

Tony McQuay is one of 16 current and former Gators who has qualified for the London Olympics. See story, Page 13.



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Pants on Fire

Members of the Micanopy Fire Rescue Department respond to a commercial building fire outside of Café Risqué, 17035 SE County Road 234, after strong winds bent part of the building's roof paneling on Monday. Employees reported seeing smoke coming from the roof of the building, but firefighters responded in time to prevent a building-damaging fire from starting. "That'd be my luck," said a Café Risqué patron who asked to remain anonymous. "Getting a lap dance and a damn tornado hits."

Congress passes bill to keep current loan interest rate

▶ THE INTEREST RATE ON STAFFORD LOANS WILL REMAIN AT 3.4 PERCENT.

ERIN JESTER
 Alligator Staff Writer

For Crystal Durham, not taking out a loan wasn't an option.

Financial aid covered tuition and housing, but she had other expenses during her first semester at UF.

"I didn't have any money to actually eat with," she said.

She ended up taking out a loan for a little more than \$2,000 during her first semester at college, and another for about

\$2,700 last spring.

Durham, a 21-year-old computer engineering senior, is one of 7.4 million students who will benefit from a bill approved by Congress on Friday that allows the interest rate on student loans to remain at 3.4 percent instead of doubling.

In 2007, Congress made an agreement allowing the interest rate on Stafford loans to drop from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over five years.

If no additional agreement was reached this year, the loan rate would've returned to 6.8 percent effective Sunday. The deal will be renegotiated next summer.

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CAMPUS

UF beta testing new network that saves GatorLink password

JAVIER EDWARDS
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Gators could find themselves on a better-connected campus soon.

On July 16, UF's wireless network will be updated so students can more efficiently access the Internet on campus.

The Unified Wireless Network

is a part of the larger Unified Network Project, which was developed to increase the efficiency of Wi-Fi on UF's campus, said Fedro Zazueta, the senior director of the Office of Academic Technology and a professor in the agricultural and biological engineering department.

The network went into beta testing on May 6, said Tracy Gale, com-

munications manager for UF information technology.

The new network will require users to reconfigure their wireless devices, either automatically or manually, he said.

Zazueta said with the new network, students will no longer need to repeatedly enter their GatorLink password to access UF Wi-Fi when

moving from place to place on campus.

Students will only need to log into the wireless network once. Then, students can access Wi-Fi anywhere on the university's main campus, Zazueta said.

Now, when students log into a lone access point, their cache data is shared across multiple access

points on campus.

This means that when moving, a student's device simply connects to the nearest access point.

However, if students do not have up-to-date security tools or firewall protection on their laptop or mobile device on July 16, they will be blocked from connecting to UF's Wi-Fi, Gale said.

UF's Board of Trustees agree on a 9 percent tuition increase

▶ IT ALSO INCREASED A FEE FOR CAMPUS BUILDING PROJECTS.

ERIN JESTER
 Alligator Staff Writer

UF is finally getting what it asked for.

After an hour of haggling, storytelling and sidestepping on the last day of its meeting, the Board of Governors approved a 9 percent differential tuition increase for UF.

A frustrated Gov. Tico Perez tried to keep the debate on track.

As a former Student Body president, Perez knows tuition increases are a necessary evil.

"Fifteen years ago, [University of Central Florida] was known as 'U Can't Finish,' because you couldn't get your classes," he said.

He argued that "modest" tuition increases could alleviate that problem and help students graduate on time.

Although UF has raised tuition by the state maximum of 15 percent for the last five years, UF President Bernie Machen announced to UF's Board of Trustees earlier this month he would seek only a 9 percent increase this year

to give struggling students a break.

Machen previously said a 15 percent increase was necessary to help balance a \$38.2 million budget cut dealt by the state.

During the legislative session, Machen and Florida State University President Eric Barron lobbied Gov. Rick Scott to approve a bill that would have allowed UF and FSU to increase tuition by more than 15 percent.



Machen

Despite support from both universities' Boards of Trustees and some members of the Board of Governors, the State University System's highest governing body, Scott vetoed it.

All 11 Florida public universities requested increases in differential tuition, which is an increase in base tuition set by the state according to the needs of each university.

At 9 percent, UF had the lowest request. Most other universities requested the maximum of 15 percent.

The board was divided on the issue.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Toastmasters Meet Tuesdays

Talking Gators Toastmasters meets at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Bldg., Rm. 1031, 970 Natural Area Drive, east of the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on UF's campus. Toastmasters provides a positive atmosphere to learn public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, visit <http://talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org/>. Talking Gators is also on Facebook.

CRC Part-Time Job Fair

The Career Resource Center, with Student Financial Affairs, will host the Part-Time Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 12 on the Reitz Union Colonnade. The Part-Time Job Fair provides students with an opportunity to learn about local employment opportunities beginning in the summer or fall. Professional attire is not required, so just stop by. Bring your schedule, hours of availability and a UF work-study permit if you qualify. For more information, contact CRCFairs@crc.ufl.edu or 352-273-2331.

50th Independence Anniversary of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago

Join the UFCaribbeanStudents and Jamaican-American Student Associations for dinner, dancing, music and speakers celebrating the 50th Independence Anniversaries of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. The banquet begins at 7 p.m. July 14 at the Paramount Plaza Hotel. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$25 for students. For tickets, contact Dr. Diane Archer-Banks at d.archerbanks@gmail.com or Dr. Michelle Samuel-Foo at mfoo@ufl.edu or 352-392-1978, ext. 406.

Asthma Study

If you are African-American, between the ages of 18 and 75 and have been diagnosed with asthma for more than a year, you may be eligible to be part of a research study at UF. Enrollment is taking place at Eastside Community Practice through December 2012.

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NATIONAL

Four arrested after calling NC deputy for drugs

SALISBURY, N.C. — Four people have been arrested in North Carolina after they mistakenly called the wrong person about drug purchases. The man they got was a Row-

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an County sheriff's deputy.

The Salisbury Post reported that Deputy Jagger Naves was awakened by four calls to his cell phone at about 4 a.m. Monday.

Some of the calls complained about the quantity of drugs they had purchased and wanted him to correct the problem.

Naves arranged to meet two of the callers and later met with two other callers elsewhere. All four were arrested.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reward offered for Montana truck stop dinosaur

MISSOULA, Mont. — The folks at Hi-Noon Petroleum in Montana have a new way to turn a dinosaur into gasoline.

They're offering a \$250 gas card for information leading to the safe return of Dino, a 12-foot-long fiberglass Sinclair dinosaur that disappeared June 21 from the Crossroads Travel Center west of Missoula.

"We just wonder what happened to him," Hi-Noon marketing manager Earl Allen said Friday. "It's a little odd for him to just walk away."

The 6-foot-tall green dinosaur sat on a hill overlooking Interstate 90 for at least five years, Allen said, with occasional appearances in University of Montana Homecoming parades.

"That was his home for a number of years," Allen said.

Allen said taking the prehistoric icon would have been a bit of a project.

"It's not like you can just throw him in the back of a pickup," he said.

Anyone with information on Dino's whereabouts is asked to call Hi-Noon.

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Loose kangaroo startles Washington state drivers

PASCO, Wash. — Startled drivers weren't seeing things — it really was a kangaroo hopping down the highway in Washington state. The mauling marsupial nearly caused a couple of accidents Saturday and police responded, keeping the 'roo off the road while its owner tracked it down and caught it with help from friends.

KNDO reported the owner lives in an area of the state where it's legal to own exotic

pets. The Franklin County resident also has a zebra.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pa. high school puts itself up for sale on eBay

LANGHORNE, Pa. — Forget magazine drives and candy sales. A cash-strapped high school near Philadelphia hopes to raise money by auctioning itself on eBay. The starting bid of just under \$600,000 for The Learning Center in Langhorne, Pa., is designed to offset steep budget cuts. A tongue-in-cheek listing describes the alternative school for at-risk teens as "pre-owned" and "slightly used."

The winner won't own the facility, which is part of the Neshaminy School District. But he or she will get a plethora of goodies, including a naming opportunity, a free large pizza, a personalized school coffee mug and the chance to deliver a speech at graduation. Not to mention the satisfaction of "delivering an education to a group of kids who could really use it," according to the ad. Neshaminy officials did not immediately return requests for comment Monday.

The 7,000-student district has endured a pair of teacher strikes this year as the school board says it can't afford to meet the union's demands.

Learning Center Principal JoAnn Holland says she hopes the auction idea will draw the attention of a wealthy benefactor. Bidding ends Wednesday.

"I know it's crazy," Holland said in a statement. "But with the good The Learning Center does, it's crazier not to do it."

The idea came from recent graduate Casey Young, who knows a bit about unusual auctions: His dad, a writer, tried to sell their family on eBay in 2003. The ad was eventually yanked because the company prohibits selling human beings, but the stunt received a lot of publicity.

"We did it as a lark," father Steve Young told The Associated Press Monday.

"Casey seems to have turned this into something that will result in something positive."

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Freebird

A flamingo chick is framed by adults as it flaps its wings at the Stone Zoo in Stoneham, Mass. on Monday.

.. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

July 6, 1999 — Local donations make it possible to bring three capuchin monkeys from Las Vegas to Gainesville, where they will reside at Bagnall's Jungle Friends, a 10-acre animal rescue sanctuary that has drawn UF students and faculty as volunteers. An anonymous donation of \$4,500, along with other donations from local businesses and residents, is enough to fly the three monkeys to their new home.

July 5, 2005 — The New York Times Company, which owns the Gainesville Sun and the Ocala Star-Banner among other newspapers throughout the Southeast, announces it is making arrangements to start the Gainesville Guardian — a weekly newspaper specifically targeted to the black community in East Gainesville.

July 7, 1994 — A team of about 40 UF engineering students receive a 1995 Dodge Neon that is intended to help promote electric-powered vehicles. A group of five wrote the proposal three months

prior explaining how they would convert the car into a hybrid vehicle that uses an electric motor and battery power. UF is one of 12 participating universities in the Detroit-based competition that gives each team 11 months to convert the car.

July 5, 1984 — UF President Robert Marston announces he expects to approve recommendations on sexual abuse from the Student Conduct Task Force, which, among other things, has called for live-in house parents at UF fraternities. The recommendations are met with stiff opposition from fraternity presidents and the Interfraternity Council.

July 5, 1979 — Gainesville City Commissioners decide not to adopt a formal ban on topless dancing and nudity in places that sell liquor. The ban would have limited the number of such places to one per 1,000-foot radius and restrict topless bars from being within 4,009 feet of any church, school or public building.

— JESSICA KEGU

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Matheson Museum expands programming to residents

It preserves Alachua County history

KATHERINE HAHN
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Mouser lives in the lap of history, but he seems more preoccupied with his next meal. The cat naps through the summer surrounded by azaleas and in the shade of a 150-year-old house.

Most people in Gainesville probably haven't met Mouser or heard of the Matheson Museum, where he spends his nights in an antique tool shed.

Struggling to preserve Alachua County's history yet little known to local residents, the museum, located at 513 E. University Ave., works to make a bigger impact on the community.

The Matheson includes the second-oldest house in Gainesville, an exhibit hall with basement archives and a botanical garden.

"Sometimes I think people drive right past us and don't see us here," said museum technician Allie Whalen, 24.

She said the Matheson is moving from small, private events to those reaching more people. The museum typically gets five to 10 visitors a day, often history buffs from out of town.

Alicia Antone, the museum's executive director, would like to in-

crease those numbers.

The museum is funded by memberships, rentals and grants, she

said.

City grants from the past two years allow the museum to give

tours to schoolchildren.

"We do a lot of living history," she said.

The museum is hosting a theater program this month for kids to explore the history of Alachua Coun-

ty's railroad, she said.

The museum's second annual Civil War reenactment is scheduled for August, she said. The event will bring the 1864 Battle of Gainesville to life.

"I think it's important to know where you've been," Antone said.

The museum's current exhibit, "Pass It On," highlights preservation of information and architecture in Gainesville, she said.

Museum technician Odette Rivera, 24, said she thinks it's important to understand local history and feels the information should be more accessible.

"If you're interested in something close to home it might spark an interest in learning about places you're not familiar with," she said.

Some museum visitors are curious about the Matheson house, wanting to tour the rooms. Others come for information.

The Matheson Museum has a research library with books, periodicals, maps and photos from Gainesville's past.

Ryan Butler, a 21-year-old journalism senior, stopped by the museum to ask about archived UF football memorabilia. Butler, the sports editor at gamedayr.com, said photos of the items would add authenticity to the website.

"I think any true Gator can definitely appreciate this stuff," he said. "They just don't know it's here."



David Carr / Alligator Staff

"Pass It On," the current exhibit at the Matheson Museum, located at 513 E. University Ave., Gainesville's second-oldest house, highlights preservation of information and architecture in Gainesville.

STUDENT LIFE

Anxious freshmen, proud parents take over campus for Summer B

CHRIS ALCANTARA
Alligator Writer

They were first spotted in herds walking around campus during Summer A.

Newly admitted UF freshmen swiveled their heads while their lanyards swung across their chests and they surveyed their new home for the next four years, while parents walked proudly with them.

As Summer A ended, many students skipped town, which left a near-empty campus. And like a storm, waves of SUVs and minivans flooded Gainesville last week as parents helped settle their children in the dorms.

After a weeklong break, the upperclassmen returned to the city to find more cars on the road, families packed in restaurants and teenagers decked from head to toe in Gator attire.

These signs could only mean one thing: The freshmen invasion had begun.

UF is anticipating about 2,200 new students taking classes this summer, said UF spokesman Steve Orlando.

After spending the week getting used to sharing a room with another person and showering in stalls, the time had come to begin exploring for the newest batch of UF students.

Freshmen emerged from their dorms Friday and Saturday night in packs. The new students trekked along Museum Road near Fraternity Row looking for a party, while others who live near West University Avenue wandered into Midtown. Some freshmen decided to take their own nighttime campus tours.

An upperclassman spotted the moving packs of baby Gators from his car and welcomed them to campus with some banter on Museum Road Saturday night.

"Where is the party, freshmen?" he said.

"I don't know," said a voice from the group. "How about you drive us there?"

Touché.

Sunday was a day for preparation as freshmen mapped out where their classes will be on the first day and purchased school supplies. The weekend came and went, and Monday kicked off the start of Summer B.

Kristi Campbell said she had a stressful commute Monday morning from her apartment at Cabana Beach.

The 18-year-old health science freshman said she was scared her bus was not going to pick her up.

Campbell went to class wearing a UF shirt, like many freshmen on their first day.

"I almost didn't wear Gator stuff just because I didn't want to be called a freshman," she said. "Now, I'm just proud."

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Students will save \$1,000 a year

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The \$6.7 billion deal will be financed by changes to federal pension insurance.

According to Tim Mason, president of Florida College Democrats, students with federal loans will save an average of \$1,000 a year at the lower rate.

"It seems like Congress has realized that importance [of arriving at an agreement] and made it a priority," he said.

The debate about whether to raise the interest rate was really a discussion about furthering higher education and helping students pay for their futures, Mason said.

"People ought not to have to mortgage their future to invest in it," he said.

Not all university students will be able to benefit from the loan deal.

A budget compromise passed last year included a provision disqualifying graduate students from receiving subsidized loans. Mason doesn't anticipate movement on the issue.

Durham said she was relieved to hear about the loan rate staying at 3.4 percent for now.

She said if the rate doubled, she would worry about how to pay off her loans quickly. With the deal, she'll pay at a steady rate, with less anxiety.

"There's not as much of a sense of urgency to pay it off," she said.

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Undergraduate fee will increase by \$2

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"Today is about a family that has been going through a recession, and we have continuously been beating on them," said Gov. Mori Hosseini, who advocated for moderate tuition increases in the face of a sluggish economy.

Gov. John Temple, however, was of the opinion that Florida students don't work hard enough and don't need that break.

"I feel that there's an entitlement mentality in the state of Florida," he said, referring to families that have the means to pay for college but still take Florida Bright Futures Scholarships. "I think our focus is wrong."

The board also approved the \$2 per credit hour increase to the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee for the expansion and renovation of the Reitz Union.

The fee, which hasn't been raised in 30 years, will increase from \$4.76 to \$6.76 per credit hour

for UF undergraduates.

UCF Student Body President and Board of Governors member Cortez Whatley said he saw no hesitation from Student Body presidents of other schools requesting an increase to their CITF fees.

The money from the fee goes directly into campus construction projects that benefit students, and Whatley said the fee is something students want.

Still, a few board members pushed back.

Gov. Matt Carter maintained that raising any fees would put unnecessary strain on students, particularly those who have families to support.

"Now is not the time," he said.

All of the universities' CITF funds passed in a block, 11 to four.

"I don't think this one is that controversial," Perez said just before the vote. "We're talking about \$2 per credit hour."

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Family Practice

The new UF&Shands Family Medicine at Main facility, 1707 N. Main Street, opened last week, replacing Family Medicine at Fourth Avenue. Development of the building began in September 2011 to replace the old center because it was becoming technologically outdated and had problems with plumbing.

NATIONAL Supreme Court upholds health care law

CLARE LENNON
Alligator Staff Writer

In a close decision, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the national health care plan pushed by President Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats.

Under the Affordable Care Act, U.S. citizens must purchase health insurance or face a penalty.

The law also lets states expand their Medicaid programs for sick and low-income Americans and sets up state exchanges for people to compare policies.

The Supreme Court upheld it after ruling the penalty for not buying insurance is a tax.

The Court ruled that the mandate does not fall within Congress' power to regulate interstate commerce, a provision Chief Justice John Roberts required after that defense was presented.

"The Government's logic would justify a mandatory purchase to solve almost any problem," Roberts wrote in the Court's majority opinion.

Florida and 25 other states filed the lawsuit.

Gov. Rick Scott has said he will not expand Medicaid or set up a state health insurance exchange.

Allyson Hall, assistant professor and research director for UF Center for Medicaid and the Uninsured, said she expects to see a push for Scott to reconsider.

She said UF students benefit from adults younger than 26 being allowed to stay on their parents' plans.

If a student's parents don't have health insurance, she said, he or she can shop for a policy or qualify for Medicare if the student is at up to 133 percent of the federal poverty line.

Hall said if Scott does not set up an exchange, the federal government will. She sees it as a step forward.



Scott

Katy Melchiorre, it means lost rights.

Melchiorre serves as chairwoman of the UF College Republicans. She and her peers expect negative effects and see the act as unconstitutional.

"I do not think it is the government's place to require me to purchase a product or service and punish me with a higher tax if I don't," she said.

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"I think it's the best law they could've gotten," she said.

UF College Democrats President Billy Farrell, a 20-year-old environmental science junior, called it "an amazing decision."

But to 21-year-old political science and telecommunication senior

TutoringZone to move locations, offer more online study sessions

KATHERINE HAHN
Alligator Contributing Writer

A lot has changed since TutoringZone started helping UF students get through their classes in 1999.

Faced with competition and a market dominated by online learning, the veteran study service is moving closer to campus and will be streaming lessons live.

TutoringZone is moving from North Main Street to about five new locations, said general manager Alek Hartzog.

More students came to tutoring sessions after the company put its material online about a year ago, he said. The current building is not big enough to accommodate all of the students.

TutoringZone serves 5,000 to 7,000 UF students each semester, owner Matt Hintze said.

It's in competition with Study Edge, another tutoring company in Gainesville.

In June 2011, nine TutoringZone tutors left to start Study Edge, according to Alligator archives.

Hintze said he feels he offers competitive tutoring services.

He said competition benefits students by forcing both companies to provide better services.

Hintze tutors students in business classes about topics like competitive markets, fi-

nancial planning and supply and demand.

"I think it's critical that the students are always the winners in this," he said.

TutoringZone will stream its lessons live online, he said.

The study service is opening recording studios in the New Horizons Computer Learning Centers.

"I think it's critical that the students are always the winners in this."

Matt Hintze
owner of TutoringZone

"We are definitely going to continue to innovate with what we do online," he said.

The company's goal is to give students more learning tools online than they can get in a classroom setting, he said. However, students can still attend lessons in person.

TutoringZone serves UF, Florida State University and Indiana University. Hintze mentioned plans to expand to another school in the fall but would not say which one.

The company's expansion doesn't include hiring more tutors, he said. It currently employs nine full-time tutors.

Hintze said students should try different services and then decide which service is best for them.

"Competition's good — everyone runs faster when they're being chased," he said.

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Editorial

Same Old Story Government in health care is nothing new

In a statement released after the Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act, President Obama's signature health reform legislation, Republican South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint said, "The Supreme Court may have failed to stop this government takeover of health care, but the American people will not."

Many Republicans and conservatives have expressed the sentiment that Obamacare constitutes a takeover of the health care industry by the government.

However, referring to Obamacare as a government takeover of health care completely glosses over all other previous interventions of government into the health care market.

In the 1940s, wage and price controls enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt made it nearly impossible for employers to lower or increase wages for their employees. Soon, employers were offering health benefits as a hiring incentive. In 1954, the Internal Revenue Service changed the tax code, making health benefits tax-free if provided by employers.

Of course, this change separated consumers from many of their subsequent health care decisions, limiting competition and market information while increasing costs.

In 1965, as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society, Congress created Medicare, a program providing health insurance to those 65 and older. Fast forward to today and the Trustees of Medicare have predicted that the program is "expected to remain solvent until 2024." And that's a conservative estimate.

The health care industry was further altered in 1973 by the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Act, signed by President Richard Nixon.

These HMOs were insurance companies designed to control rising costs in the health care market by acting as a liaison between patients and doctors to determine appropriate care.

Of course, this further removed patient and consumer choice while also mandating coverage of routine health care needs like primary care.

By mandating that companies with more than 25 employees offer an HMO option for health insurance, the number of working Americans enrolled in managed care was more than 50 percent by 1997.

Add to these interventions the creation of Medicaid, Medicare Part D and insurance mandates passed by state legislatures (for instance, Florida has more than 40 minimum individual coverage mandates), the health care market in the U.S. is far from free of government intervention.

Of course, all of these distortions have consequences, mainly in terms of rising costs. Senior research fellow Veronique de Rugy of the Mercatus Center found that "since 1984 annual price changes in medical care has exceed[ed] the average inflation rate of all consumer prices in every year but one."

In the end, Obamacare is simply a way for the government to try to fix the problems it caused in the first place.

Reader response

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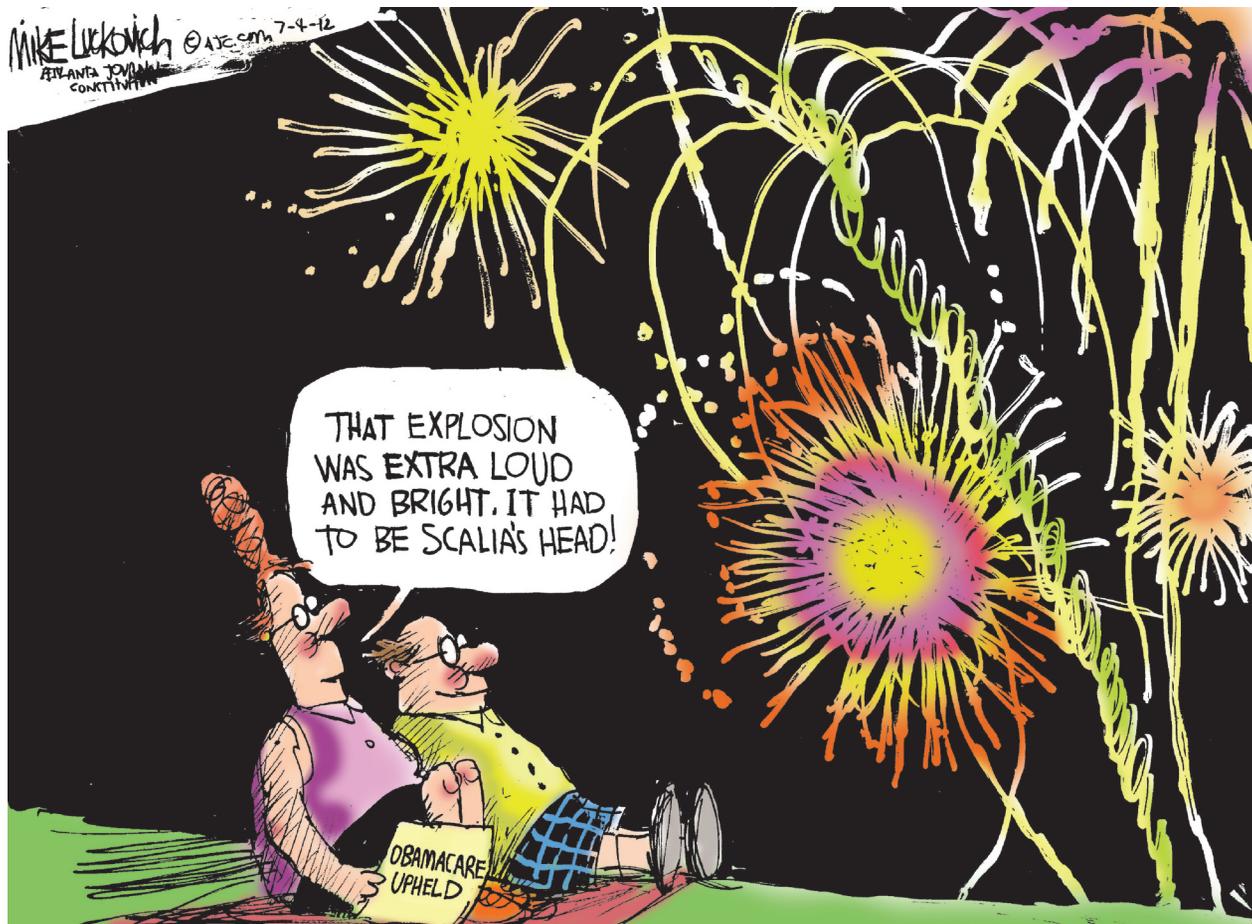
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Column

New health care bill deserves a chance

On June 28, everyone on Facebook suddenly became U.S. Constitution wizards. Experts from the far right to the extreme left spouted their professional opinions and quoted the document like a Shakespearean scholar quotes Hamlet.

Did they all collectively earn a degree in American government? No, it was just that the Affordable Care Act, or better known as Obamacare, was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Many of these "constitutional scholars" fell back to the tried job of calling our president "socialist," or even worse, "communist." I can't help but laugh at the petty insults. As many know, socialism would endorse health care provided by a single payer, i.e. our government.

Unfortunately, hundreds of U.S. citizens haven't realized that Obamacare will not force the government to provide the masses with health insurance.

The Affordable Care Act enforces an individual mandate. This means that every U.S. citizen needs to be covered by some form of health insurance. If citizens decide they do not want to purchase health insurance, despite being able to afford it, they will have to pay a tax.

This mandate is not socialism. This mandate just builds on the capitalist foundations upon which our country was created.

The health care system has been long overdue for a reform. The U.S. is one of the most powerful countries in the world, but severely lacks when it comes to caring for its citizens.

While we stomp around crying "Democracy for All!," our health care ranks at a measly 37th worldwide. Our rank is not due to a lack of monetary funds. In 2010, the U.S. government spent nearly \$2.6 trillion on health care. These numbers show that despite its best efforts, our country was in dire need of change.

Despite the necessity for reform, the issue of a government tax has gotten many in a constitutional rights



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fit. I would like to explain why the tax should exist.

In our current health-care system, 5 percent of patients account for 50 percent of all health care costs. When someone without insurance goes into a hospital and receives care, someone with insurance

ends up covering what the uninsured can't pay. This tax would be the first step to covering the shortfall that the uninsured create and would hopefully lead to a balanced system.

There are individuals who don't feel they need to account for others and show this through their distaste for social services. This is one social service that works in your favor. If you purchase health care and encourage others to do the same, you will end up taking care of yourself. If you don't purchase health care, you will end up allowing someone else to cover what you can't immediately afford.

I'm also excited to be able to stay on my parents' insurance until I'm 26. I'm excited I will never have to worry about the affordability of my medical needs. I believe this is the start to a healthier United States.

I encourage you to look at the positive aspect of the health care bill before you promise to move to Canada. Our country is still so young and yet the unhappiness and debt continues.

There are many struggles and battles we need to fight. Is it really worth exhausting our energies on an act that would provide health care for everyone? I believe our willpower is better used toward the greater battles that are ahead of us.

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

Letters to the Editor

A Gator Goes

As I end my time at UF, I would like to say the following words to my fellow Gainesvillians:

Thank you for being gentle with my fragile beginning and gracefully accepting my exit. Thank you for giving me the music to twirl to late into the night. Thank you for showing me more evidence in support of an "It takes all kinds of people" philosophy. Thank you for letting me sit next to people who also don't understand musical key every fall in The Swamp. Thank you for teaching me to be my own No. 1. Thank you for those summer nights that are too blurry to attempt to describe.

There is a lot I wish I could say I had done with my time here, but I have no regrets. Not even that OKCupid date with Kevin the "musician." I'm not angry with anyone from my time here. I realized long ago that it wasn't simply fair to claim a grudge on any ground.

It's because of my time here that I've even gotten to see from the shoulders of giants and gained enough courage to write these words: My Title Town, you will forever be in my heart and in my family.

Farewell.

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Column

'Brave' is about acceptance, not sexuality

Have you noticed an archery theme in popular movies this year? From "The Hunger Games" to "The Avengers," bows and arrows are all the rage.

Now, take a look at Pixar's "Brave."

It marks the film company's first fairytale female protagonist and period piece. The main character, Merida, must undo a curse using her skill sets: bravery and archery.

I'm ecstatic that there's finally an animated female lead character who kicks some butt while caring about her family. It's so important for young girls to have a trailblazer they can look up to; independence and security are crucial traits to develop.

Film critics don't feel the same way about Merida, however. Welcome to PopWatch, the pop culture blog of "Entertainment Weekly."

Writer/blogger Adam Markovitz published a piece titled "Could the heroine of Pixar's 'Brave' be gay?" on June 24.

I'm not opposed to the idea of a gay character in a lead role, but let's analyze his evidence to see where he's coming from.

Merida "bristles at the traditional gender roles that she's expected to play: the demure daughter, the obedient fiancée." She enjoys "archery and rock climbing" and "hates the prospect of marriage — at least, to any of the three oafish clansmen that compete for her hand — enough to run away from home and put her own mother's life at risk."

The first time I read his article I had to put my head down on my desk and remember proper breathing techniques.

So, when a girl doesn't want to be forced into marriage and enjoys outdoor activities, that means she must be a lesbian?

If Merida had actually ever expressed an attraction to women, then I might be more OK with Markovitz's opinion. But all she



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did was buck traditional, stereotypical gender roles.

Sexual orientation doesn't (and shouldn't) matter. Chris Heller, an associate editor for "The Atlantic," listed these five ways to think about Merida's sexuality (or lack thereof):

"Brave" is about a daughter-mother relationship, and sexuality would distract from developments here.

She is gay, and "Brave" is Pixar's subversive way to depict a lesbian.

Merida is a straight girl who likes to run, shoot and fight.

She's neither gay nor straight; she's asexual. (This would be just as sexually radical — if not more so — than making Merida a lesbian.) The ambiguity is itself a message.

If Pixar wanted Merida to be more of an example for a particular cause, I'm sure it would've done so in a more obvious way.

"Ultimately, it doesn't matter if Merida could be interpreted as gay," Markovitz said. "What's most exciting is that she brings a new free-thinking attitude to the slightly staid club of Disney princesses, one that's sure to appeal...to anyone who ever challenged an identity that was pre-assigned to them."

Merida, at the very least, is a role model for people who need to stand up for themselves. Perhaps it was good enough that the film made people open a sexual dialogue and a new discussion.

"At its core," Heller said, "'Brave' preaches acceptance."

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Gainesville is home to growing student-based startups

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There were splashes of bright paint in the lobby, each wall beaming a different color. The DJ was spinning popular hip-hop songs as the smoothie machine buzzed in the background.

While the description fits a trendy eatery, this is the sight that greets employees of Student Maid almost every day.

"You know how you have the cool mom?" said Amanda Baltzegar, a 22-year-old human resources assistant at Student Maid. "We want to be the cool job."

More UF students are deciding to plant entrepreneurial roots in Gainesville — building companies with the readily available student work force.

Four companies — Park Smooth, Student Maid, Pledge 5 and Study Edge — are all at different stages of maturity and provide case studies in how local student companies are benefiting from the endless supply of student workers.

Another benefit of starting a business in Gainesville is the Santa Fe Center for Innovation and Economic Development, which has housed or assisted more than 80 new businesses. About 10 of its 40 current businesses started by students or recent graduates.

CIED can provide startups with offices, classes and networking opportunities.

Bill Dorman, an entrepreneur-in-residence at CIED, said although the businesses the center assists are eclectic, they tend to face the same problems.

"We've found common threads in their conversations," Dorman said. "Not about their particular businesses, but about the state of their businesses, expenses and common problems all small businesses face."

To help the startups find solutions, CIED hosts a weekly meeting with all of the businesses it's supporting. The meetings are similar to what you would expect to find at Weight Watchers — business owners discuss what's working for them and what problems they're facing and ask other businesses for advice.

Matt Carroll, a 2012 UF graduate and CEO of Park Smooth, said the networking and advice he gets is almost as valuable as having his own office in CIED.

"You get a lot of guidance," he said. "The whole package is great."

Park Smooth got its start in CIED in March.

Carroll described his website as an eBay for Gainesville parking, where residents with extra parking spaces can post availability and prices and be matched with interested drivers.

Users can also reserve parking spaces, including spaces in downtown and midtown, in advance.

Right now, Park Smooth employs three UF graduates and two UF students.

Carroll said one major benefit of hiring students is that they are willing to work for a lower salary than a seasoned professional.

"They want a high salary, benefits and things we can't provide right now as a startup," he said of more experienced workers.

However, hiring students does bring some challenges.

Student Maid, which CIED also assisted, relies solely on students for its cleaning services.

The company sometimes has trouble with scheduling, especially around school breaks and finals.

Baltzegar said that although it can be tricky for some students to work at Student Maid around school and extracurricular activities, the company only hires students with at least a 3.5 GPA to ensure they are able to balance their schedules.

"We understand that school comes first," she said.

The 3.5 GPA not only reassures the managers at Student Maid, but also provides peace of mind to clients who have their houses cleaned.

Elaina Nichols, general manager, said maid services typically don't have good reputations. People often assume maids could steal valuables or damage their homes. But with students, clients tend to worry less.

"They're more trustworthy," she said. "They'll build personal relationships with clients, and the client will want to help the students."

Student Maid wants to help, too. They organize, participate in and

donate to local charity events like Family Fun and Safety Expo, benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters.

While Student Maid prides itself on its philanthropic efforts, another local student-run company makes a business out of it.

Pledge 5, best known for organizing Gator Stompin', encourages students to give back to the community, sometimes with social incentives.

Jason Bowman, founder and director of Pledge 5 and 2010 UF Ph.D. graduate, said the nonprofit organization gets people to donate time, old clothes and blood, and also offers opportunities to educate the community through awareness campaigns and free testing.

"Pledge 5 gets people in the habit of giving back and does it in a manageable way," he said.

In exchange for donations, Bowman said those who give will receive free or reduced prices on admission to social events. If you volunteer for five hours prior to Gator Stompin', you'll get a free ticket to the bar crawl.

All of the work, including promotion, marketing, event organiz-

ing, website design, advertising and public relations, is handled by about four staff members, almost all of whom are students, and five to 10 student interns.

Bowman said he built his business model around the easy access to interns and has been impressed with their abilities and work ethic.

"At the end of the day, we have some of the brightest minds in the nation," he said. "They really can make a difference."

Creating those bright minds can take four years of classes, which can prove a challenge for some students.

Though the classroom can lack in-depth explanations of complex subjects, Study Edge, a tutoring company, hopes to provide students with a better understanding of the material.

What started as study sessions held at the Hillel last summer became a staple for UF students and expanded to Florida State University and the University of Georgia.

"The word 'tutor' has a bad connotation to it," said Nicole Wampole, the chief operating officer. "It's not easy to make it fun, which is why we hire young, fresh experts."

Many of the "study experts" are graduate students, and two decided against medical school to continue teaching instead. Wampole, a 2009 UF marketing graduate, said Study Edge finds most of its teachers through the University Athletic Association's tutoring programs.

"We want to give all students the opportunity to have what the UAA gives to athletes," said Brittney Austin, a UF senior and director of marketing for Study Edge.

Undergraduate students also work to facilitate the behind-the-scenes work like public relations, scheduling and other office tasks.

Wampole said 95 percent of the company's undergraduate employees are enrolled in the study classes and provide honest feedback.

The undergraduates are also better at reaching out to other students.

"It helps me market to students because I am a student," Austin said. "I don't think a 50-year-old could connect with my interests."

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Amanda Baltzegar, left, a 22-year-old human resource assistant at Student Maid and Nichole Vivas-Garcia, right, a 21-year-old office assistant at Student Maid and nutritional science senior, work in the office Monday afternoon in preparation for move-outs.

Tropical Storm Debby brings downpour of rain to Gainesville

Scientists called storm a "500-year rainfall event"

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When Joey Ziebelman woke up for work Wednesday morning, it was the first time he'd seen the sun in five days.

He was trapped inside his home in Jacksonville while Tropical Storm Debby formed in the Gulf of Mexico on June 23. On June 26, he drove to Gainesville with his windshield wipers on.

Like Ziebelman, many Gainesville residents and UF students didn't fear the storm's 60 mile-per-hour winds would put them in danger. Instead, about a foot of rainfall in several areas of the city caused concern.

Weak steering currents kept Tropical Storm Debby from traveling along its original forecasted path toward Texas, according to the National Weather Service. Instead, it idled in the northeast Gulf of Mexico, resulting in a continuous downpour in Gainesville during the first half of the week.

One measuring station in southeast Gainesville recorded 12.32 inches of rain from June 23 to June 26, according to the National Weather Service. On average, the city receives 7.12 inches of rainfall during June.

Megan Wetherington, a hydrologist with the Suwannee River Water Management District, called the storm a "500-year rain-

fall event."

"It has a 0.2 percent chance of occurring in any year," she said.

The heavy rain caused the Santa Fe River to rise 11 feet in one week. A measuring station near Fort White recorded the river peaking at 32.24 feet Sunday; the flood stage is 24 feet.

Wetherington, who works in Live Oak, said her car became trapped in her office parking lot for days after low-lying areas flooded. She said she still felt lucky because the office building didn't flood.

"If the river hadn't been so low, it would have been significantly worse," she said. "And it's pretty bad now."

Though the Santa Fe River hit its third-highest peak since 1906, Wetherington predicted the rain from Tropical Storm Debby wouldn't improve dangerously low groundwater levels by more than a few inches.

"It's not a dramatic improvement by any means," Wetherington said. "But it's a good start."

She estimated it would take weeks for the rivers to return to normal levels, but it could be below flood stage as soon as next week.

For now, Alachua County has advised people to avoid swimming, tubing, kayaking or canoeing on the stretch of river bordering Alachua County from O'Leno Rise west to Poe Springs. Several businesses, such as Ginnie Springs Outdoors, have discontinued their water activities until further notice.

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3 Bedroom House Available
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2 For Rent unfurnished

Avail. Aug. 1. 4BR/3BA House 1 mile to UF, bus to Santa Fe. \$1600/mo, pool avail: requires x-tra services. 2816 W. Univ. Also Avail NOW, furnished 3/3 Bivens Forest condo \$900/mo. 352-327-2931 or 376-6183. 8-9-12-14-2

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4 Roommates

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7 Computers

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12 Autos

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16 Way up there
17 Basic principle
18 Nail polish layer
19 Prefix with China
20 Cultivated area with sloped sides
23 Psychic's supposed skill
26 Stat for A-Rod
27 Number of stars, perhaps
28 Planet size calculation
32 Iron output
33 Chuck wagon grub
34 Aloe ___
38 See 56-Across
39 Ad ___: for this special purpose
40 Traded punches
41 Counterpart of 61-Down
42 Polio vaccine pioneer
43 Radical
44 Birkenstock fastener
46 Early Tenochtitlán citizens
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Sports QUIZ
by Chris Richcreek

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- Who was the first player to score a touchdown in both the Rose Bowl and the Super Bowl?
- In the 2009-10 season, Chauncey Billups became the oldest person (33) in NBA history to average at least 19 points per game. Who had held the mark?
- During the 2011-12 campaign, Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick set a team mark for most shut-outs in a season (10). Who had held the record?
- From what college is the wrestler who holds the record for most number of weight classes with NCAA championships?
- Who holds the record for most victories on the PGA European Tour?

Answers

- Minnesota's Geoff Zahn, in 1980.
- False — he hit .316 in 102 games during the strike-shortened 1981 season.
- Rob Lytle (Michigan in college, 1977; Denver in the NFL, 1978).
- Atlanta's Kevin Willis was 31 when he did it in the 1993-94 season.
- Rogie Vachon had eight in the 1976-77 season.
- Cornell junior Kyle Dake has won titles in three weight classes.
- Seve Ballesteros, with 50.

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THE OLYMPICS

Sixteen current, former Gators qualify for London Olympics

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Staff Writer

For sprinter Jeff Demps, this year has been about making sacrifices for the 2012 Summer Olympics.

It started about seven months ago when Demps announced that he was forgoing a career in the NFL to focus on earning a spot on Team USA as well as a professional career.

Then at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, he sat out of the finals because of a tweaked hamstring, which he didn't want to injure further with the Olympic trials only two weeks after that meet.

Unfortunately for Demps, he is not one of the four current and former Gators track and field athletes who will be traveling to London for Team USA.

Despite not making the team, Demps had arguably the strongest outing of any collegiate competitor in the 100 meters. He finished fourth overall in the semifinals with a time of 10.10, making him the only collegian to advance to the finals. In the finals he finished seventh overall with a time of 10.27.

Florida will have four current and former track and field Gators competing in London for Team USA. Junior Tony McQuay and Will Claye were the first two to qualify.

McQuay won the silver medalist honors at the Olympic Trials in the 400 meters, with a new personal record of 44.49. The three-time NCAA Champion beat his previous record of 44.58, which he set at the outdoor championships.

Like McQuay, Claye also grabbed the silver medalist honors at the trials. His leap of 8.23m/27 in the long jump gave him his first spot on Team USA.

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AP Photo

Former Gator sprinter Tony McQuay (center) races against Josh Mance (left) and Joey Hughes Jr., in the men's 400m semifinal at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials on June 23. McQuay placed second in the finals with a personal record.

UF Football commit Adams playing in IFAF U-19 World Championship

ADAMS PLAYING RECEIVER FOR TEAM USA

ADAM PINCUS

Alligator Writer

Rodney Adams wakes up every morning at 6:30 ready to take the field for two-a-days.

The Florida wide receiver commit is spending the summer training and competing in Austin, Texas, representing Team USA for the IFAF Under-19 World Championship.

The top-ranked USA squad routed eighth-seeded American Samoa 27-6 in the opening round Saturday. Adams takes on No. 5 seed Austria in the semifinals July 4 at 9 p.m.

A self-described quiet guy, the four-star prospect is not shy about his goals.

"My dream is to be very successful in college, come out with my degree and be a top-10 draft pick," he said.

Adams couldn't be happier for the opportunity of suiting up for the Gators a few hours from his St.

Petersburg, Fla., home. The chance for his family to watch every home game in the Swamp was a selling point for Florida.

"I'm very excited — going to a great school, great coaching staff, and they produce great players to the NFL," Adams said. "It's a very cool honor for me to be going to the University of Florida."

Adams plans on visiting Gainesville again for the annual Friday Night Lights camp July 27.

Tight ends coach Derek Lewis and wide receivers coach Aubrey

Hill are keeping in touch with the 6-foot-1, 166-pound playmaker.

Since the summer started, Adams said no other school has been in contact with him as much as Florida. The Army All-American does hold 10 offers from schools including Alabama and Florida State.

Football almost didn't happen for the player who calls himself "explosive."

"When I was younger, my main sport was basketball until my dad forced me to play football," Adams said. "After my first year of playing

football, I just started loving it more than basketball."

His love for the hardwood still exists today. The receiver with a 40.5-inch vertical jump plays basketball whenever he can.

Adams, a LeBron James fan, took to heart how the three-time NBA MVP clinched his first championship in June.

"No one can bring you down," he said. "Keep doing what you do best and follow your goals. Like [Robert Griffin III] said, 'Go catch your dream.'"

THE ALLIGATOR AWARDS

Which Florida duo was superior during the 2011-12 season?

As a part of The Alligator Awards recognizing the best in UF athletics during the 2011-12 athletic season, columnists Joe Morgan and Corey McCall will debate two of the five nominees in each week's category. Vote for the winner online at alligatorSports.org.

Corey: In retrospect, UF athletics put forth a historic year: the women's lacrosse team making its first-ever Final Four appearance, the men's track and field squad securing the

program's first outdoor championship and John Brantley graduating, to name a few. But who were the best performers, who formed the Dynamic Duo, the Jordan and Pippen,



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the Cruise and Holmes?

and third-straight Southeastern Conference

In a university riddled with talent, I say, hands down, Lauren Embree and Joanna Mather proved top of the class. The duo led the women's tennis team to its second straight national title,

regular season and tournament titles, nuff' said — cue dropped mic.

Joe: Cruise and Holmes? Corey, you may have just cost yourself this version of The Rally right there. Before we simply award Embree and Mather the crown in the wake of the Gators women's tennis squad's second consecutive championship, look at the rest of the team. Sofie Oyen and Allie Will proved

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Competing in the World Cup of Softball, former Gators center fielder Michelle Moultrie rounded the bases in 12 seconds after an errant throw on a bunt single in a 3-0 USA win against Australia on Monday.

The Alligator Awards

Which Gators duo was the best during the 2011-12 athletic season? Vote online at alligatorSports.org.

Poll Results

Bigger surprise: baseball's early CWS exit or the struggle to sell student football tickets?

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NBA DRAFT

Wizards select Beal third overall, first guard taken in NBA Draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal's birthday wish came true.

On the day he turned 19, the 6-foot-4 guard from Florida was drafted Thursday night as the third overall pick by the Washington Wizards, a franchise looking for an outside shooter and a return to the postseason.

During his freshman campaign, Beal averaged 14.8 points and 6.7 rebounds for the Gators last season. Now he joins a backcourt headlined by John Wall, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2010 draft.

After working out for the Wizards on their home turf earlier this month, Beal said he felt the organization and the city "was the right place for me." Before he left town, he implored Wizards coach Randy Wittman to have the team draft him. Two weeks later, Beal's "prayers were answered."

"This is by far the best birthday I've ever had."

Bradley Beal
Wizards guard

"This is by far the best birthday that I've ever had," Beal said on a conference call with local media. "This really beats all the presents my mom and dad ever got me."

His outside scoring is welcomed by the retooling Wizards, who finished this past season with a 20-46 record, though a trade deadline deal for Nene sparked improvement. Washington closed the season on a six-game winning streak, providing encouragement for a franchise that missed the playoffs for a fourth straight campaign.

Team owner Ted Leonsis has no interest running the streak to five.

"I don't want to be in the lottery anymore," Wizards owner Ted Leonsis said during a press conference before the draft. "I would find that unacceptable."

Considered one of the premier perimeter shooters in the draft, Beal made 8 of 19 attempts from beyond the arc during the NCAA tournament. Last season the Wizards ranked 28th in the NBA from beyond the arc, shooting 32 percent.

"We had some real good choices there - but yes, we were hoping he would fall to

three," Wizards President Ernie Grunfeld said of Beal.

"He can stretch the defense, is a very good three-point shooter and he knows how to play the game."

With its second-round selection, the No. 32 overall pick, Washington drafted Tomas Satoransky of the Czech Republic.



AP Photo

NBA commissioner David Stern (left) poses with Bradley Beal, the third overall pick in the 2012 NBA Draft, on June 28. The Wizards made Beal the highest Gator selected since the Hawks took Al Horford No. 3 overall in the 2007 NBA Draft.

The 6-foot-7 combo guard spent the past three seasons playing for Cajal Sol Sevilla in the Spanish ACB and averaged 4.8 points in 34 games during the 2011-12 campaign.

The third consecutive Southeastern Conference freshman selected in the first three picks, Beal was also the Wizards third lottery selection in three seasons, following Wall and another Czech product Jan Vesely, the No. 6 overall pick in 2011.

Washington improved its frontcourt depth earlier this month, trading for center Emeka Okafor and forward Trevor Ariza. Add in Beal and expected improvement from those already on the roster and Wall has his owner's back regarding that no more being in the lottery thing.

"Three years in a row is enough," Wall said. "You have to find a way to get better individually as a team and I think we're making the right steps."

Wall led the Wizards with 16.3 points and 8.0 assists last season, but connected on only 7.1 percent (3 of 42) of his 3-point attempts. The lightning quick point guard remains the team's centerpiece entering his third professional season. Now he has more shooting help.

"I think he's a great pick," Wall said. "So many people wanted to get to him and I'm glad that we had the opportunity to pick him. He's somebody that can make shots and he helps spread the court for you."

Jordan Crawford rounds out the expected three-guard rotation. The Wizards second-leading scorer last season with 14.7 points, Crawford took over the starting guard role opposite Wall following Nick Young's trade to the Los Angeles Clippers as part of the deal for Nene.

Beal's take on the future pairing shows he's already in harmony with Wall.

Wall "plays fast and that's the style of play I love to play," Beal said. "Hopefully, I can be able to create space for him, be a decoy at times and hopefully be able to knockdown some shots."

SEC men's basketball coaches talk new members, rule changes

COACHES CAN MESSAGE RECRUITS DURING SUMMER

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky's outspoken men's basketball coach John Calipari has long championed the talent and depth in the Southeastern Conference — even when the NCAA tournament selection committee didn't share his optimism.

And he's even more bullish about the league's future now that Missouri and Texas A&M have made the switch from the Big 12 to the SEC.

"Think about what happens now," Calipari said during Monday's summer teleconference. "Now we start moving up a notch in where everybody is. I think seven teams in our league — half of our league — is going to be in the NCAA tournament. That's what I believe."

Perhaps that is overly optimistic. There's little doubt, however, that Missouri and Texas A&M add some

hardwood flavor to the football-crazy SEC, which has been considered top-heavy on the basketball court during recent years.

Kentucky finished with a 38-2 record last season and won its eighth national championship, while Florida coach Billy Donovan has usually kept the Gators in the national spotlight after back-to-back national titles in 2006 and '07.

But outside of those two programs, the SEC's national reputation is tepid. Only four teams (Kentucky, Florida, Vanderbilt and Alabama) made the NCAA tournament last year.

That's where Missouri and Texas A&M can help. The Tigers, in particular, has a national pedigree in basketball that few programs in the SEC can boast. Texas A&M has also been good in recent seasons, making six straight NCAA tournaments before a down year in 2012.

Missouri figures to be competitive immediately in the SEC and should also have one of the league's best home-court advantages — 15,000-seat Mizzou Arena.

"We have a really good tradition here and we're excited about what we bring to the table," Missouri coach Frank Haith said. "I think that we have a really good fan base, a great arena and hopefully we'll be very competitive in the league."

While Missouri leaves behind some traditional rivalries — most notably its heated home-and-home series against Kansas each season — Haith said he's intrigued by the possibilities in the SEC.



Calipari

"We leave one power conference for another and I'm excited about the opportunity," Haith said. "I think being in the Southeastern Conference — obviously Mizzou is a national brand and we can recruit nationally — but I think there's no question it does open some doors in the Southeast from a recruiting standpoint."

The addition of Missouri and Texas A&M isn't the only issue for

the SEC, which will officially admit the two universities on July 1. Other topics on the summer teleconference:

— The NCAA's new rule changes for basketball were widely praised by the league's coaches. The governing body de-regulated contact with recruits during the summer months, allowing for unlimited calls and text messages.

"Any time you open up the lines of communication, that's a healthy thing," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

The NCAA also now allows coaches to spend eight hours per week on the court with players enrolled in summer school. For new coaches in the league like South Carolina's Frank Martin, Mississippi State's Rick Ray and LSU's Johnny Jones, it's allowed a little extra time to get familiar with personnel.

— Kentucky begins its quest for a second-straight national championship with an almost completely overhauled roster. Stars from last year's team — including Anthony

Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Marquis Teague, Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb — have left for the NBA, but Calipari has reloaded with some of the nation's most highly regarded freshmen, including Nerlens Noel, Alex Poythress, Archie Goodwin and Willie Cauley.

"You won't believe this, but we're going to be really young," Calipari deadpanned. "... What I'll tell you is, I like my team. I think we've got good players, good kids."

— Some SEC coaches believe the escalating number of Division I basketball transfers needs to be addressed. NCAA president Mark Emmert recently said that 40 percent of all Division I players transfer before their junior season, the highest percentage of any sport.

Both South Carolina's Martin and Auburn coach Tony Barbee said the problem begins before college, when elite players often transfer between high schools and AAU programs. Barbee said a culture has been formed that allows players to "run from their problems" when there is adversity.

Taylor edges former teammate Claye by .08 meters in triple jump

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Claye will also be representing the U.S. in the triple jump. He used a personal best of 17.55m/57-7 inches to claim the silver once again.

In the triple jump, Claye was edged out of first by his former teammate, Christian Taylor.

Taylor's first attempt in the finals solidified his spot on the team. He used a season's best mark of 17.63m/57-10.5 inches. Both Taylor and Claye jumped above the Olympic "A" standard mark of 17.20m/56-5.25.

The final Gator athlete to earn a trip to London was Kerron Clement in the 400-meter hurdles. The four-time World Champion grabbed the third and final spot for the event with a time of 48.89.

Clement is the only former Gator to be making his second trip to the Olympics this year.

In 2008, he won the silver medal for Team USA in the 400-meter hurdles as well as a gold medal as a member of the men's 4x400-meter relay.

In addition to the four who will be competing for the U.S., Genevieve LaCaze and Kemal Mesic have also earned a trip to London. LaCaze will be representing Australia in the steeplechase, and Mesic will be representing Bosnia in shot put.

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UF in the Olympics

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Elizabeth Beisel, U.S.

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400-meter IM
She won first place with a time of 4:31.74



Ryan Lochte, U.S.

100-meter fly - He finished third with a time of 51.65.
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200-meter back - He won first place with a time of 1:54.54.

200-meter IM - He finished second with a time of 1:54.93.

800-meter free relay

Conor Dwyer, U.S.

400-meter free
He finished in second place with a time of 3:47.83.



Dana Vollmer, U.S.

100-meter fly
She won first place with a time of 56.50.



Track & Field

Tony McQuay, U.S.

400 meters
He came in second place with a new personal record of 44.49.



Kerron Clement, U.S.

400-meter hurdles
He grabbed the final spot with a time of 48.89.



Will Claye, U.S.

Long jump
Won second with a mark of 8.23m/27.
Triple jump
He finished second again, this time with a personal best of 17.55m /57-7.



Kemal Mesic, Bosnia

Shot put



Christian Taylor, U.S.

Triple jump
He won the gold with a jump of 17.63m/57-10.5.



Genevieve LaCaze, Australia

Steeplechase
Qualified with an "A" standard time after deadline. Won appeal.

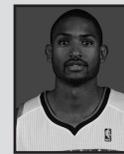


Basketball

Joakim Noah, France



Al Horford, Dominican Republic



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Soccer

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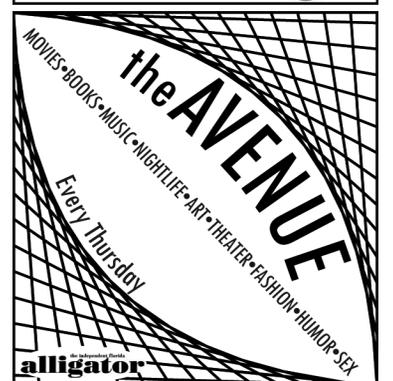
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just as valuable to Florida's title run. Meanwhile, Billy Donovan's backcourt proved a terrific tandem once again in 2011-12. Guided by the leadership of Erving Walker and Kenny Boynton, the Gators advanced to their second straight Elite Eight appearance in March. Now that's an argument worth its weight in stolen tacos.

Corey: That would be a hefty weight considering it ended up costing him \$301. But the fact that Walker and Boynton's style would be a better fit in the WNBA — layups upon layups of impeccable form — makes that a clown *argument*, bro. On the other hand, Mather and Embree proved week in and week out that they were individually some of the best players in the country with national rankings of ninth and 21st, respectively. As double partners, their record speaks for itself. During the 2011-12 season, they went a combined 24-1 as the No. 22 doubles team in the country. Their career record now stands at 49-2, solidifying them as one of the best duos in the history of UF athletics.

Joe: As great as Mather and Embree have been both together and apart, Boynton and Walker have helped engineer the resurrection of Florida basketball. After three up-and-down seasons following back-to-back national championships, the Gators have notched two straight trips to the Elite Eight largely on the strength of their guard play. Walker led UF in scoring (14.6 points per game) in 2010-11, and Boynton carried the offensive load in 2011-12 with 15.9 points per contest. However, they don't just shoot. This year, the duo combined for a 2.1 assist-to-turnover ratio — a marked improvement from their 1.6 mark in 2010-11. Not only did these small soldiers give Florida

steady experience, but they improved in their duties running an efficient offense. They may not have brought home a national title, but they did their damndest.

Corey: Well that just wasn't enough; Florida had its fair share of role players on that team. And when it came time to step up in the tournament, Bradley Beal, the player with the least amount of experience, was the only one to do so — Beal led the team in five categories, including rebounds, scoring and three-point field-goal percentage. Embree and Mather, however, were consistent enough to continue their success for three straight years and in two roads to a national championship. Oh, and did I mention Embree owned a 22-2 singles record this year? Mather's 21-2 record wasn't too shabby either. Together they were responsible for two singles points in the majority of

the matches. And every time one of the other two doubles team scratched out a victory, that put the duo responsible for three of the five possible dual match points, guaranteeing a UF win.

Joe: Continuing to argue for my side would be the equivalent of convincing Walt Disney Studios that *John Carter 2* is a worthy investment — it's a horrid waste of time. The men's basketball team has accomplished an impressive feat with back-to-back trips to the Elite Eight. However, Boynton and Walker's backcourt partnership yielded two fewer national championships than the Embree-Mather tandem. Gators women's tennis is a national powerhouse, and the Embree-Mather duo is largely responsible for that reputation.

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2011-12 Alligator Awards - Best Duo Nominees

Lauren Embree & Joanna Mather, *Women's Tennis*
- See The Rally, Page 13.

Hudson Randall & Mike Zunino, *Baseball*
- Arguably the best battery in college baseball this season came to a disappointing end in Omaha when an overheated Randall left after the first inning of Florida's 5-4 season-ending loss to Kent State on June 18.

Jeff Demps & Chris Rainey, *Football*
- Despite finishing the season with a disappointing 7-6 record, Demps and Rainey combined for 2,442 all-purpose yards on 342 touches with 12 total touchdowns.

Kenny Boynton & Erving Walker, *Men's Basketball*
- See The Rally, Page 13.

Jeff Demps & Tony McQuay, *Men's Track & Field*
- McQuay and Demps were instrumental in UF's third straight indoor national title and first-ever outdoor NCAA crown. The two sprinters combined for four individual national titles.

Vote for your favorite nominee online at alligatorSports.org.
Results will be printed in next Tuesday's issue.
Next week's category: Best Individual Game Performance.



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Lauren Embree serves in a match during the ITA Southeast Regional Championships on Oct. 24, 2011. Embree and Joanna Mather advanced to the quarterfinals in the NCAA Women's Doubles Championships.

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