The Wall’s gone gray; officials didn’t do it

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They’ve done it before, she said.
She doesn’t know who “they” are, but UF medical student Andrea Burns, who lives near the 34th Street Wall, said they have repainted the wall a solid color in the last year or two — just like they did some time on Wednesday.
As of 6 p.m. Wednesday, about one-third of the wall, known for its colorful designs, was covered in a drab, uneven gray paint.

While some of the original work underneath can be seen showing through, no one had shown up to take advantage of the blank wall.
Gainesville Public Works officials said they did not have anything to do with the repainting. Officials from UF’s Physical Plant Division, as well as from the Florida Department of Transportation, said the same.

Bruce Strickland, field operations manager for Gainesville Maintenance of FDOT, said his organization didn’t paint the wall with its mysterious gray coat, either.
Memorials to police officer Corey Dahlem and the victims of Gainesville’s 1990 student murders remained untouched.

UF psychology senior Melissa Lira joked that someone who hates UF must have painted the wall gray.
“A Seminole?” she asked with a laugh.

Students react to cuts

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With a possible tuition increase around the corner, UF students have money on their minds. But some have said the fate of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is what really worries them.
J.P. Ruiz, a UF sophomore, said if he didn’t have 100 percent of his tuition covered by Bright Futures, he wouldn’t be able to attend UF.
Because he comes from a relatively low-income background, Ruiz said he feels every extra financial strain.
“It might just be 5 percent, or even 2 percent, but it’s still an increase. It still causes stress.”
Ruiz said if the money is used to hire better professors, he might support it. But if it’s only used to hire more, that’s a different story.
“It’s quality versus quantity,” he said, adding that large classes don’t bother him.

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At a meeting July 10, the Florida Board of Governors voted to join former Sen. Bob Graham’s lawsuit to move tuition-setting power away from the state Legislature.

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STICKERS SPARK DISPUTE

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UF’s Student Senate voted Tuesday night to restrict the use of “I Voted” stickers during Student Government elections after problems with the stickers arose after the spring election.
At the meeting, the Senate gave SG’s Supervisor of Elections and his designees sole power to distribute materials indicating a student has voted. This includes the stickers given to students after they cast their votes.
The bill also allows for the Elections Commission to determine party affiliations during election cycles or hearings.
Thomas Jardon, a second-year UF law student and former president of the Impact and Action parties, said the bill violates students’ First Amendment rights to freedom of speech.

“It almost makes me laugh because it’s so blatantly wrong,” he said. “I can say whatever the hell I want, and only I am responsible.”
Ryland Rogers, chairman of the Judiciary Committee and author of the bill, said he didn’t see restricting individuals from handing out “I Voted” stickers as a limit on free speech.
Rogers said he created the bill to avoid future problems.
According to Alligator archives, the Gator Party accused the Pants Party with limiting voter turnout by passing out “I Voted” stickers, which were deemed illegal by the SG Elections Commission.
William Foster, who had appeared in Pants’ online campaign videos but said
AROUND GAINESVILLE

Blood bank giving away car
“Gave Blood, Get Wheels” is the slogan of a new campaign seeking to bestow a car upon a blood donor.

Each time people register to donate blood at any Florida LifeSouth donation center or blood drive during July 1 and Dec. 31, they will be entered for a chance to win a 2008 Chevy Cobalt courtesy of Palm Gainesville Chevrolet.

“It’s a recognition and a reward, not an incentive” to give blood, said Christine Evans, community development coordinator for LifeSouth. Nevertheless, Evans expects about 25,000 entries in the contest, which adds up to about 3 percent more people registering to donate than normal, she said. Anyone who donates multiple times will also be entered into the contest multiple times, she said.

Evans said July is one of the slowest months for donations because schools in the area are out or have reduced schedules. UF and SFCC students and faculty account for about 25 to 30 percent of donations, she said, and she estimated that high schools account for another 7 to 8 percent.

A LifeSouth bloodmobile is scheduled to be on campus behind the Hub today from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

— THOMAS STEWART

GREEK OUTREACH

Fraternity funds help camp
The kids at this camp are poked and prodded with needles up to 10 times a day, but they’re used to it. They have type 1 diabetes.

During session one of Camp Winona, the Florida Diabetes Camp in DeLand, Fla., 161 kids have been doing their best to have a normal camp experience since Monday. Counselors go through an intensive two-day crash course, learning everything they can about diabetes and how to handle children who have it, said UF business senior Troy Shukshak.

His fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, donated $16,000 raised by its annual dance competition, Surf Frenzy, to the camp.

— TRACY FLACK

ON CAMPUS

Class simulates blindness
About 300 blindfolded students stumbled through the Reitz Union on Tuesday, ordering food and trying to make their way through the bookstore. The experience was part of a class to give students a chance to see what it is like to be blind.

Vegetable People, a UF class taught by Mary Ann Nelson, takes a look at people with different disabilities.

“The blind walk is as close as you can get to what it would be like to be blind,” Nelson said to her class.

Students in the class took turns being blind. One wore the blindfold while the other guided his or her blindfolded peer.

Teaching assistant Ralph Regueiro, a UF senior, said after the walk, students are asked to write a reflection paper, and feedback from the activity is very positive.

— LAURA NOVETZKE

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In January, President Bush announced his plans to increase the number of troops deployed in Iraq. In a recent Newsweek poll, 1,000 adults voiced their preferred strategies for maintaining or withdrawing the troops over the next year.

- 19% - Moderate withdrawal ending in the spring
- 24% - Immediate full withdrawal
- 13% - Maintenance of current level
- 36% - Troops over target
- 9% - Troops under target
- 5% - No cutbacks

Deaths, Withdrawals, and Troops who focus solely on training troops and targeting Al Qaida

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'Indigo' promotes green living, non-toxic homes

THE STORE AIDS TO SELL NON-TOXIC HOUSEWARE.

By APRIL DUDASH
Alligator Writer

Computer-mother-board clocks, carpets made from recycled soda bottles and biodegradable diapers fit for compost fill the mazes of shelves. These are only some of the items eco-friendly consumers will find at Indigo, Gainesville's new "green" store located at 322 SW Fourth Ave. Store owner Liberty Phoenix, 31, felt families and architects needed safer materials to work with when cleaning or renovating their homes. Many common household items, such as paints and window cleaners, contain toxins and can be dangerous to those nearby, she said.

Phoenix, the sister of actor Joaquin Phoenix, said she doesn't think people have a clue about how many toxic products, from carpets to molding material, affect our health. Manager Michael Amish, 34, believes learning about these harmful materials is like opening Pandora's box. Once consumers become conscious of their surroundings, they'll want to do more to make a positive change in their environment.

Indigo is the store is taking small steps to become a greener building. Amish and Phoenix plan to plant a garden-topped "living roof" on the building, install a rain catcher to catch rainwater in barrels, use solar power and plant trees that create natural shade. In August, the store plans to have a back-to-school sale as well as open the most efficient to begin with, but to do the best you can. Maybe it's not the most efficient to begin with, but [we're] going to get there," she said. "You just have to try to do the best you can. Maybe it's not the most efficient to begin with, but [we're] going to get there.

"We're not taking toxic chemicals into the house," she said. "The store relies on a GreenSpec directory to find its environmentally friendly building supplies. "It's kind of like the Bible for green builders," Amish said. Since Indigo helps people build against the growing threat of global warming, it has heard its share of criticism from climate-change disbelievers and those who view the store as inefficient. People wonder if the store is really green, for example, if it's spending so much gas to import bamboo products from China, Phoenix said.

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Professor volunteers,chronicles history of disabled

By APRIL DUDASH
Alligator Writer

Down by about eight points and there’s less than a minute to go. The basketball team is tense, but Coach Steven Noll is calling the shots.

The year is 1993. The team is a group of sports-loving mentally challenged students.

“They did exactly what you’d expect college ball players to do,” Noll said. “They made a shot as the buzzer went off to win the game.”

Noll, a UF history professor, has many memories similar to this one made up of big triumphs and tough roadblocks.

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Steven Noll
UF history professor

He said he knew he wanted to focus on special education ever since he grew up with a neighbor who had Down syndrome.

“It was a time in which most of many people with Down syndrome were institutionalized fairly early,” Noll said.

Before beginning his full-time teaching at UF in 2004, Noll taught for 28 years at Gainesville’s Sidney Lanier-Anchor School, a school for those with disabilities.

His subjects included reading, math, ceramics and woodworking, he said.

Noll began using technology to allow kids with special needs, some of whom have trouble speaking or moving, to express themselves.

Students would hit switches or buttons to turn on devices they wished to use, such as tape recorders, he said.

Though it may seem like a small feat to some, it’s a big step for children who are used to relying on their parents’ help for simple tasks.

While teaching adaptive technology at Sidney, Noll went back to UF part-time to teach a history of disabilities class.

“It was an interesting juxtaposition,” he said, “to teach (mentally) retarded kids all day and then jump on my bike, come here and teach UF kids.”

Besides dedicating his time to the mentally disabled, Noll has volunteered at the Florida Diabetes Camp since 1986.

He works with children who have self-esteem issues through participation in activities such as basketball, archery and kayaking.

“Diabetes shouldn’t stop you from doing anything,” he said. “Our goal here is to try to convince people with diabetes that it shouldn’t rule their lives.”

Noll has continued to coach basketball at Sidney and volunteer at the camp since he made the transition to UF history professor.

His fascination with history, he said, comes from the ability to “live in the mind, in the houses, in the streets of people 200 years ago.”

He has published “two books on his specialty, the history of disabilities, entitled “Feeble-Minded in Our Midst” and “Mental Retardation in America,” as well as articles on topics including eugenics and Florida history.

“Too many students here really have no sense of what Florida is,” he said. “A lot of natural Florida is being destroyed as we speak.”

He recently sent a book he co-wrote with history professor David Tegeder to the University Press of Florida.

Called “Ditch of Dreams: The Cross-Florida Barge Canal and the Fight for Florida’s Future,” Noll anticipates sharing his work with different groups, especially nonacademic societies.

According to some students, Noll’s enthusiasm in the classroom can awaken curiosity in uninterested history students.

He believes his reputation as a hard grader and approachable mentor comes from years of public school experience.

“A lot of the kids that I taught, some of them were really love-functioning. You have to reach out to find some way to connect,” he said.

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Steven Noll, a UF history professor, poses in his office at Keane-Flint Hall on Tuesday morning. Noll has done work with mentally disabled children and volunteers at a diabetes camp.
City to offer civic education

By THOMAS STEWART
Alligator Contributing Writer

For citizens interested in learning more about how Gainesville’s government operates, the Citizens’ Academy is planning to offer a series of free educational classes.

The city will cover topics such as City Hall, the fire and police departments, Gainesville Regional Utilities, Regional Transit System and public works.

Gainesville City Commission is asking citizens to complete an online survey that will determine the best way to organize the classes. The 11-question survey asks what time of year would be best to hold classes, what time of day, how often, how long the classes should be and which topics people are most interested in, among other things.

The survey runs from July 16 to July 24 and can be accessed at www.cityofgainesville.org.

This will be the second time the city has held a Citizens’ Academy program. Kate Parmelee, a spokeswoman for the city, said 15 people were in the academy last time.

“The Citizens’ Academy will give people a real inside look at how their government works,” she said.

Fraternities play house shuffle

By TRACY FLACK
Alligator Contributing Writer

Four of the 26 fraternities in the Interfraternity Council are playing musical houses this summer.

But when the music stops this fall, one fraternity will be left out.

Members of Phi Sigma Kappa, who have been renting Delta Chi’s campus residence at 6 Fraternity Row for five years, have been booted out by the return of their landlords. Chi Phi will also return to campus Aug. 11 and reclaim its property at 1 Fraternity Row.

According to Alligator archives, the fraternity had been suspended for two years after it was found guilty of allowing a non-UF student who assaulted one of the UF members to reside in the house. The fraternity was on probation for hazing and lying to police in 2002.

Zeta Beta Tau, known as ZBT, took over the house in the mean time. ZBT took over Georgia Seagle Hall on University Avenue after the Tri-Delta Sorority moved out. The sorority rented the hall while its new house was being built.

Chi Phi and Delta Chi are working on renovations.

“Aside from knocking down the structural walls, we’re changing a lot,” Chi Phi president Kenny Brighton said.

He said he is excited to host recruitment from an actual house, as opposed to on Lake Alice Field, where off-campus and homeless fraternities conduct rush activities.

Phi Sigma Kappa president Patrick Broderick, whose fraternity has been ousted by Delta Chi, doesn’t think their homelessness will deter potential pledges.

“We’re not selling a fraternity house.
We’re selling the actual fraternity.”

Patrick Broderick
Phi Sigma Kappa president

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Rosen said he doesn’t think ZBT’s new location will negatively affect recruitment. Although he added that it would be more of a challenge, he said they would just have to work harder if they want to recruit a good pledge class. He said they’re focusing on promoting the fraternity by picking up and dropping off freshmen at their dorms if they need a ride to the house.

As for now, Rosen said they haven’t had problems with parking or people not coming to the house.

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Editorial

You know what we hate here at the Department of Darts & Laurels? No, it’s not Greek life. Contrary to popular belief, we aren’t “out to get” Greek people. We can’t help it if they exhibit more scandalous behavior than Britney Spears at a barber shop. What the Department of Darts & Laurels hates more than anything is a slump. It’s not like we sit here, throwing pennies into our water cooler, wishing for wars to break out. Though, a little controversy may hurt anyone — or maybe it did. But have you ever heard of the phrase “bored to death”? Yes, we do hate slumps. Just when we thought this week was shaping up to be duller than a Gainesville City Commission meeting, the newsroom lifted our spirits by providing some much-needed action. So we’d like to thank the elite newsroom crew — for without them we would have ugly white space and our marvellous readers would not be able to gaze upon this enlivening edition of...

Darts & Laurels

As much as we like to “enliven” readers, we can’t really say the same for Accent’s newly acquired speaker, Dr. Jack Kevorkian. That’s right. Hide the sick and shut down Shands because Dr. Death plans to strut his sickly body on stage and address an audience Oct. 11. It might appear as though we’re setting up to dart someone, but ha, no! We’d like to present Accent with this we-took-a-poll-and-we-approve-this-polimeric-inspiring-speaker LAUREL. Though many vehemently oppose Dr. Kevorkian’s views, the organization Accent performed its job by booking this controversial speaker.

Though nothing can top mentioning the infamous Dr. Death, we feel that limits on our online music experience ranks pretty high on our “events that elicit an outcry” list. According to a Tuesday story in the Alligator, SoundExchange, the company that gathers royalty fees for artists and labels, demanded tougher regulations for radio stations that broadcast online. UP’s WUFF-FM Classic 89 temporarily stopped its online broadcasting due to the dispute. These stricter regulations require stations to monitor more closely who is listening to what online. These onerous regulations would severely limit artist exposure and possibly worsen the illegal downloading problem. So we hurt this that-doesn’t-sound-like-a-fair-exchange DART at the money-grubbing company SoundExchange.

This issue of Darts & Laurels just wouldn’t be the same without some mention of the homeless. Now that the Gainesville City Commission members have basically taken away every organization and activity that could help the homeless, they’ve found it in their hearts to give back. In light of Gainesville’s ban on homeless panhandling, the Commission refurbished parking meters in five spots near University Avenue, allowing people to donate money to the less fortunate. Don’t worry homeless, Gainesville still wants to help you, it just doesn’t want to see you. The move might not be official, or ideal, but at least it’s something. In honor of this charitable gesture, we award you, Gainesville City Commission, with this for-the-price-of-one-parked-car-anhour-you-can-help-a-homeless-person LAUREL.

We may hate slumps, but we love to keep readers guessing. What will it be — a Dart or a Laurel? And who will be the recipient? Oh, the suspense is probably killing you. We’ll stick to stalling and announce that we’re awarding Student Government with a this-can’t-be-a-high-school-thanks-for-finally-getting-over-the-yearbook LAUREL. Yes, SG finally cut the organization that proved oh-so-draining on its budget — the Tower Yearbook. Selling 80 books (the 2006 figure) to a student body of more than 40,000 is weak, dude. Maybe if UF scheduled a mass yearbook-signing day, we could fix this mess. You could get that guy who threw up on you at that random party you attended to sign it.

Stay tuned for the next edition of Darts & Laurels, unless SoundExchange imposes some regulations on us.

Opinions

A look at Dr. Kevorkian’s controversial new machine that injects $50,000 directly into his bank account.

Column

Frat recruitment needs makeover

It has become increasingly difficult for students to defend male Greek fraternities. Over the past decade, allegations of rape, hazing and other unlawful behaviors have surfaced within these organizations at schools throughout the country. These cases, made public by officials and the media, have taintied the positive image that fraternities have always tried to represent. Once perceived as exclusive organizations for well-rounded men, fraternities are now viewed as holding tanks for a bunch of drunken fools.

So, it’s no surprise that the number of men pledging fraternities has decreased dramatically. Especially at UF, where incoming freshmen have become progressively independent and free-thinking, rush has been placed on the back burner. Most freshmen shun the idea, considering the pledge process far too time consuming and self-deprecatory than the membership is worth.

As a proud Greek Gator, I find this trend disappointing.

While I do not condone the organized unlawful behavior, I do believe the opportunities of fraternity membership considerably outweigh the scattered problems that have become evident. It’s silly and narrow-minded to think that all fraternities are alike — that all “fraternity boys” constantly party and slack off throughout their college careers. The reality is quite different.

Fraternities offer amazing opportunities for bettering and advancing yourself. It’s very difficult to join one of these organizations and stay uninvolved. Each house runs like a business, which means there are countless leadership roles to be filled. From chapter president to kitchen manager, each in-house position offers a rewarding experience for the business world. Trust me, when a chapter treasurer tells a job recruiter that he managed a $300,000 fraternity budget, the recruiter listens.

Take a look around campus and you’ll notice that many university leaders are fraternity men. Ryan Moseley, our Student Body president, is a Sig Ep. Al Warrington, a UF trustee, is a Chi Phi. Even Bernie Machen, UF’s president, is a Sigma Chi. Warrington once told me that his success stems from lessons he learned while living in the fraternity house. Considering his name is engraved on the business college, I’ll respect his point. However, fraternities do face a threat. In order to increase the number of members recruited, the marketing strategy needs a few adjustments.

Fraternities should take a recruitment lesson from the sororities, which are more popular today than ever before. Sorority recruitment runs like a highly efficient machine. It’s well-marketed, organized and intense, requiring potential members to visit every house over the course of a week. Although daunting, the process allows each sorority to highlight its strongest points, whether it be a high GPA, networking opportunities or sisterhood. Furthermore, it allows potential members to make intelligent, objective decisions before committing.

As UF becomes a more competitive university, freshmen men will need more compelling reasons to join fraternities. Most students were the cream of the crop in high school, and they surely don’t want to conform to stereotypes in college. Fraternities should market the big picture by highlighting accomplished brothers who have done well. They should promote success and encourage incoming members to get involved.

A fraternity is a great networking tool. At a school as large as UF, it’s a huge head start over everyone else. Eddie Sarrine is a junior majoring in finance and a member of the fraternity Chi Phi. His column appears on Thursdays.

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

Reader response

Today’s question: Would you attend Dr. Kevorkian’s speech at UF? 64% YES 36% NO

Tuesday’s question: Is the American government capable of running the health care system? 88% TOTAL VOTES
Letters to the Editor

Other philosophy won't help health care
I am writing in response to Danny Beaulieu's column that appeared Tuesday. Danny Beaulieu needs to stick to studying philosophy because there is no way a satisfactorily universal socialized health plan would work in the United States. To use the health care system at UF as an example of how a socialized plan would work in America is absolutely absurd. It is one thing for someone to give his opinion, but it is another to give an informed opinion.

Take Canada, one of the so-called "models" of socialized health care. In Canada, citizens are provided preventative care, and according to its official Web site, "treatments from primary care physicians as well as access to hospitals, dental surgery and additional medical services." Did you happen to read the first part thought? Preventative is the key word. Because when something does go wrong, don't expect to receive medical attention any time soon. Because it's controlled by the government, Canada's health care has turned into a system that has been best known recently for its long waiting times, slow innovation, shortages of hospital supplies, and its "conveyor belt" service for routine treatments. Ask Canadian citizens what they do when they need immediate medical assistance, and they will tell you one of three things — they either wait in line for eight to 20 hours for service, go to a word-of-mouth underground doctor, or cross the border to get immediate health care from us. Oh, and good luck getting a CT scan within two months of requesting one. It just doesn't happen, plain and simple.

On top of this, current trends show a mass exodus of good doctors to countries where they can actually make a profit on a traditionally very profitable profession. Make it government controlled, and it's no surprise to find that doctors often do not make the equivalent of what their private American counterparts do.

Before you glory this health plan model, do two things. One — find out what it's like in a few of the places that adopted it, and two (perhaps most importantly) — do a little research as to why these countries have these models in the first place. You might be surprised.

Joshua Jawaheri
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Numbers call for change in health care
I am writing in response to Danny Beaulieu's article in Tuesday's Alligator. Danny Beaulieu's editorial brings up a great point that is incredibly misunderstood and misrepresented.

Yes, we need universal health coverage, and yes, it can operate efficiently. However, he suggests a publicly funded private enterprise solution to fix the current problem. The trouble is that's exactly what we have right now. The public pays private companies to manage our health care for us, and we end up with about 31 percent ($294 billion) of administrative waste, the second-worst infant mortality rate in the industrialized world, 45 million Americans uninsured and 18,000 people dead every year because of a lack of insurance.

Welfare for insurance companies will not give any incentive for them to provide more or better care. It will only add fuel to the fire that's burning our health care system alive. With a single-payer system, as proposed by H.R. 676 (the Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act), we will not only pay less overall by increasing our Medicare tax (the average home spends about 16 percent of its income on health insurance), but we will leave the health care system in the hands of those who are trained to do so — doctors.

Brandon Sack
UF Graduate Student

Denying Christian frat is unequal
Recently, Christian fraternity Beta Upsilon Chi was denied official university recognition because it refused to guarantee anti-discrimination rules regarding religion. However, as a member of a social fraternity in the Interfraternity Council, I can refuse membership based on religion and still be officially recognized by UF. Thus, my fraternity enjoys benefits that Beta Upsilon Chi does not.

All UF student groups require anti-discrimination rules regarding age, color, disability, ethnicity/national origin and race. However, policies on sex, creed and sexual orientation are hit or miss: UF student organizations are required to follow anti-discrimination rules regarding sex and creed, but not sexual orientation. The IFC requires anti-discrimination rules regarding sexual orientation, but not sex or creed.

In contrast, official UF regulation 6C1-1.006 requires anti-discrimination rules regarding everything listed above. Why then are student groups clearly under the umbrella of UF not held to these standards? While some exceptions, such as gender-specific Greek organizations discriminating by sex, are logical, it seems the rest of the playing field has been granted amnesty from adhering to UF's comprehensive anti-discrimination policy. This is just illogical.

The administration should treat everyone the same and hold all students at UF to the same policies and resolve this inequity of rights.

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Old UF logo persists as departments face budget cuts

By STACY FOURNIER
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF administration was ready to adopt the saying, "Out with the old and in with the new," but now, they're considering something more along the lines of, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it."

When the university's new logo was created in June 2006, a goal was set to eliminate all letterhead, envelopes and business cards with the old logo by Aug. 31 of this year, said UF Director of Marketing Dan Williams. However, because of universitywide budget cuts, the deadline was withdrawn Monday.

"The new deadline is no deadline," Williams said. Instead, the university will allow faculty and staff to use stationary with UF's old logo, which was adopted in the early '90s, until the supply is gone.

"With the new budget challenges we're facing, every little bit helps," Williams said. He said faculty members in some larger departments had to buy their own business cards with the new logo because of the lack of funding.

Depending on the quality and company used, 500 business cards cost about $19 to $25, according to the UF Purchasing Web site. For 500 sheets of letterhead, the price ranges from about $34 to $40.

In addition to putting the new logo on office supplies, employees of UF's Physical Plant Division are replacing old logos on signs and vehicles around campus, said Rick Mitchell, an employee for the division.

"The blue signs that label every UF building on and off campus are replaced with the new logo only if they are broken beyond repair, he said. Including the cost for labor and posts, the signs are about $800 each, he said. Williams said signs are usually replaced every three to five years.

Donation meters set for unveiling

By THOMAS STEWART
Alligator Contributing Writer

Like poorly wrapped presents waiting to be opened, they sit at intersections wearing brown plastic bags. But they are not exactly presents — They are the city's new homeless donation meters.

In a matter of weeks, probably around Aug. 1, according to city spokesman Bob Woods, these refurbished parking meters will be unveiled and will begin accepting donations in the form of nickels, dimes and quarters.

The donation meters are located at five spots near University Avenue, chosen because they are places where solicitations for money frequently occur, Woods said in a phone interview. The meters provide an alternative to giving money to panhandlers, he said.

Woods added that he did not know how much it cost to refurbish and install the meters, but refurbishing costs were "relatively minimal." He said the money would be collected with other parking meter funds on a weekly basis and then given to the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry.

Woods, however, said nothing is official yet.

"We've had some initial discussions with the (coalition) and we would like for them to partner with us in this endeavor, but we don't have a signed document from them yet," Woods said.

During a debate at a City Commission meeting, Commissioner Rick Bryant said a similar program in Athens, Ga., was only collecting $1,000 a year, and he felt that amount of money was not going to solve anything in regards to the situation of the homeless in Gainesville.

Bryant therefore said he would only vote for the meters if it was a commission's decision to do so.

"It's a feel-good thing," Bryant said. "It says we have a problem in Gainesville. We can't deal with the problem, but here's what we're gonna offer: We're gonna give you an out (so) you can say you gave to the meter, and people are supposed to feel better about doing that."

In response to Bryant, Commissioner Scherwin Henry said the program might be "feel-good," but because it is a pilot project, he sees no reason why it should not be implemented.

Some worried about Bright Futures changing

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It also chose to override the Legislature by hiking tuition up to 5 percent statewide in 2008 and freezing all freshman admissions.

But because the Legislature controls Bright Futures, it hasn't been determined whether the scholarship program will pay for the increase.

Aaron Hoover, a speechwriter with the UF News Bureau, said UF had not made any new statements.

Susan MacManus, a political science professor and expert at the University of South Florida, said Bright Futures is "one of the last things they'll change drastically."

And if Florida legislators do change the program, she said, they'll face hoards of angry constituents.

"A major change to Bright Futures could bring major headaches to policymakers," MacManus said.

But she said she doesn't think a tuition increase is something to worry about yet.

The resolution to this issue won't be easy, and it won't be quick, she said.

Leslie Albe, a UF freshman, said she has the Florida Academic Scholars Award, which covers 100 percent of tuition, and primarily pays the rest of her expenses without the help of her parents.

But she'd probably be in favor of an increase, she said.

"If you raise tuition, it's a little bit more, and then give it back to the University,

Bill may violate free speech

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program designed to increase voter turnout at all types of elections — disagreed with the bill during the meeting.

While Rogers said the laws were not clear enough, Bracco said the power to determine party affiliation sets a dangerous precedent. If an unaffiliated person hands out stickers and one party blames the other, the commission could punish an innocent party just on a "gut feeling," he said.

Jardon said he was also worried about discrimination against independent parties.

In a phone interview, Bracco, a former Pans member, said the bill was an unnecessary expansion of the commission's power.

"I should know firsthand because we broke the statutes, and we were punished in the spring," he said. "The laws work fine, so why should we give (the Supervisor of Elections) even more power?"
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- Hippodrome Theatre, film: "Red Road," 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m., $5 to $6.50

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- Reitz Union Auditorium, film: "Reign Over Me," 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 11:30 p.m., free

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- Hippodrome Theatre, film: "Amu," 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., $5 to $6.50
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Visit www.alligator.org for complete calendar listings.
UF student starts homemade chocolate and pastry line

On National Ice Cream Day, one man took a chance with chocolate. Frantz Duchatellier sold truffles and pastries at Sweet Dreams on Sunday, while a guitarist played and sang tunes to a diverse crowd.

Chatsy’s is a new company operating out of Sweet Dreams that offers a variety of chocolates and pastries made from all natural, organic ingredients.

Frantz Duchatellier, Chatsy’s owner, is a fifth-year senior at UF. Duchatellier is working on a double major in classics and chemistry with a minor in business.

Duchatellier had to work three jobs last semester to save up for this business venture.

He started cooking when he was 12, and by the time he was 13, he was making chocolate truffles for Christmas dessert. “My grandmother and my great aunt were big influences on my cooking,” Duchatellier said. “I spent years trying to discover my great aunt’s secret recipes.”

Duchatellier moved to Gainesville in 2003, and before long he was baking and selling pastries as a hobby.

Last March, something clicked — Duchatellier received an order for 300 pieces for the American Heart Association’s Heart Ball.

The event sparked an interest, and people lined up afterward to ask him where they could buy more of his food, he said.

Thus, the pastry company was born. Chatsy’s is a two-person operation, with Duchatellier at the helm, cooking and developing recipes, and Lauren Thomas helping with marketing and sales.

For more information about Chatsy’s Gourmet Chocolates and Gifts call (678) 697-1318.
Local band rocks globally

Just a few years ago, Warren Oakes could be seen sitting on the patio of Leonardo’s Pizza on University Avenue, nursing a cup of iced coffee and figuring out the crossword puzzle in The Alligator.

He called this his morning ritual.

Now Oakes and the other musicians of the Gainesville-based band Against Me!, vocalist/guitarist Tom Gabel, guitarist James Bowman and bassist Andrew Seward, are enjoying a much different lifestyle.

Recently, the band members, known for their insanity energetic live shows, have been living a non-stop life with a jam-packed schedule.

“All killer, no filler,” said Oakes, the band’s drummer.

The hard-rocking foursome started out as a solo project for Gabel.

A decade ago, Gabel was an acoustic act at 12 years old. But after the release of three successful full-length records, a leap from the indie labels to a major recording label, and five touring trips overseas, the impossible-to-ignore band of today emerged.

Its blend of punk, rock and folk is crafted together in such a way that the industry has had to dive deep into its repertoire to pinpoint the band’s musical influences.

Against Me! has been told its sound is reminiscent of everything from British punk rockers The Clash to the rock ‘n’ roll sounds of Bruce Springsteen, Oakes said.

“These comparisons are flattering but not accurate,” he said.

The world seems to be receptive — the fan-base of Against Me! has grown exponentially over the past five years and reaches from Iceland to Australia.

“I’ve seen them 13 times, and they always put on one of the best shows I’ve ever seen,” said Brandon Albert, a third-year graphic design major at UF.

Against Me! returned to the United States last week after spending months overseas touring Australia and Europe, making screaming crowds go hoarse with its thrilling lyrics, rebellious alternative-punk sound and hour-long, adrenaline-charged sets.

Against Me! most often performs in places that are reminiscent of everything from a sketchy, hole-in-the-wall squat in America.

“Touring Europe is amazing because of its network of punks and non-traditional show spaces,” he said.

Tuesday was one day to go down in Against Me! history. The band lit up the late night screen of Conan O’Brien’s show by putting on an incendiary performance of its new single, “Thrash Unreal,” which was released on its new album earlier that day. The album, entitled “New Wave,” was a chance for the men of Against Me! to make an album of songs that speak the truth and are fun to play, Oakes said.

“When you are playing songs more than 200 times live, you have to be into it,” he said.

So far, “New Wave,” which was released on the major recording label Sire Records, has received positive feedback and good reviews, Oakes said.

The album experiments with a sound more pop-rock than Against Me!’s previous records.

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Yet, with an album that encompasses lyrics protesting the military through song, lashing out against the unoriginal mainstream and dealing with substance abuse, “New Wave” is anything but casual pop music.

“We are just glad that it’s out,” Oakes said. “It’s like a kid — you raise it and send it out into the world and hope it does well.”

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Meaningful war lyrics, such as “the people sang protest songs to try and stop the soldier’s guns,” are found in the song “White People for Peace.” These anti-war sentiments are found across “New Wave.”

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Members of Against Me! pose in this 2004 photograph.

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Fans have options for celebrating Harry Potter release

ETHEL MORENO AVENUE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For 11 years, fans of the Harry Potter series followed Harry through the highs and lows of life: an awkward first kiss, the death of loved ones and wizard showdowns.

Now, fans worldwide will gather for the final battle. Will Harry live or will he be defeated?

The world will know when “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” the final book in J.K. Rowling’s series, is released Saturday.

Several stores are having celebrations on Friday before the midnight selling of the book — the Books-A-Million on Newberry Road will be having a release party at 9 p.m.

The store will be broken up into the four Hogwarts houses and each house will host different age groups but will all have the same activities, said Verissa Ford, the general manager of the bookstore.

“She (Rowling) writes on a level relevant to adults,” Ford said. “No other children’s book has crossed age groups.”

Ford said there will be also be pre-party activities targeted at children starting around 5 p.m.

The Borders bookstore on Newberry Road will be hosting “The Grand Hallows Ball” at 8 p.m.

Colleen Hazlett, café supervisor, said the store will be making sauces and cooking for house elves, in addition to book-inspired specialty drinks. Guests can sample original concoctions, such as “butterbeer.”

“We’ve been having fun this week trying the recipes,” she said.

The Barnes & Noble on Archer Road will have a “Midnight Magic Party” at 8 p.m., with trivia games, sword-making, a scavenger hunt and a jelly bean-counting contest.

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Don’t let your style go old

Opening your closet door shouldn’t bring back bad high-school memories — if your wardrobe needs a refresher, think about hosting a fashion swap party. The best time to hold such a party is at the end of the season. Before the fall season would be ideal, as you don’t want to swap summer styles that would add to the abandoned clothing already filling your drawers.

When you start to compile a guest list, think of friends who are similar in size. Also, encourage guests to bring friends to participate. Instruct guests to wash all clothing they plan to bring, and divide items by price range so they will be easy to coordinate.

You’ll want to prepare your apartment or house for retail before everyone arrives. Make as much open space as possible so that browsing is easy, and clear off any tables you have to set up items. You can even push couches together to optimize lay-out space. Keep everything in categories: shoes, jewelry, handbags, etc. so that navigation is not a challenge.

Since most people don’t have clothing racks, consider clearing out a closet or pinning up a string to hang dresses and formal apparel.

You should also prepare a room for changing. Make sure mirrors are available and remember to separate clothes not included in the exchange. You don’t want anyone snagging your adored apparel.

Since it is a party, be sure to have snacks and drinks. Enjoy free wine and water. There will also be an additional store credit for a purchase made during the party.

These tips will keep your guests coming back for more. Happy swapping!

Harry gets older, darker

The Harry Potter films are miraculous — they have increased in quality since the second film in the series, often marked the point of no return.

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" is director David Yates’ first foray into J.K. Rowling’s magical world, and the result is a darker, jam-packed 138 minutes of magic.

Gone is the hyperstylized Britain. Since "Harry Potter" is not "Lord of the Rings," the world should be a tangible reality, as the wizard society interacts with the mundane realm all the time. The film does just that, opening in a muggle playground and featuring wizards flying on broomsticks over London.

A strong point of the film was the wardrobe. The students of Hogwarts tend to dress like real teenagers in school uniforms rather than kids clad in stuffy uniforms rather than kids clad in stuffy.

Since "Harry Potter" is not "Lord of the Rings," the characters grow up and mature, and does the tone of the film, growing darker with each new installment. Their neckties, accordingly, get looser.

Throughout the previous movies, the audience watches Harry watch the grown-ups shoot fireballs at each other or reveal important plot points. "Order of the Phoenix" doesn’t eschew these elements entirely, but remains refreshing in spite of Harry’s sense of rebellion, which was not mentioned previously.

Watching Harry come into his own is exciting, and an optimistic sign that each new film is part of a grand fantasy saga.
Does success have to start with a date?

It's been said there's a pattern to everything. When it comes to relationships, our society has laid the foundation for them quite clearly—you meet, you woo, you copulate, you fall in love.

But can the pattern work in a different order? In these times of casual sex, can you ever segue your bedtime into your real mate?

If you start with sex, where do you stop?

I bring this up because it tends to be my pattern—on several occasions, I have slept with a man, innocently enough, only to fall hard for him.

It doesn't happen right away, and I'm almost never looking for anything beyond an orgasm, at first. But usually after a few romps in the sack, post-coital communication and an underlying attraction, I find it hard not to start getting caught up in the rapture.

Is my lust really triggering love? According to Helen Fisher, anthropologist and author of "Why We Love," the answer is yes.

"The hormone of sexual desire can trigger the release of the brain's elixirs for romantic passion," Fisher says.

In other words, after-sex cuddling with my one-night stand sends all sorts of messages to my brain that are fueling my ardor.

So while it's biologically possible, is it ever realistic to start with sex?

My friend Meg slept with her boyfriend before they started dating. They had been friends for some time but had a little too much to drink one night and ended up having sex. Three years later, they are living together and are contemplating marriage.

I haven't had nearly as much success. In fact, because of my penchant for falling for my friend-with-benefits, I now have to avoid certain bars altogether.

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If there's no challenge, no wooing, no working for it, they tend to lose interest.

Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free, right?

The truth is, I wish I had an answer. While some may have been successful in this department, I most certainly have not.

Perhaps the answer is simply that no couple wants to tell their grandchildren that their happily ever after began with "once upon a time we had too much to drink and I took Grandma home from the bar..."

Maybe the pattern is relationships begin, and end in all manners and forms. If you can make it work, great.

If you can, do you think you could pass along your secret—I'd rather not avoid a certain bar altogether.

UF institute unites distant musicians with technology

STEPHANIE GRANADA AVENUE WRITER

Usually, you need a garage to make a band, but these days technology can bring musicians together.

UF's Digital Worlds Institute created a technology called NetroNome that synchronizes live music, graphics and art physically and virtually through the high-speed universe.

With the use of NetroNome, different elements—such as musicians in different locations—can be combined on a stage without the performers having to be in the same place.

"The purpose of NetroNome is to take the next step in performance, to link all these elements and people to create a trans-cultural media experience," said Denise Krigbaum, communications coordinator for the College of Fine Arts.

Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m., the institute will be featuring its innovative technology at the 2007 Ingenuity Fest in Cleveland, Ohio.

The festival starts July 19 and features a four-day compilation of the most daring and creative art forms in the world.

This year, after presenting its work at The College Music Society, the Digital Worlds Institute was commissioned to perform "Maximum Impact," part of an ongoing series called "In Common Time."

"Maximum Impact" is a 30-minute segment that includes three musical compositions created by the institute's director, James Oliverio. One of the pieces, "Smoke/Wire/Rock," was composed by Oliverio specifically for this event.

During the performance, the conventional form of a five-piece band cooperating on one stage will be challenged as musical performers scattered across universities in North America are linked through NetroNome.

"The main contribution of this technology is cultural," Oliverio said. "We work with advanced media to promote and contribute to the cultural arts."

Oliverio said the use of the high-speed network helps bring people together to learn about each other and collaborate on projects for which they otherwise would not have needed interaction.

For the Ingenuity Fest, performers at Florida, Ohio and Alaska universities will be able to hear and see what is being done by the musician on the Cleveland main stage as the artists simultaneously perform to create a piece of music.

On the main stage, large screens will project the other musicians and graphics pertinent to the musical pieces to the Cleveland audience.

All of this will be Webcast live through the Digital Worlds Institute's Web site, making the performance viewable without a trip to Ohio.

"I am hopeful we can use this technology to cross cultures, continents and classrooms to bring together artists and the general public to realize technology aids in bringing cultures together," Oliverio said.

To watch the performance live Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m., visit www.digitalworlds.ufl.edu/ictime_webcast.htm.
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Forecasting the new leaders in the Southeastern Conference

After six months of withdrawal, Gators fans can begin stirring.

Although six tight-lipped months, college football fans can begin to argue about who's really No. 1, which conference is the best and why Ray Rice is better than Darren McFadden. Southeastern Conference media days begin next Wednesday, signaling the start of another glorious college football season and new debates. Debate is part of what makes sports fun, and college football embraces that notion best and why Ray Rice is better than Darren McFadden. College football fans can begin to argue about who's really No. 1, which conference is the best and why Ray Rice is better than Darren McFadden. Southeastern Conference media days begin next Wednesday, signaling the start of another glorious college football season and new debates. Debate is part of what makes sports fun, and college football embraces that notion.

Erik Ainge: After getting jerked to and from the bench throughout the 2005 season, Phillip Fulmer decided to bring a little stability to Tennessee's offense in 2006. Gee, you think that was a good idea? Ainge responded by throwing nearly 3,000 yards, 19 touchdowns and completing 67 percent of his passes. Despite the strong season, Ainge enters the season with questions about his health. The rising senior underwent knee surgery March 19. If Fulmer is correct in his assertion that Ainge is in better shape now than he was at the end of last season, Ainge's numbers could take off. PREDICTION: Expect Ainge to throw for about 3,000 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Percy Harvin: The sophomore made strides at the spring game, completing 15 of 21 passes attempts. Harvin can stay healthy, and with the running backs on the bench throughout the season with questions about his health. The rising senior underwent knee surgery March 19. If Fulmer is correct in his assertion that Ainge is in better shape now than he was at the end of last season, Ainge's numbers could take off. PREDICTION: Expect Ainge to throw for about 3,000 yards and 24 touchdowns.

André Woodson: With elder statesman Russell and former UF quarterback Chris Leak departing for the NFL, Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson is now the most experienced quarterback in the SEC. But what many people failed to realize was that Woodson, not Russell, Leak or Ainge, was the best quarterback in the SEC last season. Led by Woodson's 270.4 passing yards per game, the Wildcats led the SEC in passing offense last season. Impressive? I'd say so, when considering Kentucky doesn't have nearly the amount of talent UF, Tennessee and LSU feature.

Woodson threw 31 touchdowns last season, a feat just seven interceptions. He also passed for over 3,500 and completed 63 percent of his passes. At this moment, anyone who says Woodson isn't the best quarterback in the SEC is a fool, uninformed, or both. PREDICTION: With Woodson's numbers being so high last season, they can't rise much higher. Expect to see similar numbers from Woodson, and prepare to be enthralled by a high-flying offense. 

1 Darren McFadden: I don't believe McFadden will win the SEC Player of the Year two years in a row, but when you're the reigning champ, someone has to knock you off your perch. The junior ran over and even threw over SEC defenses last season. McFadden's versatility, coupled with Arkansas' Wildcat formation, made McFadden the most unstoppable force in the SEC last season.

The then-sophomore rushed for 1,647 yards and scored 14 touchdowns last season, easily walking away with the SEC Player of the Year title. It will be tough for McFadden to repeat because of questions at the quarterback and wide receiver positions and on defense will make it difficult for Arkansas to win 10 games this season. PREDICTION: Expect stats similar to last seasons, though the team may only win eight or nine games this time around.

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Brewer: Richard should make team

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Richard averaged 3.5 points and 4.8 rebounds in 15.8 minutes per game. Whether or not he will make the team is still up in the air, but Brewer believes his good friend will join him in Minnesota.

"Chris is a force," Brewer said. "From what I've heard, he's definitely going to make it. They like his size and his rebounding.

Richard suffered a slight groin pull against the Memphis Grizzlies and missed the team's final game for precautionary reasons. He is expected to return soon.

Although Brewer played well, the seventh overall pick said there's still a lot of work to be done and his experience in Las Vegas was just the beginning.

"These were just summer league players," he said. "Wait till I face people like Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady, then things are going to get interesting."
Hawks, Horford have potential

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Games. Despite his time on the court being cut short, the 6-foot-9 forward has enjoyed playing with his new teammates, namely Acie Law IV and Shelden Williams.

"It's fun playing with these guys," Horford said. "These guys are just so talented, and that makes it fun. Me and Acie have been hanging out a lot. Atlanta needed another big man and another guard, so we got a chance to come in together. I really think we can do something here."

This could be a challenge, since Atlanta hasn't made the playoffs since 1999 and has been near the bottom of the league in attendance during that time. In a weak Eastern Conference, with a roster that also features one of the league's best guards in Joe Johnson and young forward Josh Smith, the Hawks may finally be on to something.

"Obviously, I think the team can make the playoffs," Horford said. "We've got a good young team, and I think we're on the right track. Joe is a great player. I'm excited."

In the meantime, Horford is relishing the thought of playing against former teammates Joakim Noah, Corey Brewer and Taurean Green.

While Horford and the other "He said there are no running bets going between the quartet, he knows there will be some trash talk on the court. Especially from a certain Timberwolf."

"It's always been like that," Horford said of Brewer's penchant for trash talking. "He's such a competitor. I expect that from him. He won't hold back — it'll be like when we played pick-up games."

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At this point, it's obvious. Because he's simply no better than the lowlifes who occupy the world he was never responsible enough to leave behind.

When Vick was drafted No. 1 overall in 2001, he said, "I know how to conduct myself, how to handle myself." According to the indictment, it was only 10 days later that he bought the house at 1915 Moonlight Rd. in Smithfield, Va. Soon after that Vick was bringing the dogs in. Soon, that they would start fighting. Michael Vick would not only become the quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons, but also a proud part of "Bad Newz Kennels."

You could ignore Vick when he tried to slip a water bottle with a secret compartment through airport security. It was even possible to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd. Yet now, in the light of all these things, Vick's career may be arriving to turn your head when he made an obscene gesture to the crowd.

"Obviously, I think the team can do something here."
Horford shines in Summer League

The forward is averaging 13.5 points.

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Former UF forward Al Horford is brimming with confidence.

That’s not all surprising for a three-time Southeastern Conference champion and two-time national champion.

When you’ve played on that level, a little thing like NBA Summer Leagues pale in comparison.

“My confidence level is pretty high right now,” Horford said. “At UF, we all obviously played at the highest level, so that has my confidence up. So, I’m just going out there and playing my game and trying to have fun.”

It seems to be working for the third overall pick in last month’s NBA draft. Horford scored 18 points and grabbed six rebounds July 13 in his summer league debut in Atlanta’s 64-63 loss to the Utah Jazz.

“Al was a beast around the basket,” Hawks summer league coach Larry Drew told NBA.com. “He played like an NBA veteran tonight.

“He has really shown me that he is ready for this level,” Drew said. “Not just from a physical standpoint, but his whole mental attitude for this summer league and just seeing how he handles things and carries himself on the floor just tells me this kid is well prepared.”

He poured in 9 points and collected nine rebounds in a 79-68 Hawks victory against the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday.

Horford turned his ankle late in the game, causing him to miss the Hawks’ next two games. The injury isn’t considered serious, as Horford is expected to play in Atlanta’s final two summer league games.

Brewer stands out as key player for Timberwolves

For the Minnesota Timberwolves and former UF forward Corey Brewer, this was hardly the case, as the team featured a roster filled with players sure to see action in this upcoming season.

Brewer joined guards Randy Foye and Rashad McCants to form a Summer League squad made up of the core of a young Timberwolves team.

The team went 4-1 in Las Vegas, as Brewer played a key role throughout.

Brewer averaged 11 points and 9.6 rebounds per game.

Brewer expressed excitement at the conclusion of play saying he was a little jittery before lacing up for his first taste of NBA action.

“You’re always a little nervous,” Brewer said. “But once you get out there, it’s time to play basketball, and this is what I’m here to do.”

The team was led by former second-round pick Craig Smith, who averaged 21.8 points per game.

Randi Foye, last year’s Summer League’s Most Valuable Player, contributed 13.5 points.

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I DID NOT KNOW THAT
- UF sophomore Calvin Smith clocked a personal best 45.52 to win the 400m on Sunday at the NACAC Track and Field championships. He eclipsed his personal best of 45.60.

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Vick’s dog days just beginning

Is this end of Michael Vick? If not, it should be.

The allegations against the flashy quarterback are appalling, and downright disgusting.

As of today, Vick has not been convicted, only indicted, so we shouldn’t pass judgment yet just, but that didn’t stop Roger Goodell and the rest of the world from selling Adam “Pacman” Jones down the river.

Usually people are not indicted unless there is a great deal of evidence, and regardless, does it really matter?

Will we ever be able to ignore how obvious it is that Vick was guilty of dog fighting to some degree?

The thing about fighting dogs is that it touches home with all walks of life. This isn’t some type of gun possession or drug abuse that seems to arrive in handfuls and float over the heads of the public. This is killing dogs. Something everyone can understand.

Children can’t comprehend that their favorite player had a few drinks and drove home. They don’t relate to making it rain at a strip club.

However, I can guarantee you a 7-year-old boy wearing a Vick jersey will cringe when he finds out Vick threw a dog against the ground until it died. Vick would have been better off getting hammered and fighting in the streets of Atlanta.

How would a child look at his pet Fido while cheering for the man who would have held his face in water and electrocuted him? How would you ask for an autograph from the man who has the heart to hang a dog?

Dog fighting is a subculture, something that should be relegated to the slums and shanties of human life. What was a man with a 10-year, $130 million contract thinking? Why would the face of a multimillion-dollar organization stick his nose in the dirt of America?
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