the year, according to Rowling's website.

"I'm honestly surprised it took her this long to make something new," said 20-year-old religious studies major Stephen Smith. He said he looks forward to seeing Rowling's potential outside

of Harry Potter.

"Of course I'm going to read it," Smith said. "Frankly, I'd read her grocery lists."

.. THIS WEEK in GAINESVILLE ..

Feb. 27, 1975: A custodian in the College of Business Administration was bribed and "tricked" to allow students access to advance copies of fall quarter tests, according to a confession from a student to the Honor Court. The female janitor was tricked by being told the garbage cans were filled with old lost notebooks from the student.

Feb. 28, 1985: Gators football player Clifford Tyrone Charlton was charged with assault and battery after reportedly attacking a woman in his Yon Hall dormitory room. According to University Police, Charlton struck her on the face, knocked her onto his bed and proceeded to choke the woman until she began to gag. UPD said this is not the first time Charlton assaulted the same woman.

Feb. 27, 1991: UPD are investigating the case of a candid camera that was hidden in the dressing room of the Miss UF Pageant on the night of Feb. 13. The video camera was planted in an air vent near the floor of a dressing room in University Auditorium.

Mar. 2, 1990: A new chemistry laboratory meeting is set to open next week. The \$10 million building, located near Leigh Hall, was set to be built in 1977 with construction beginning in 1988.

Mar. 1, 2008: The Board of Governors abandons its pursuit to revise the Legislature-controlled Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the upcoming legislative session, according to a news release. The board, which oversees Florida's 11 public universities, suggested freezing the scholarship program's funding of \$400 million through the 2011-12 school year.

— RAVEN PRITCHETT

InsideUF

Your campus news source

Group premieres professor's fanfare

Boston Brass will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Student tickets are \$12.

As part of its repertoire, the brass quintet will premiere a fanfare written by UF professor and award-winning composer Paul Richards titled "Adrenaline Junky."

"This is a flashy fanfare, there's nothing subtle about it," Richards said.

"There are a lot of notes in a short amount of time and it should help start the evening off with a bang."

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration in 2011, Boston Brass' "25 Fanfares

Project" premiered 25 fanfares by local composers all over the country. Due to the success of the project, the group decided

to continue premiering fanfares on tour stops and reached out to Richards.

Boston Brass is known for performing a variety of musical styles in unique arrangements, resulting in lively performances touched with

humor and personality. The group has played in 49 states and 21 countries, and has conducted master classes around the world.

The quintet helped raise more than



The Boston Brass will perform at concert at UF featuring a fanfare by UF professor Paul Richards.

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\$100,000 for VH1's Save the Music program and has been featured on "The CBS Early Show" and National Public Radio's "Performance Today." Boston Brass' most recent album, "Latin Nights," is a collection of some of the greatest classical and jazz works by Latin composers and performers. The album features legendary drummer Steve Gadd, vocalist Talita Real, percussion and guitar.

To learn more about Boston Brass, visit www.bostonbrass.com.

Tickets are available for this performance. Call 352-392-ARTS (2787) or 800-905-ARTS (toll free within Florida), or visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

College of Fine Arts Student Juried Show

Through March 16
University Gallery

The 2012 College of Fine Arts Student Juried Exhibition celebrates the artistic caliber of University of Florida students pursuing studies in the School of Music, School of Theater + Dance and the School of Art + Art History. The juried exhibition features a wide variety of student artwork and provides an exciting opportunity to share the work of our undergraduate and graduate students with the community.

University Gallery hours

Tues./Wed./Fri. 10 am - 5 pm,
Thurs. 10 am - 7 pm, Sat. noon - 4 pm
Closed Sunday, Monday and holidays.

Honeybee movie screened

The Florida Museum of Natural History will join with the UF Office of Sustainability to host a free screening of the documentary "Vanishing of the Bees" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The film examines the importance of honeybees in pollinating fruit and vegetable crops and the impact of colony collapse disorder on the future of agriculture and America's food production.

The documentary is narrated by Ellen Page, star of the 2007 movie "Juno." Doors open at 7 p.m. and co-director Maryam Henein will answer questions from the audience following the 90-minute film.

ACCENT brings Meyers

ACCENT Speaker's Bureau will bring comedian Seth Meyers for a show at 8 p.m. March 22 at the O'Connell Center. The comedian and actor is best known for his role as head writer and "Weekend Update" anchor on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

Meyers will perform a stand-up routine followed by a question-and-answer session. Doors open at 7 p.m., and admission is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. No tickets are necessary.

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UF Calendar of Events

For a listing of events, or to submit an event to the calendar, click "UF Calendar" at www.insideuf.ufl.edu.

Project Makeover volunteers fix up Hawthorne elementary school

KELSEY GRENTZER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Emma Roulette brought Abraham Lincoln and George Washington to life on the walls of Chester Shell Elementary School on Saturday.

She dipped the tip of her paintbrush in brown paint and carefully shaped Lincoln's eyes, which will look out at elementary school students for years to come.

The 17-year-old biology freshman was one of about 1,200 volunteers who spruced up the school Friday through Sunday as a part of Project Makeover. Roulette contributed to the educational mural to help beautify the school, which is located in a low-income area of Hawthorne.

Project Makeover, an organization inspired by ABC's popular show, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," fixed up Chester Shell Elementary School this year with a series of murals, a vegetable garden, a new science lab and a quarter-mile fitness trail.

The project was funded with \$10,000 the organization raised in the last year through fundraisers and donations from businesses, said

Megan Iseman, Project Makeover executive director.

She said the school was one of four schools considered for a makeover because a majority of the students are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch.

One goal of the project was to increase students' interest in science. Chester Shell principal Denise Schultz said the school has had some of the district's worst FCAT science scores in past years.

"It's kind of always been a dream since I came out here to have a science area that would be exciting and stimulating and get kids interested in the sciences," she said.

This weekend, her dream came true. The new science lab has beakers and test tubes, new lab tables and stools, models of human organs and a full-size skeleton.

Hawthorne Mayor Matthew Surrency helped create a vegetable garden where students will be able to learn about plants in an interactive environment. He said he was impressed by the UF students who volunteered.

"It's humbling to see that people would do that for your community," Surrency said.



Kelsey Grentzer / Alligator

Lesly Parra, an 18-year-old advertising freshman, and Sasha Saigol, a 19-year-old marketing freshman, paint a mural in a Chester Shell Elementary School hallway Saturday while working with Project Makeover.

Election Commission says Unite Party did not coerce Greek voters

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zation could have sent the email through an academic listserv instead of an organization listserv.

The election codes state that a political party is liable for the individuals and organizations that support it. If there is clear evidence that the party asked the organization to violate election codes, the Election Commission can hold the party responsible.

Jonathan Ossip, representing the Students Party, said the email was sent, but the

party did not ask for it to be sent through a listserv.

"The clear intent was lawful," Ossip said. "We did not solicit the unlawful action."

The court ruled that there wasn't a strong enough connection. There wasn't enough evidence to show that the Students Party could have anticipated the results, Welsh said after the hearing.

Associate Justice Tim Mason said clearer limits on what can be foreseen must be set. Welsh said it will be outlined in the

court's opinion.

The Students Party decided not to appeal another decision, in which the Election Commission ruled that the Unite Party did not coerce Greek voters to vote in Student Government elections.

At Friday's hearing, the Students Party presented an email from Beatrice Diehl, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, as evidence. She wrote that sisters

get incentives to put their "I voted" stickers on a board in the sorority house.

However, Diehl was not available for questioning.

Hacker said the Students Party did not present any evidence that the Unite Party solicited actions from the sorority.

The Students Party decided not to appeal due to the difficulty of collecting evidence, Ossip said.

The Student Senate will vote whether to pass the election results at Tuesday's Senate meeting.



Ossip

University Police: Recruits told hazing was their 'birth right'

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meeting for interested members on Jan. 22. In the days after, the five recruits were ordered to recite information in unison at the

fraternity house, located at 630 NW 36th St.

When the recruits made a mistake, members greeted them with "thunderslaps" — three or four smacks on the chest. UPD received a photo of one victim after receiving the abuse. Bright



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Alpha Phi Alpha's fraternity house, located at 630 NW 36th St., is where nine UF students and one alumnus allegedly engaged in hazing.

red marks in the shape of overlapping hands covered both sides of the recruits' chest.

About a week after the initial meeting, members told recruits to spell a nine-letter acronym. With each letter, the members spanked the recruits with a paddle. The recruits were told this was a "birth right," according to police.

For the next three nights, the recruits came to the APA house and answered questions about the fraternity. If the recruits didn't answer correctly and at the same time, members hit them with paddles. At the end of each night, members spanked recruits six to nine times.

In all, the paddling sessions lasted between one and two hours each night, according to police.

When an Alligator reporter knocked on the front door of the APA house Friday, nobody answered.

UPD began its investigation when it received a complaint on Feb. 4, and on Feb. 7 the APA national organization ordered the UF chapter to stop all activities until further notice.

Sikes said the university's Anti-Hazing Task Force will meet Monday at 2 p.m.

"Disciplinary procedures will come as appropriate," she said.

Alpha Phi Alpha is a National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternity.

NPHC is comprised of nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities.

According to the fraternity's website, APA was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity for African-Americans, and it was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1906.

Students vie to be strongest Gator

EVAN GALIN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Forty-nine contestants opened the Strong Gator competition with a shout in unison.

"I am the strongest Gator," they yelled into the wind, each convinced it was true.

Four hours later, only five victorious contestants, one from each weight division, had earned the right to shout that mantra.

The competition, hosted by RecSports, took place on Maguire Field on Saturday and tested contestants' strength, endurance and speed as

they fought for bragging rights and a Strong Gator champion T-shirt.

Competitors had one shot at each of the four events: atlas stone, log clean and press, yoke walk and the medley.

The contestant with the highest combined score for all four events in his or her weight class was named the winner.

Five minutes into the event, grunting and heavy breathing competed with the blaring music played to pump up competitors.

Strong Gator was a family affair for Robin Clark, a 20-year-old computer science junior. He competed

against his brother Raymond, a 19-year-old freshman, in the division for men between 175 and 204 pounds.

The brothers developed a shared workout routine and intensified their training last week by practicing with heavier weights, Robin Clark said.

Because of a tie in his weight class, Robin had to repeat the medley, an event in which contestants complete tasks, such as repeatedly flipping a 500-pound tire.

"I am the strongest Gator."

Strong Gator competitors

He lost the tiebreaker, but he said he was still happy with his second-place performance.

"I did the best I could," he said.

Muna Oli, a 19-year-old psychology freshman, entered at the last minute when her trainer, Erin Collins, convinced her to participate.

Oli arrived Saturday morning with just one thought in her mind.

"I didn't want to embarrass Erin," she said.

She didn't. Oli was all smiles after beating seven opponents to win the division for women weighing less than 140 pounds.

The toughest part of the competition, she said, was lifting a 100-pound atlas stone onto a waist-level platform as many times as she could in 45 seconds.

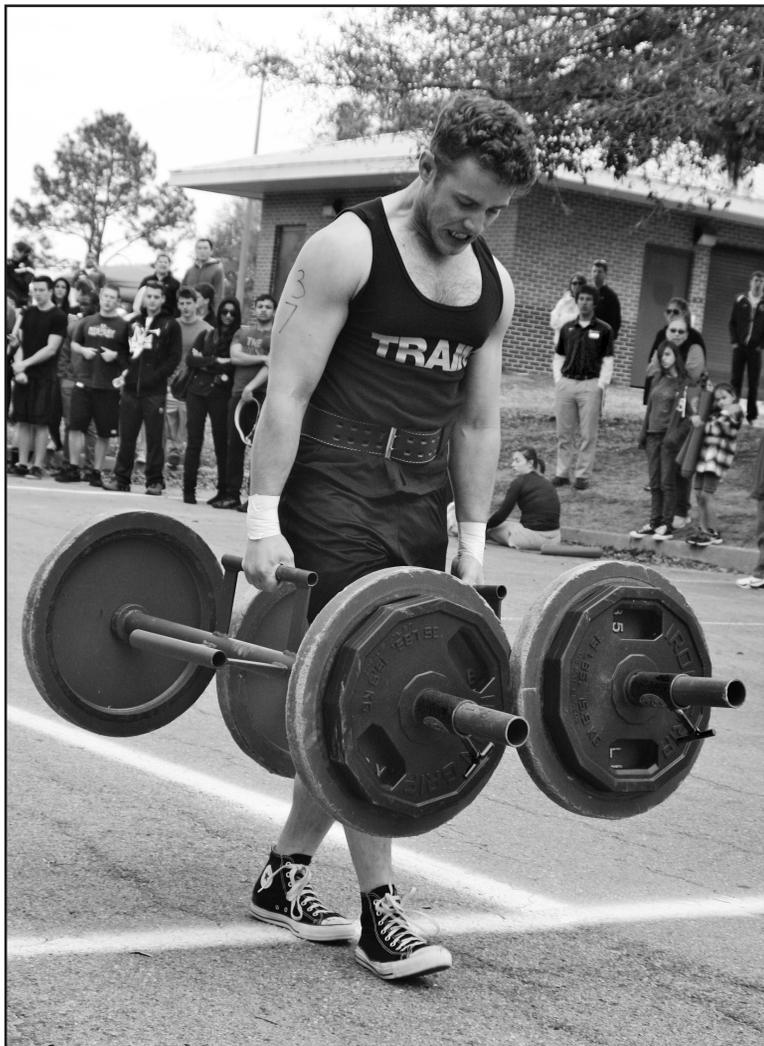
She held out her arms to prove her point, exposing bloody scrapes on the inside of her wrists from rubbing against the stone's rough surface.

"I'm glad I got some war wounds," Oli said.

Andy Karch, who emceed the event, said the medley event, which included a prowler push, farmer's walk and tire-flip, will include different tasks next year, and a new surprise event will be added.

Oli is already excited for the next shot at maintaining her title.

Bearing her war wounds with pride, she said, "I'll for sure be back."



Lauren Adamson / Alligator

Economics junior Matthew Schaler participates in the Strong Gator competition at Maguire Field on Saturday.

LOCAL

Organization serves mealworm cookies, 'Bambi tacos' at fundraiser

MEREDITH RUTLAND
Alligator Staff Writer

Charlotte Solomon bit into a chocolate-chip mealworm cookie, ready for the surprise inside.

The Santa Fe College zoo technology freshman had just finished a meal of squirrel and quail — capping it off with a worm-filled dessert.

"Dude, you can't even taste it," she said, chewing.

She paused. Hesitation. A bitter taste flooded her mouth.

"There's the crunch," she said. "All right, who wants my desserts?"

She and about 400 others feasted Saturday on stranger-than-usual fare at the UF student chapter of The Wildlife Society's 29th annual Beast Feast, the organization's

yearly fundraiser.

Sam Baraoidan, co-vice president of the chapter, said hunters and ranchers from across the Southeast donate the meat. Club members take the cuts home to simmer and bake for the buffet.

A line of people twisted under a wooden pavilion. About 20 minutes before the food was fair game, there were about 100 people in line. Fifteen minutes later, that count had at least doubled.

Volunteers lifted trays from trailer ovens holding hundreds of pans. The ovens kept squirrel soup, "Bambi tacos" and other dishes at a balmy 250 degrees.

Inevitably, Baraoidan will have people ask her why a club that aims to protect animals would host such an event.

She said the majority of wildlife conservation funds come from taxes on guns, am-

munition and fishing licences, making the food chain another piece of the protection puzzle.

Baraoidan said the event is intensely popular among the conservation community.

"Dude, you can't even taste it."

Charlotte Solomon

SFC freshman, eating a mealworm cookie

"There's a huge fan base of people who wait all year for this," she said.

As the dishes were put into place, volunteers peeled off foil, releasing steam and smells that resembled beef stew with a hint of pepper.

"I'm ready," said a woman fourth in line, grasping her plate and fork. "I'm ready for this."

With 60 foil dishes at the ready — and a

Candidates in runoff election talk differences

► **ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY.**

ADRIANNA PAIDAS
Alligator Writer

As election day descends upon the city, thoughts of last year's runoff loom over the candidates.

Last year, the election for the District 2 seat of the Gainesville City Commission found itself in a runoff between two staunchly different candidates. This year is no different, but the stakes are higher.

The victor of this year's runoff on Tuesday between Lauren Poe and Nathan Skop will represent the entire city, rather than just one district.

Poe, an incumbent, lost to current Commissioner Todd Chase in the April 2011 race, receiving 2,045 votes while Chase won with 2,463 votes.

This time around, Chase contributed to Skop's campaign and endorsed him in the current election against his former opponent.

In regular elections on Jan. 31, Poe secured 4,402 votes and Skop received 2,944 votes.

Poe, an associate professor at Santa Fe College who served on the Gainesville City Commission from 2008 to 2011, said he respects Chase's decision, but it should not hide the fact that Chase and Skop have contrasting personalities.

"Chase was mellow and laid-back when he ran his campaign," Poe said. "Mr. Skop is very intense."

It is Skop's issues-based campaign and use of political rhetoric that Poe said make him more of an invasive opponent.

During the Alachua County Democratic Black Caucus forum on Jan. 20, Skop continually referred to Poe as his "opponent

who was previously voted out of office." Fifteen minutes into the forum, the moderator told Skop he could not longer refer to Poe in that manner. Some in the audience applauded.

Despite the difference in opponents, Poe said he's much more comfortable in this year's runoff than last year's. He said he has honed in on current city initiatives, such as the city's biomass contract, Innovation Gainesville and adding more outdoor public areas.

Skop, a lawyer, said he is proud of running an issues-based campaign that is focused on bringing change to the current state of the commission.

Chase said he pledged his support to Skop because of his background in the utility industry, which he said will be of great value to the commission.

Skop served four years on the Florida Public Service Commission where he worked to prevent utility rate increases. He is steadfastly against the city's biomass contract.

He has cited it as a "\$3.1 billion financial disaster of the City Commission's own making" in most public forums throughout the election.

Skop voted in favor of the contract while he was on the Public Service Commission. He said he didn't take the rate increase into consideration when voting because his vote revolved around the city's energy needs, not rate impacts.

As one who served with Poe on the commission from 2008 to 2011, Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa she she supports Poe and his positive, progressive campaign. The winner of the runoff will take her seat on the commission in May.

"We didn't always agree on things, but he was always hard-working and thoughtful," she said.

flock of volunteers ready to replace the scavenged fare — a volunteer released the herd.

"Go. Yes. Eat," she said.

People packed heaps of quail wings, veal-a-roni and sheep onto their doubled-up Styrofoam plates.

Nearby, Cowboyz Bar-B-Q and Catering staff carved hunks of hog. Steam seeped from the brown-red meat as the carvers worked. The air smelled of brisket.

Even after replacement dishes didn't match with the labels, visitors piled on heaps of the mystery meat. Brave folk dug into cups of dirt: the dirt was fake; the worms were not.

Solomon said the event lived up to the hype.

"It just sounded amazing, like one of those things that you have to do before you die," she said.

Opinions

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Editorial

Big Difference *Opinions allowed on opinions pages*

The events of last week sparked much debate and discussion on campus about the ethics of reporting, the purpose of a campus newspaper and the idea of bias in the media.

Another point of contention was whether or not the Alligator should have commented on some of the events within its opinions section.

This prompted a lot of discussion about journalistic integrity and the difference between fact and opinion.

From the discussions that occurred last week, it appears there is still some confusion about the difference between a news article and an editorial or an opinion column.

In this newspaper, everything on pages six and seven is opinion about current events.

Shocking, right? Well, it would be if there was not a giant header at the top of the page that reads "Opinions."

Yes, despite the strive for objectivity in reporting, many newspapers include a section where people are allowed to voice their thoughts and comments on the issues of the day.

That section usually features editorials from the editorial board of the newspaper. This is a chance for the editors of the paper to give their two cents about the news of the day.

This section also features columns and letters, often distinguished from editorials by the sub-heading Op/Ed or "Opposite the Editorial Page."

In the Op/Ed section, columnists have the opportunity to bring up issues and topics of interest. Unlike regular news articles, columnists also have a chance to say what they think about those issues, usually citing relevant facts and figures to support their argument.

When they are writing for the opinions section, most columnists do not refer to themselves as reporters; it would be disingenuous to do so.

The newspaper has a responsibility to ensure that the columnists are accurate in their reporting of facts and figures, but they are generally left alone to comment on the issue at hand. The newspaper also makes sure that the columnists do not discuss anything that could slander the reputation of another.

However, if they are commenting on a news item that reports information, they are well within their right to comment on that fact or figure, as long as they cite where they got their information.

So for anyone out there who feels that writers on the opinions pages do not display the proper journalistic etiquette that reporters follow, we have one thing to say: Columnists are not reporters.

That is not to say that they are not credible or informative. They just have a different role to fill when it comes to bringing you information.

On the same note, editorials, like this one, are not news articles. This is simply an opinion.

Take everything you read in the opinions section with a grain of salt, and be sure to do your own research before forming an opinion.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you care about awards shows?

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Column

With or without affection, sex is an agreement

Over the past few weeks, two men have individually caused me to rack up a \$20.37 tab at Taco Bell. When that sort of thing happens, I summon my army of empowered women to my side.

Dress code: a paint-stained shirt, slippers and a pair of I-don't-need-no-man pregnancy pants. After we've convened like Death Eaters to Voldemort, we buy tons of junk food and veg out on the couch, all the while performing hoodoo — I mean, bitching about dudes.

Typically, these meetings involve us spending the evening validating the poop out of each other's lives. However, during this most recent gathering of my coven of crones — after the obligatory small-talk and offering of the sacrificial iguana — one of the women drew my ire.

I'd been ranting to the group about the joys of having someone you love suddenly stop talking to you. I'd also been trying to end the ranting so I could eat another Beefy Crunch Burrito.

During one breathing pause, one of the women said, "Man, it must suck to get used like that."

Utterly taken aback, I gasped, taking the opportunity to shove another Beefy Crunch Burrito into my mouth.

The girls didn't seem to understand why I would object to saying I got used. But that's just the thing. People don't get used. They get lied to.

Here, let me explain.

Whenever I hear some girl say she got used, she's typically saying something along the lines of, "All he wanted me for was sex. He didn't actually care about me." Ugh. Typing that made me want to vomit more than Taco Bell ever has.

What the girl's really saying is that she entered into a tacit agreement with a dude that she would give him sexy time in exchange for affection or some other form of emotional security. The dude didn't deliver, and now she's got her pantsuit in a knot over it.



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The first thing that bothers me about this: Sex should not be treated as a commodity. I don't understand the idea that a dude shouldn't boink you without offering something in return.

It boggles my mind more than playing Boggle usually

does.

A man owes you nothing for sexy time, and vice versa, because sex isn't a barter economy.

Access to your body should not be like buying watermelons at a bazaar. You need to make the decision to touch someone based on whether you want to bump uglies, not on any expected return. If you let someone run around your baseball diamond, take responsibility for it. Did you not want to fool around with the guy in the first place?

Let me tell you something I learned from the many ex-cons who've taken my order at Taco Bell over the years: Always get the payment before you give the food.

If you want affection or some other form of emotional security, ask for it up front. Tell the guy what you're looking for. If he's unwilling to provide it, you shouldn't expect straddling him to change his mind — and if it did, you should find that insulting and drop his fanny anyway.

An unspoken agreement is no agreement at all. You need to talk to make sure both of you are seeking the same thing. That way, he can only lie to you.

Don't get me wrong — guys treat everyone like crap at one point or another. I'm not seeking to exonerate.

Men suck.

Just get mad at them for the right stuff.

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

Letters to the Editor

Hazing is not tolerated at UF

After a thorough investigation, the University Police Department has forwarded sworn allegations to the State Attorney that nine UF students and one alumnus engaged in very serious hazing. Hazing brings severe consequences, both through UF's Student Conduct Code process and the state's judicial process. Hazing is abhorrent and is not in keeping with the values of UF. Friends do not hurt friends and endanger their physical and emotional well-being.

The UF community believes its students should be able to excel in an academic environment that is safe. I encourage all UF students, faculty and staff to take a stand against hazing. Join me in applauding the courage of the victims in this particular situation throughout a difficult investigation. If you notice a sign of distress, help each other and do something.

Signs of distress from hazing or other causes may include: bruises, physical discomfort, unexplained injuries, excessive tiredness, physical exhaustion, significant change in behavior or healthy habits, irritability, use of alcohol or other drugs and risky behavior.

In the fall, UF launched an initiative called U Matter, We Care that urges faculty, staff, students and their families to take notice of signs of distress and to get the person in distress to one of UF's many helping resources.

The U Matter team is available at umatter@ufl.edu or 352-392-CARE. If you notice one of the signs above, please contact one of the helping resources found at www.umatter.ufl.edu/resource.php or contact the U Matter team directly.

For many years, UF has provided a wide variety of programming and training for its student groups and others regarding the dangers of hazing and directions for providing positive bonding and team-building experiences. Despite this longstanding, concerted effort and a university-wide anti-hazing task force just beginning its work, criminal complaints have been filed against individuals for serious physical hazing.

Please reflect on what being a Gator means. Step up and help us eliminate any destructive activity in our community. Reach out to those who need assistance. Together, we can decisively address the actions of a few that fundamentally conflict with our culture for care that so many students experience.

Dave Kratzer
Interim Vice President
Student Affairs

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Still room for improvement in voter turnout

After nearly a month of Unite and Students Party campaign staff occupying Turlington, we've finally come to the end of the election season. Innumerable fliers were passed out, dozens of platform points were discussed and thousands of votes were cast — 10,644 to be exact, the highest total ever for a nonrunoff Student Government election.

While some may attribute the increase in voter turnout to dogs in T-shirts or hilarious cat videos, we believe something else was at play. Until this year, many students saw SG as an elitist organization controlled by a highly mobilized minority where only a select few had the connections to get involved.

Last week, we uprooted that myth and proved to the average student that SG really is accessible, but only if you make your voice heard. Whether freshman or grad student, Greek or non-Greek, part of an organization or unaffiliated, we all have a responsibility to vote.

This same responsibility follows us after college into our homes and communities as we elect everyone from city commissioners to the president of the United States. Why, then, would we shirk the privilege of voting while here at UF? Although 10,644 students participating is a step in the right direction, there are nearly 40,000 students who chose to abstain from voting this year. If nothing else, this proves that we still have a lot of work to do.

So for one last time, we urge you to come out and vote in the next Student Government election. It's your responsibility, your privilege and your voice. Choose to be heard.

Alex Cornillie and Jesse Schmitt
Students Party presidential and vice-presidential candidates

Column

Death tax an unfair triple tax that government should eliminate from code

After the release of President Obama's budget a few weeks ago, I was struck at the massiveness of federal spending.

Total federal revenues are close to \$3 trillion.

However, the death tax, which is the tax most targeted at the "1 percent," brings in about 1 percent of total federal revenue.

It is high time that this triple tax be eliminated from our giant tax code.

The estate tax was started in 1916 in an effort to get the wealthy to pay more for the expansion of the military before World War I.

By 1940, revenues from the tax accounted for about 5 percent of all federal revenue.

Since then, the tax code has exploded with loopholes and clever tricks, along with high-powered lawyers that make the estate tax look like a joke — except for the massive legal bills and lost investment it causes.

I am amused when progressives say that many of the wealthy members of our society only pay a 15-percent tax rate.

The capital gains tax is applied on the earnings from securities that have already been taxed at the corporate income tax rate that goes up to 35 percent.

In a worst-case scenario, \$1 of corporate earnings passed through to the owner and taxed twice is only \$0.5525 — a number that is far from the 15 percent tax rate that the Occupy folks assert.

Even for famous tax-dodgers like General Electric, the corporate tax rate is not 0 percent forever.

They do, in fact, pay corporate income taxes.

Even low corporate income tax levels result in a much higher tax rate for the capitalist class.

With this understanding of taxes, it seems grossly unfair to tax people who are successful and want to pass on the value of their life's work to their offspring when they die.

The death tax is a triple tax, hitting money that's already been hit twice.

The most dangerous effect of the death tax, though, is what it does to decisions about investments that create far more jobs on a permanent basis than the stimulus did temporarily.

The current exemption is \$5 million. Imagine you are a car dealership owner with a worth of \$10

million.

You have a choice.

Would you purchase another dealership, which would likely increase your net-worth by \$5 million over the course of the next 10 years?

You know the government will take 35 percent of it from your heirs when you die.

Does it start to change your mind about taking this enormous risk with your personal assets?

I once spoke with an executive of a large wealth-management firm who told me a story about how the ultra-rich very rarely pay the full 35 percent on their estates.

They hire six- and seven-figure lawyers who make sure they don't pay.

Instead, it is the merely wealthy — those who are more concerned about the health of their concrete business — who are impacted by the estate tax the most.

It is the merely wealthy — those who are more concerned with the yield of their strawberry crop — who are impacted by the estate tax the most.

These people don't have the incentive or inclination to hire expensive lawyers.

And it is their children who pay for it dearly when they die.

Why should you be concerned?

It is estimated that baby boomers (our parents) will inherit \$8.4 trillion from our grandparents over the next few decades.

Much of that will be passed on to the boomers' offspring (us).

If you want to take over the family business one day, you might be out of luck if you owe \$1.75 million in taxes from inheriting that car dealership posed in the earlier example.

It is time for this inefficient and distorting tax to be eliminated.

It does little to accomplish the redistributive effect its liberal proponents wish it could.

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MONDAY FEATURE

Finding a home away from home

ADRIANNA PAIDAS

Alligator Writer

The walls of Weaver Hall are bare before the students move in. Cold and white concrete canvases. It's up to them to make those lifeless spaces sing; some, like international exchange student Aidan Knowles, can transform a sullen spot into a life-sized scrapbook.

Knowles is one of about 200 international exchange students who study at UF every year, according to the UF International Center. He is a junior from Ireland, and he's spending his spring semester at UF. Despite the different environment, adjusting has been surprisingly easy for the Dublin native.

"Everything is just so impressive," he said. "I'm just ... I'm just really proud to be here."

Knowles has gotten so used to campus life at a public university that he doesn't even want to think about leaving. When May rolls around, Knowles will head home to a city where clouds hover over tiny streets, and concepts he loves, like collegiate pride and spirit, don't exist.

"I saw a woman the other day wearing a shirt that said 'Gator nurse since 1973,' and I just couldn't stop thinking about it," he said. "We don't even make shirts with our school's name on them because nobody would buy them. No one cares where they graduate from."

Knowles is in his early 20s and looks more Spanish than Irish. He has silky black hair that swoops over his forehead, black scruff and brown eyes that glaze when he has too many beers. The only Irish thing about his appearance, he said, is his pale skin, but that will change now that the weather is warming up.

"It's always f***ing raining there," he said. "It makes you want to stay inside. Everyone is so active here because of the nice weather."

As a journalism student at the Dublin Institute of Technology, a well-known college in Ireland that

20,000 students attend, Knowles had the opportunity to study journalism at UF or the University of Missouri through an exchange program. He chose UF because of the warm weather.

He said one of the main differences he's noticed between here and his home is that grade point averages are a myth at his school in Dublin. All students have to do is pass their classes during senior year and they get their degree.

His school is in downtown Dublin, but Knowles lives a 30-minute bus ride outside of the city in a suburb with his mom, dad and 14-year-old sister. Weaver Hall, UF's international residence hall and his home here in Gator country, is only a 5-minute walk from his classes.

Unlike UF, in Dublin, the college's campus is spread out around the city. School buildings are plopped among the pubs and the

bookie agencies that line the narrow streets.

But, he said, despite Dublin's propensity for long-distance travel, there's a road in Gainesville that rivals the biggest highway in Ireland.

He said crossing Archer Road is like crossing Ireland's busiest "motorway."

"Everytime I cross it, I'm always like 'I'm gonna die. Oh my God, Oh my God, I'm gonna die,'" he said.

The fact that UF has an actual, walkable campus in one area of a city is mesmerizing to him.

The compact campus is what adds to the strong sense of school pride, he said, because students are constantly reminded that they are all Gators.

Even the idea of dining halls where students can gather to eat was foreign to him until he came here. At home, he said, students disperse throughout the city and eat at

cafes, rarely realizing that the person next to them may also go to the same school.

Every day, he looks forward to eating omelettes and drinking smoothies while dissecting the previous night's antics and sharing stories with friends at Gator Corner Dining Center. Knowles and his Weaver Hall friends spend hours getting to know one another while half-eaten plates around them turn into 6-inch stacks.

"We are all in the same boat coming here," he said. "None of us know anyone, so we just all got along right off the bat."

JR Miller, his resident hall adviser, said there is a rumor going around Weaver Hall that Knowles is most likely to be crowned prom king at the international students' prom in April. At the end of every semester, the international students' residence hall holds a dance for all of

the tenants. They call it prom.

"He's always wants to go places and try things," Miller said. "I think that's why he settled in so easily. He just wants to be around everybody."

Knowles and his friends visit the UF Bookstore at least every week to add to their growing Gator clothing collection. He said he admires school spirit so much that last week he spent \$100 on Gators T-shirts, including a women's water polo shirt that he got for a tournament.

Sporting events keep school spirit alive, Knowles said, adding that the absence of collegiate athletics in Dublin is probably the reason for students' apathy toward their colleges. The Dublin Institute of Technology has no school-wide sporting events. His school doesn't have a stadium, let alone a stadium that seats 90,000 people. He laughed when he thought about Ben Hill Griffin Stadium sitting in the middle of a city whose tallest building is four stories and whose streets are about as wide as the end zone.

"You guys are so lucky," he said. "I wish I was here for football season, but we get a taste of what it must be like when we're at basketball games. I'm coming back for one, though. I'll be back."

Most international students at UF leave with the hope of coming back, said Lyn Straka, director of UF's International Exchange Visitor Services. Those who have a hard time transitioning to life here find the language barrier or the educational system difficult.

"Students who understand that this is an experience and don't just allow it to happen to them are the ones that get the most out of being here," Straka said. "You have to be a part of the environment and the experiences."

Knowles knows that come May he'll have to tear everything down from his walls, so for now, he plans to continue to cover them in memories.

"By the time I leave, there won't be any white showing," he said. "I'm not just going to sit around and let this time pass."



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Aidan Knowles, an Irish exchange student, poses in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field on Sunday.

Robotics club recreates 1950s robot for UF Engineering Week

▶ 'OTTO' WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1957.

JAVIER EDWARDS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Using three photographs, a 55-year-old video clip and \$700 from the Benton Engineering Council, the UF Gator Robotics club resurrected a 7-foot robot from the past.

Michael Andrews, president of the Benton Engineering Council, asked Gator Robotics last month to rebuild a robot named Otto, which was built by a UF electrical engineer in 1957.

The robot is the mascot for Engineering Week, which ends today. Otto will be on display at the State of the College Address at 5:30

p.m. in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

The seven-student design team completed the basic construction of the robot Wednesday, said Camilo Buscaron, president of Gator Robotics.

"I'm really proud of the work they did," he said.

The robot can move its eyes, mouth and arms, 18-year-old material science and engineering freshman Kevin French said. The team plans to add a speaker so Otto can talk and to give Otto the ability to shake hands and wave.

"We have been brainstorming all kinds of things to add to him. Everything from a jet pack to tank treads," French said. "Maybe a team in the future will make a female Otto, and it'll be like the new Albert and Alberta."

Blog looking for student writers

KIMBERLY GREENPLATE

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new UF blog about the Reitz Union is set to debut in early March and is still looking for student bloggers.

The Reitz Union is accepting blogger applications until Wednesday. Students picked to write for the blog, which has the working title of Union Life blogs, will have a profile on the Reitz Union's website and will each post about once a month.

The blog comes shortly after the January premiere of UF's history department's blog, which was created to showcase students' accomplishments, trips and other aspects of the department.

The Reitz Union blogs should go live within the next few weeks, said Emily Davis, marketing coordinator at the Reitz Union.

Students can either write for the Re-

itz Union blog as volunteers, or they can receive unpaid internship credit, she said.

The history department's official blog, History@UF, is written solely by volunteers. Its first full entry was posted on Jan. 31.

Sean Adams, an associate professor in the history department, said blogs like this help enhance the university's sense of community.

Both blogs focus on UF's community through testimonials that show prospective students, current students and alumni what life is like at the university.

UF students can also contribute posts to both blogs.

"I think that a lot of people here are starting an effort to make the university more intimate," Adams said.



Davis

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CLUE

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ANSWER

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2. Who was the last National League player to have at least 30 home runs and 30 errors in the same season?

3. How many times have Army, Navy and Air Force all played in a football bowl game in the same season?

4. Who held the record for most 3-point field goals made in an NBA Finals game before Ray Allen hit eight in a game in 2010?

5. Who played the most games in his NHL career without ever making the Stanley Cup playoffs?

6. When was the last time before 2011 that New Zealand won the Rugby World Cup?

7. Who was the first non-American female golfer to win the LPGA Championship?

Answers

1. Joe DiMaggio, Chuck Klein, Albert Pujols and Ted Williams.

2. Pedro Guerrero of the Los Angeles Dodgers, in 1983.

3. Once, in 2010.

4. Kenny Smith (1995), Scottie Pippen (1997) and Allen (2008) each had seven 3-pointers in an NBA Finals game.

5. Guy Charron played in 734 games without a postseason appearance.

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- 5 Discourteous
- 9 Ireland patron, for short
- 14 10 million centuries
- 15 Soon, to the bard
- 16 Chicago airport
- 17 Backstage
- 20 The second story, vis-à-vis the first
- 21 Tough Japanese dogs
- 22 Coll. football's Seminoles
- 23 Over, to Oskar
- 24 Got married
- 29 Wee lie
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- 40 Muscle pain
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- 42 Sneaky
- 43 Forefront, as of technology
- 46 USA or Mex., e.g.
- 47 "Do ___ favor ..."
- 48 Blood deficiency that causes weakness
- 51 Embodiments
- 56 Returning to popularity, or what you'd have been doing if you followed the sequence formed by the first words of 17-, 24- and 43-Across
- 58 Informal bridge bid
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- 5 Pungent salad veggie
- 6 Fictitious
- 7 Cries from Homer Simpson
- 8 Opposite of WSW
- 9 Plugging-in places
- 10 "... all snug in ___ beds"
- 11 Cool off, dog-style
- 12 Locale
- 13 "... of the D'Urbervilles"
- 18 USA/Mex./Can. pact
- 19 Wooden shoes
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- 25 Counting everything
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- 28 Kicked with a bent leg
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- 30 Luggage attachment

- 31 Hooch
- 36 Swelling treatment
- 37 "... she blows!"
- 38 Exist
- 40 White whales, e.g.
- 41 Colorful marble
- 44 Levy, as a tax
- 45 Upscale retailer
- 46 ___ acid
- 48 Unrestrained way to run
- 49 Half of Mork's sign-off
- 50 Barely made, with "out"
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Gators clinch series in rain-shortened win

► UF BEAT WILLIAM & MARY
5-3 ON SUNDAY.

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

Kevin O'Sullivan and Frank Leoni walked toward one another and shook hands, officially concluding a day of tarp slip-and-slides, fake deer hunting and just more than five innings of baseball.

The head coaches of Florida (7-1) and William & Mary (2-5) called it a day after rain shortened the weekend finale, giving the No. 1 Gators a 5-3 victory and a series sweep.

"We did enough," O'Sullivan said. "We weren't really sharp this weekend; we got a lot of things we got to work on."

For Florida, a nearly hour-long rain delay was a fitting end to a strange game.

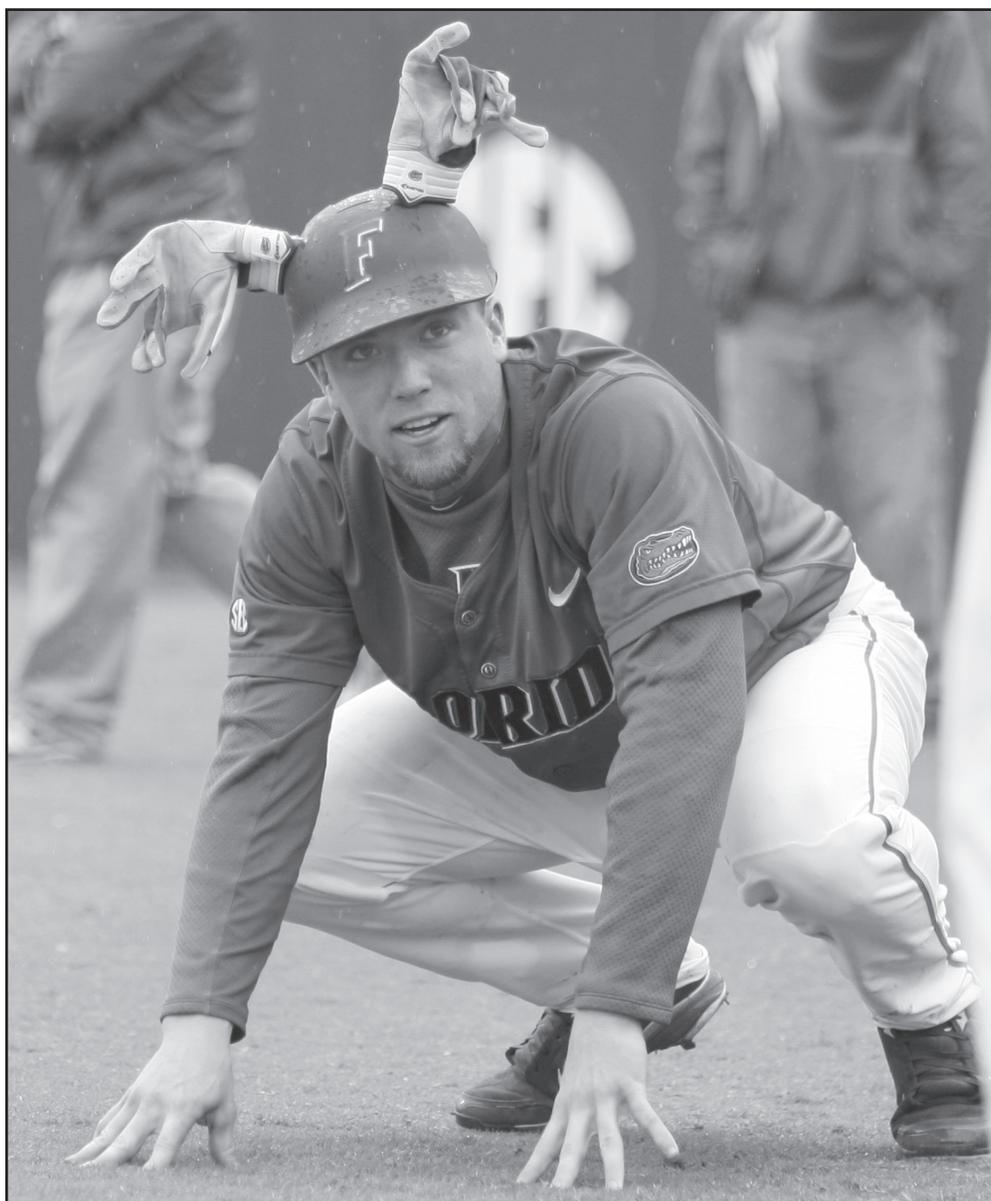
"We weren't really sharp this weekend; we got a lot of things we gotta work on."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF coach

After first pitch was moved from 1 p.m. to 12:35 p.m., starting right-handed pitcher Karsten Whitson took the mound and immediately looked uncomfortable. He lasted just 13 pitches, getting an early mound visit and then being pulled two batters later after an RBI single by Tribe first baseman Michael Katz.

Whitson's fastball velocity was down to the high 80s from his usual

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David Carr / Alligator

Shortshop Nolan Fontana makes the most of a rain delay Sunday by pretending to be a deer. Teammates in a center-field TV tower bagged the 10-point buck before the game was called in the sixth inning with the Gators leading 5-3. UF swept the three-game series.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UF dumbfounded by lack of energy at Georgia

JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

On a weekend when the Southeastern Conference crowned Kentucky as its regular season champion, Billy Donovan wondered aloud in a back hallway of Georgia's Stegeman Coliseum if his team noticed it still had something to play for.

The Gators had just played uninspired in a 76-62 loss Saturday to the Bulldogs, and with two games left to play before traveling to New Orleans for the SEC tournament, Donovan could only describe the flat, 40 minutes of bas-

ketball he witnessed in Athens, Ga., as "puzzling."

"I really am concerned if we will ever play with any passion again," Donovan said. "I'm being totally honest. Because if you can't get excited to play on the road against a bordering state, getting a chance to go 11-3 in the league, and you come out and play like that?"



Donovan

Though Florida was playing its first game since losing sophomore Will Yeguete for the season last Tuesday against

Auburn, Donovan, as well as his players, didn't want to use injuries and tired legs as a reason for the loss.

The Gators were given Wednesday off following the home win and returned to practice Thursday and Friday with a main focus of implementing new offensive and defensive sets to prepare for life without Yeguete.

"We can't use physical (stuff) as an excuse because we had a light practice, we had days off and we really had a mental practice, basically," freshman Brad Beal said. "We really just have to figure something out. I don't know

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END OF GREGULATION

Beal's strong performance overshadows UF's struggles

People jumped to a lot of conclusions after Saturday's loss, but there's only one thing that was proven beyond doubt.

Brad Beal is one of the three best players in the Southeastern Conference, and one of the top 15 or 20 in all of college basketball.

Concerns that Florida doesn't have enough heart will be addressed in bigger games, and it remains to be seen if the Gators can play without Will Yeguete.

Beal, on the other hand, has nothing left to prove.

He's improved in every game in a Florida uniform, surpassing the high expectations that accompanied him as

one of the best recruits Billy Donovan has ever brought to Florida.



Greg Luca
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Fans were promised the next Ray Allen. They got the next Dwyane Wade.

Wade, a 6-foot-4 guard who was listed at 210 pounds at Marquette, averaged 17.8 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.1 blocks on 48.7-percent shooting with an almost even assist-to-turnover ratio as a freshman.

Beal, listed at 6-foot-3 and 207 pounds but growing by the week, is averaging 16.6 points, 7.9 rebounds and .9 blocks on 45.7-percent shooting with an almost even assist-to-turnover ratio over the last nine games.

He looks like the explosive slashing guard who can get to the free-throw line any time he wants, earning 6.7 trips to the charity stripe per game in UF's last nine contests. And, oh by the way, he's converted 85 percent of those tries.

He's been a defensive stud all year, and on Saturday he did an outstanding job guarding Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and 6-foot-8, 220-pound power forward Nemanja Djuricic, an obvious size mismatch. Georgia shot 52.9 percent, but

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Florida coach Mike Holloway said the women's track team's win at last weekend's SEC Indoor Championships was a result of an offseason approach to improve. See story, page 16.

Tennis match rained out

Florida's women's tennis match Sunday against North Carolina was cancelled before singles play could begin due to rain. It will not be rescheduled.

Rainey at the NFL Combine

Former Gators running back Chris Rainey posted a 4.45 time in the 40-yard dash Sunday at the NFL Combine. The time tied two others for the second-fastest for a running back.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Florida drops season finale, chance for quality win at Tennessee

JOE MORGAN

Alligator Staff Writer

Florida had one final chance to boost its NCAA Tournament resume against No. 10 Tennessee on Sunday.

However, the task of defeating the Volunteers in perhaps the final home game of coach Pat Summitt's career proved too much for the Gators to overcome.

Tennessee (21-8, 12-4 Southeastern Conference) pulled away late in a 75-59 win against Florida (18-11, 8-8 SEC) in Knoxville, Tenn., dropping the Gators' record against ranked opponents to 2-7 this season.

Despite falling to the Volunteers, coach Amanda Butler maintains that her squad is still worthy of an at-large bid to The Big Dance.

"Our NCAA Tournament chances are great," Butler said. "The body of work, in February in particular, has been outstanding and in terms of proving that we deserve to be in that field as an at-large bid, is what we need."

Florida went into Sunday's game ranked 35th in RPI and 14th in strength of schedule.

Despite a missed opportunity to record a crucial quality win, senior Jordan Jones still believes the Gators will end up on the right side of the bubble come Selection Sunday.

"[Our chances] are not any different than they were last week," Jones said. "We got beat by a

great team on their home court, but that doesn't put us out. We still have the SEC Tournament."

Playing a significant number of close games has worked in Florida's favor throughout the year.

The Gators are 3-9 in games decided by six points or fewer this season and Sunday's contest seemed headed for another tight

finish.

Florida trailed just 55-48 with 7:19 to play before Tennessee went on a 9-3 run to open up a double-digit lead.

UF had trouble keeping up with UT due to poor shooting from 3-point range. Jones and Lily Svete, who led Florida with 12 points, combined for a 5-of-11 effort from beyond the arc.

But the other eight players to receive time against the Volunteers were 0 of 13 from 3-point range, including a combined 0-of-9 clip from Andrea Vilaró Aragonés and Deana Allen.

"That's something where we've got to grow up and mature," Jones said. "When threes aren't falling, we can't continue to just jack them up the first

chance we get."

Inside the arc, Jennifer George went up against Glory Johnson in a battle between the top two rebounders in the SEC.

Despite recording her SEC-leading 14th double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 boards, George was not up to Johnson's level. Johnson scored a game-high 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, creating problems for the Florida frontcourt defensively.

George and Azania Stewart finished the game with four fouls each.

"She's hard to guard one-on-one," Butler said. "The way she positions, it's really hard to get around her and she gets a lot of looks and she gets a lot of things that go her way."

With Sunday's loss to the Volunteers, the Gators finish the regular season ranked eighth in the SEC. Florida will face ninth-place Auburn in the first round of the SEC Tournament on Thursday at 1 p.m.

The Gators defeated the Tigers 70-56 on Feb. 9 in the O'Connell Center in their only meeting this season.

"We've just got to get back to focusing on us and what we did wrong, particularly our defense," Jones said.

"If you don't show up with defense in the SEC Tournament, you'll be going home on the first night."

Contact Joe Morgan at joemorgan@alligator.org.



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Florida forward Jennifer George (32) recorded her SEC-leading 14th double-double in Sunday's 75-59 loss to Tennessee, but it wasn't enough as Vols forward Glory Johnson (25) scored 21 to propel UT.

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Gators need win to clinch No. 2 SEC seed

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what it is but we just have to bear down and just finish up these last two games."

Florida travels to Vanderbilt on Tuesday and then closes the season at home Sunday against top-ranked Kentucky, which sealed its SEC regular-season title with a win against the Commodores over the weekend.

With a 10-4 conference record, UF holds a game lead over 9-5 Vanderbilt but will need to win one of its final two games to clinch the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. Two losses could mean the Gators sliding all the way to the No. 4 seed, though they would still be eligible for a first-round bye.

"Obviously, I look at myself as a coach and say, 'What can I do

to generate energy?'" Donovan said. "Sometimes as a coach with these guys, I feel like I'm grabbing these guys by the back of their shirts and I'm pulling them up a hill all of the time."

Florida spent the second half against Georgia in a constant state of rotation, as Donovan experimented with UF's lineups looking for a spark for an inept offense that shot 36.7 percent from the field and a lax defense which allowed the Bulldogs to shoot 52.9 percent.

Both Erving Walker, the team's starting point guard, and Erik Murphy, UF's leader in 3-point percentage, saw their minutes decrease in the final half due to a lack of focus and passion, Donovan said.

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Billy Donovan
UF basketball coach

After playing 14 of the first 20 minutes, Murphy was on the court for just seven in the second half because he was a "step slow" on defense.

Walker, meanwhile, was yanked less than two minutes into the final half and sat until the 12:17 mark. Donovan said he wants to see more urgency and energy out of Walker, the Gators' lone senior, with his UF career winding down.

"He's got to step up and he's got to try at least provide some leadership for our team," Donovan said. "As a senior, you would think that he would want to take that role, that responsibility, a little bit and want that kind of thing and show that kind of passion."

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Coach Billy Donovan said he was disappointed with Erving Walker's effort and leadership during Florida's 76-62 loss at Georgia on Saturday.

Whitson's outing cut short; pulled in first

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mid-90s, but O'Sullivan said it was more a case of getting his arm back where it needs to be after missing a portion of the fall with a groin injury.

"You can tell he wasn't feeling his best," O'Sullivan said. "You'll see that, you'll see early-season stuff where the arm just doesn't bounce back as quick as you want. I'm sure he's going to be fine."

After Whitson's brief outing, UF relievers Steven Rodriguez and Jonathon Crawford finished the game by throwing a combined five innings of three-hit ball.

Once again, Florida's offense did just enough to get the win. Junior shortstop Nolan Fontana opened the scoring for the Gators with a two-run homer off the scoreboard in right, and senior right fielder Preston Tucker picked up his fifth homer of the season on a blast that went over the scoreboard and across Stadium Road.

"Obviously there's still things to improve on, as an individual and as a team," Tucker said.

Freshman left fielder Justin Shafer also pitched in with a 2-for-2 showing. He singled in the third before scoring on Fontana's home run and then doubled in Austin Maddox and Cody Dent one inning later.

"I'm finally feeling comfortable at the plate," Shafer said. "Being in this kind of atmosphere is something to get used

to from being in high school."

With two outs and a 2-0 count on Tribe shortstop Josh Mason in the top of the sixth, the heavy rain became too much for home plate umpire Cory Gottsegen and the game was put into a weather delay.

Before the delay was over, players from both teams took full advantage of an opportunity to let loose. First, messages written on baseballs tossed back and forth between dugouts led to UF backup catcher Brandon Sedell stripping down to compression shorts and joining a William & Mary coach in a slip-and-slide duel.

Then, after two Tribe players danced around with baseball pants over their heads and arms, three Gators used the center-field camera tower



Tucker

as a makeshift tree stand and "hunted" Fontana and freshman reliever Aaron Rhodes, who crawled around like deer.

"My heart, I'm dead," Fontana said, joking about where he had been shot. "There was Zach Powers out there on the sniper stand. We were just having fun."

Florida opened the weekend by beating William & Mary 4-1 on Friday night, but the weekend was highlighted by a 5-1 victory Saturday when Tucker broke the UF career RBI record with a home run.

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that can't be blamed on Beal. Despite Djurisc's physical edge, Beal grabbed eight de-

fensive rebounds, maintained good post position and forced Djurisc into tough shots. Florida's freshman guard was also effective fronting the post, even tipping an entry pass to force a turnover midway

through the first half. If anything, he alleviated concerns about Will Yeguete's absence by proving he can hold his own defensively and on the glass against bigger, stronger players.

The other big question facing the Gators after Saturday's game is heart, but Beal doesn't have to worry about that, either.

He's given 100 percent every possession on both ends, and is the only player who can't be lumped in with Donovan's concerns about maturity. His basketball IQ has been praised from day one, and for good reason.

What truly sets him apart is how well he does the little things. He knows when to switch on defense, who needs to get the ball on offense and where he needs to be positioned on the floor at any given moment.

Beal's only weakness has been 32.4 percent 3-point shooting. But with a stroke as pure as his — one that's Ray Allen-esque — it's only a matter of time and reps before he gets it figured out.

If he chooses to pass up a shot at being an NBA lottery pick and come back for another season at Florida, he'll easily be in the running for National Player of the Year.

And the Gators will be right in the thick of the national title race.

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HOT SHOTS

Week 6: (1-1)
Auburn, Georgia

Brad Beal, G, Fr. (3 points)

> 32 points, 10-of-21 shooting, 18 rebounds, two assists, two blocks, two steals.

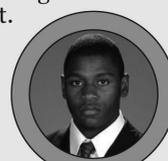


▶ Beal continues to come into his own and has become a dominant force on the boards for UF. He was the lone bright spot in Saturday's loss to Georgia, scoring 19 points and making up for the absence of Will Yeguete by hauling in 12 boards. Beal had another fine defensive week, seeing some time at power forward while notching two blocks and two steals.

Erving Walker, PG, Sr. (1 point)

> 27 points, 8-of-21 shooting, nine rebounds, six assists.

▶ On a week when only Beal and Boynton shined, Walker's scoring earns him the third spot on our list. With 13 points against Auburn and 14 against Georgia, he was UF's second-leading scorer in both games. He also posting a team-best six assists in that span. He even made an unexpected impact on the boards, leading the Gators in rebounding for the first time this season and third time in his career with a seven-board showing against Auburn.



Kenny Boynton, G, Jr. (2 points)

> 31 points, 11 of 22 shooting, four rebounds, four assists, four steals.

▶ When Florida needed a scoring boost against Auburn, Boynton provided it. The junior netted a game-high 20 points on 7-of-11 shooting, including a 6-of-9 showing from beyond the arc. He ranks third nationally with 3.38 3-pointers per game, hitting 44.1 percent.

STANDINGS:
1. Brad Beal (15 points) 2. Kenny Boynton (9 points) 3. Erving Walker (5 points), 4. Patric Young (4 points) 5. Erik Murphy (3 points)

UF women's track team takes home SEC Indoor Championship

Men finish in second, fail to defend '11 title

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Although it was the men's team that came into this weekend's meet as defending champions, it was the women who added yet another Southeastern Conference title to the school's history books Sunday.

"(The women) sat down in the fall and they talked about what we were capable of doing and how we were going to get it done," coach Mike Holloway said. "What you saw this weekend was a byproduct of that."

The win brings the women's program total to seven.

Florida entered the final day in second

place with 40 points, but Ciarra Brewer's second-place finish in the triple jump (12.99m/42-7.50) earned eight more points for UF, putting it in a first-place tie with Arkansas.

The 5,000 meter and the mile run were both huge events for the women, as the Gators earned 43 points thanks to a 1-2-5 finish in the 5,000 meter and a 2-3-5-6 finish in the mile.

"I just knew I had to push hard and start strong," said Florence Ngetich, winner of the 5,000 meter. "In this race, we wanted to push to be in front together so we could score more points and feed off each other."

The women's first-place performance

would not have been possible without Lanie Whittaker's second- and Ebony Eutsey's fifth-place finish in the 400 meter, and Eutsey's second-place finish in the 4x400m.

Although the men were unable to defend their title, they still came through with a second-place finish, and a few individuals were able to repeat last year's performance. Sophomore Eddie Lovett ran 7.78 in the 60m hurdles to take the title and Kemal Mesic



Ngetich

won his third consecutive SEC shot put championship. Junior Omar Craddock also

contributed 10 points to the men Sunday after winning the triple jump.

"It's a big accomplishment to win three in a row," Mesic said. "Just winning one is a big deal."

Jeff Demps, after setting the national best in the 60m in the prelims on Saturday with a 6.54, finished in third with a 6.64. Demps' mark is .09 seconds slower than his winning time (6.55) from last season's SEC indoor meet.

After Sunday's performance, Holloway has gained more confidence in both his teams as they start to focus on the NCAA Indoor Championships.

UF athletes who have yet to achieve automatic-qualifying marks have two more opportunities to advance to the NCAA meet.

"Overall, I'm just so pleased with how we did," Holloway said.

Dominant defense helps Florida notch fourth straight victory

► UF BEAT DETROIT 22-3 ON SUNDAY AT DISNEY STADIUM.

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The Gators' offense followed Friday's record-breaking performance with an equally dominant showing Sunday.

But their defense was even more overwhelming.

No. 4 Florida won its fourth straight game as it held Detroit to just 13 shots in a 22-3 win at Donald R. Disney Stadium.

"We played really well," junior defender Jamie Reeg said. "We kept it going the whole 60 minutes. We never let down."

The 10 shots on goal and three

goals for the Titans were both season lows for a UF opponent.

The Gators' impressive defensive effort came in the absence of 2011 All-ALC First Team defender Sam Farrell, who sat out for precautionary reasons after being hit in the top of the head by a ball during warm-ups.

"I was really happy though with how our defense responded without her," O'Leary said. "She is a critical player in our defensive unit and one of the leaders back there."

O'Leary praised freshmen midfielders Nicole Graziano and Nora Barry, who combined for five ground balls, for their help on the defensive end.

One of the most impressive sequences for the Florida defense

came at the beginning of the second half when Gators freshman midfielder Shannon Gilroy controlled the initial draw.

Titans defender Morgan Lear intercepted Gilroy's ensuing pass and took the ball inside Florida's 8-meter arc.

Detroit maintained possession until the 26:43 mark, and the only shot it was able to get off the entire possession was a free-position shot that was saved by junior goalkeeper Mikey Meagher.

O'Leary said the defense had worked on not getting too anxious when teams held the ball for

long periods of time like the Titans did to begin the second half, and she was pleased with how the defenders handled those situations.

That improved discipline resulted in the Gators playing their cleanest game of the season. Florida committed a season-low 16 fouls and did not receive a yellow card for the first time this season, avoiding any man-down situations.

"We normally get stupid yellow cards that we don't need," Reeg said. "So for this game we focused on not swinging as much."

The UF defense was also able to convert 16 of 20 clearance attempts.

Gators' junior attacker Gabi

Wiegand finished with a game-high four goals on five shots and two assists, with her first two goals coming in the first minute and forty seconds of the game.

She said the defenders were integral in jump-starting runs multiple times when the attackers cut back for the ball.

"They did a great job in transition," Wiegand said of the defenders. "Even off the draw, getting the ball up and out right away."

O'Leary said she hopes Sunday's performance is a sign of things to come from the defense.

"I'm optimistic about the future," O'Leary said. "Hopefully we can play a controlled game and get out of [games] with no yellow cards."



Reeg

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