



# Sorority hopefuls race to end of Bid Day

By **KAT BEIN**  
 Alligator Staff Writer

Barbecue sizzled, DJs spun and young women screamed in uncontrollable glee as about 1,000 people crowded both sides of Southwest Eighth Street on Tuesday afternoon to witness a tradition: sorority Bid Day.

The newest sisters received their bid cards at the Reitz Union, which told them which house they'd been welcomed into.

They then came rushing in little groups toward the houses, passing through Norman Tunnel, around Norman field and down Southwest Eighth Street.

The crowd was divided.

The sorority sisters stood clumped in colorful groups in front of their respective houses on the east side of the street.

Meanwhile, hundreds of men stood watching across the way to cheer on the running sorority hopefuls and boo those who only walked.

Each group of girls was decked out in their own house colors and silly hats.

The Delta Gamma girls wore sailor caps, and the Alpha Epsilon Phi ho wore similar green and white ones.

Though the sisters themselves declined to comment on the excitement of the day, the bystanders were more than happy to share their sentiments.

**"This is the most hot girls you're ever going to see in one place, at one time."**

**Luke Epstein**  
 Freshman

"This is the most hot girls you're ever going to see in one place, at one time," said UF freshman Luke Epstein, who watched Tuesday's event.

In the great fervor of running, hugging, kissing, picture taking and checking of make-up via reflections in car mirrors, there was plenty to gawk at.

Jennifer Marty, a senior advertising major, turned out to observe the madness with some of her girlfriends.

"It's like running with the bulls," she said, "in sundresses."



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Two Pi Beta Phi alumni celebrate the entrance of their new sorority sisters at Norman Field during the sorority bidding event Tuesday afternoon.

## Aziz Ansari to headline 2010 Gator Growl

By **KAT BEIN**  
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Up-and-coming comedic star Aziz Ansari, famous for his work with sketch group Human Giant and recent NBC hit "Parks and Recreation," will be coming to rock the socks off of Gainesville as the headliner of this year's Gator Growl on Oct. 15.

The Kanye West-impersonating, food-loving funny man is getting paid \$100,000 to perform his stand-up for The Gator Nation.

The routine is sure to please everyone, said Bryan Griffin, spokesman for this year's Gator Growl.

"We chose Aziz because he kind of represents the dynamic type of show we're

trying to do this year," Griffin said. "We're hoping he can help establish the show with the whole celebration-type theme."

Celebration is the name of the game this year, Griffin said, adding that he and his team are working hard to make sure this year's Growl is better than the last few. It should be fun for everyone, he said.

"This show is going to be completely dynamic from beginning to end," Griffin said, "no lulls, no parts people will miss ... a giant celebration."

For one thing, the show has become more interactive. Students and alumni who want a chance to be a part of the show are encouraged to submit video skits at [www.see-growl.com](http://www.see-growl.com).

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### Gator Growl

## Harn founder makes final contribution

■ HIS ESTATE GRANTS THE MUSEUM A \$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT AND ART.

By **ALEXANDER KLAUSNER**  
 Alligator Writer

In 1990, David A. Cofrin was one of the founding donors of the Harn Museum.

One decade later, a year after his death at the age of 85 in a hospice in August 2009, Cofrin has left the museum one last treasure trove of

art. Cofrin's will left the Harn 312 works of Asian art, with an additional \$1 million endowment to purchase more.

"The 312 works that were added to the Asian collection were a tremendous gift," said Tami Wroath, director of marketing and public relations for the museum. "Right now we have a little more than 7,300 works of art in our collection total. So that 312 is a large chunk

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■ Defensive end **Ronald Powell** is part of a highly regarded freshman class, but coach **Urban Meyer** is worried about preparing them for life after dominating in high school. See Story, Page 20.



### Sex video identifies suspects in Washington break-in

ELMA, Wash. — It wasn't tough to identify the suspects in a break-in at a rural home at Washington state. The bare facts were right there.

The Grays Harbor County sheriff's office says a neighbor who came to collect the mail while the owner was away surprised a man and woman having sex on the floor Monday.

Chief Deputy Dave Pimentel says the naked couple fled, leaving behind

the camera, which had been stolen elsewhere.

Pimentel said Tuesday that deputies who checked the video recognized the couple from previous contacts.

The 39-year-old woman was arrested for investigation of burglary. An arrest warrant was issued for the 31-year-old man.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING






### RUF's Minute to Win It

Today, 7:30 p.m.  
Reitz Union Amphitheatre  
Similar to NBC's game show, Reformed University Fellowship will have a series of 10 one-minute, oddball competitions. \$100 will go to the winner of the most competitions. If there is a tie, the money will be split.  
RUF is a Christian college ministry that meets at the Medical Science Building every Tuesday at 7:30. For more information about upcoming events, small groups or the ministry, visit RUFgators.com or join our Facebook group RUF at UF.

### College Democrats Women's Caucus

Thursday, Noon to 2 p.m.  
Come join the Women's Caucus of the Florida College Democrats to remember the historic fight for women's right to vote.  
Meet outside the Reitz Union near the Colonnade at noon, where we will re-enact the historic National Woman's Party's march on Washington, D.C., in 1913. The march will end at the Ustler Hall Atrium,

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where chairwoman of the Florida Democratic Party, Karen Thurman, will speak. Refreshments will be provided at Ustler after the march. Participants are asked to wear white. Buttons and sashes will be provided.

### 5K for Haiti

Saturday, 8 a.m.  
The inaugural 5K for Haiti will be this Saturday at 8 a.m. The cost will be:  
\$15 pre-race with T-shirt  
\$10 pre-race without T-shirt  
\$20 the morning of race day (with T-shirt if available)  
All proceeds from this race will benefit Project Haiti, a medical aid trip through the UF College of Medicine that has been in existence since 1996. After the tragic events of this past January, your support is needed now more than ever. You can register online at [runforhaiti.notlong.com](http://runforhaiti.notlong.com) or register the morning

of the run.  
The race will begin at the Commuter Lot on campus off Lemerand Drive, and will course around Lake Alice and continue down Stadium Road before a downhill stretch to the finish line.

### Got something going on?

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# Einstein Notes ditches storefront, slashes paper waste

By **MIGUEL CHATELOIN**  
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Bean, who owns and manages the company.

The business was using as many as 10,000 sheets of paper a month printing notes, Bean said.

"It was just ludicrous how much paper we were wasting and throwing away," he said.

The store has been transitioning into paperless operation for the past couple of years, Bean said.

"It was just ludicrous how much paper we were wasting."

**Thomas Bean**  
Einstein Notes owner

The business started printing double-sided pages in the fall of 2008 and started offering discounts on future purchases to those who brought back their study kits to

the store to recycle.

Eventually, Bean said, he hopes to take the effort to reduce waste a step further by publishing all advertisements and coupons exclusively through Facebook and Twitter.

"Why even have a cash register?" Bean said.

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# Machen speaks to crowd at ribbon-cutting for rec center

■ OTHER FLORIDA UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED.

By **JOEY FLECHAS**  
Alligator Staff Writer

As students jogged along the indoor track upstairs and pedaled on the exercise bikes near the tall glass windows, more than 100 faculty, staff, students and guests applauded Tuesday afternoon's ribbon-cutting at the newly renovated Southwest Recreation Center.

UF officials, including President Bernie Machen, spoke to commemorate the building's official grand opening.

Standing just inside the new front entrance, viewing the completed center for the first time, Machen said it looked 'spectacular.'

"You know it's a good renovation when you can't remember the old building," he said.

Speaking to a crowd that included recreational-activities representatives from the University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, University of West Florida and Florida A&M University, Machen said he was impressed with the facility, which he called the cornerstone of the southwest corner of campus.

"We want students to be healthy," he said. "But more importantly, we want to prepare them to be healthy for the rest

of their lives."

After the ribbon-cutting, all were invited on tours of the facility, and cake was served in the lounge area, which has several large flat screen televisions and a smoothie bar.

Robert Carroll, director of campus recreation at Florida A&M, said the additions and renovations make for a phenomenal facility.

"Now it looks like you've reclaimed your spot at the top of the recreational totem pole," he said.

Students rushed in for the RecSports Extravaganza, in which a few hundred students flocked to a basketball court for the Sport Clubs fair, fitness demonstrations and free T-shirts.

The Sport Clubs fair, which is typically held at the Broward Outdoor Recreation Complex, drew more interest than usual.

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## Organizers seek submissions for skits via video upload

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gatorgrowl.org as part of the Growl Minute of Fame competition.

According to the website, submissions should not be more than a minute long, should be family-friendly and sent in by 5 p.m. on Sept. 20.

The best three from students and the best three from alumni will be chosen by the event committee, then posted to the website to be voted on by everyone, Griffin said.

The night of the show, the first place videos from both groups will be shown, and attendees will be asked to text in votes for their favorite submission. The winner of the contest will be declared live.

There's also a contest asking for submissions of photos from Gator

sporting events. The contest winner will be printed on the front page of the Gator Growl 2010 program, according to the website.

Tickets for the event are \$15 for students and \$25 for general-admission tickets, but Griffin advises people to purchase tickets early because all prices go up \$5 the week of the show.



Ansari

Griffin said for the price, you can't beat the entertainment you're sure to receive.

"This year is kind of a looking-forward type thing because we've got a new line-up for football and a lot of things to be grateful for as a Gator," Griffin said.

## His donation was Asian works

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of that."

The works originate from all over the continent, said Jason Steuber, the Cofrin Curator of Asian Art. The pieces come everywhere from central Asia to China, Tibet, Korea, Japan and down into south-east Asia.

He said the works also come from all throughout history. Some originate from several thousand years B.C., while others originate from the contemporary era.

He said that Chinese jades from the Ming and Qing dynasties, which stretched from the 1300s to the 1900s, were an example of the works that Cofrin left to the museum.

Cofrin's donation, along with the museum's existing Asian art collection, will eventually be moved into the 26,000-square-foot David A. Cofrin Asian Art Wing, which will open its doors in 2012.

Prior to his death, Cofrin donated \$10 million to the construction of this wing. With the new donation and the new section to house, the current 130-piece Asian art collection will triple in size, he said.

Three new galleries will be featured in the wing along with the existing gallery,

he said.

Though Cofrin's name will forever be attached to the new wing, his philanthropy was not strictly devoted to Asian art.

"He also assisted in acquisitions in the contemporary, the modern and the photography collection," Wroath said.

"The 312 works that were added to the Asian collection were a tremendous gift."

**Tami Wroath**

Harn Museum PR Director

The 312 works Cofrin donated to the museum are worth an estimated \$4.2 million.

Wroath said that over the course of his life, he donated more than \$30 million to the museum.

"I think he believed in the mission of getting Gainesville an exceptional art museum," Steuber said. "As well as, I think, filling the need here for a center for the arts on campus ... I think that was the grand scheme to develop a great cultural resource for not only the University of Florida, but also for the community at large."

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## Editorial

# Bad Eggs

## No one is safe from scary foods

Will it ever be safe to go back to the grocery store?

Still cowering in fear at the supermarket, clutching our grocery baskets as we inspect product label numbers on cartons in our own, makeshift, at-home test for salmonella following a massive recall last week of more than a half billion eggs, and just when you thought it was OK to clip coupons, things just got scarier.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced 380,000 pounds of lunch meat used in deli sandwiches at Wal-Mart stores nationwide may (or may not) be contaminated with Listeria.

According to the USDA, Listeria can cause high fevers, a stiff neck, nausea and (no big deal) listeriosis, which can be fatal. A stiff neck followed by a potentially-you-may-or-may-not-die-a-horribly-painful death all because we were running late to class and grabbed a smokehouse hero sandwich from one of Wal-Mart's deli cases? And don't even think about making an omelet until this all settles down.

As of Friday, more than 1,000 people have been exposed to the salmonella in the egg recall that affects 28 percent of the United States.

Luckily, the egg recall has not yet reached Florida, but the Food and Drug Administration warns the outbreaks are not over. Cue the scary "Jaws" theme music.

And listen up, all you smug vegans and vegetarians out there: You aren't so immune to this either.

Leafy vegetables account for the third-most tainted food item behind poultry and beef, according to a recent Center for Disease Control report.

Is it just us, or is grocery shopping becoming more like a game of "Press My Luck?"

## Uplifting Upset

Happen to catch the Miss Universe Pageant Monday evening? Even know it was on TV? Yeah, we didn't either.

But this year was special. And now we feel bad.

For the first time in nearly two decades, the title of Miss Universe, at least for this year, belongs to Miss Mexico, breaking an apparent curse for our neighbor to the south.

And we couldn't be happier for a pageant none of us watched. For a country ravaged by drug-cartel violence, poverty and that is still recovering from the near \$2 billion worth of damage Hurricane Wilma caused to some of the country's most popular tourist destinations, perhaps this is a simple start to recovery for Mexico. We realize a pageant winner can never hope to solve a country's problems, but Miss Navarette, you're surely going to have to try!

You have the world's spotlight now, so use that crown well! And considering one member of the Editorial Board just returned from a vacation in Mexico, we know the poverty first hand in that country.

We've seen children, grown women, elderly women selling hand-crafted handkerchiefs for a dollar a piece on the road. We've seen the light in a child's eyes when we gave him a dollar for a handkerchief we didn't need.

So when we found out the United States lost again, (we haven't won since 1997 if you don't include Puerto Rico), we couldn't have been happier to continue our own what-did-we-do-to-deserve-this-we're-like-so-pretty losing streak.

It almost makes us sad we didn't have any idea the pageant was going on. Almost.

We're just glad Miss Mexico wasn't asked a really tough question about map reading.

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# Opinions

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## Column

## Freshmen should lose the facial hair

The grass is green. The flowers are blooming. And the chin pubes are sprouting.

As if on a mission from the almighty bearded king Chuck Norris himself, freshmen guys have taken it upon themselves to exercise their first freedom away from home.

They treat the five-blade, best-invention-since-spell-check Gillette Fusion like it's some torturing device thought up by the Jigsaw Killer (when we already know the worst torturing device ever created is Miley Cyrus' split personality).

As a result, freshman guys' non-grizzled, but rather disgusting, faces could only be loved by their mothers.

And certainly not by any college girls.

We get it. You've never gotten to grow your facial hair because your mom threatened to stop giving you latkes and brisket if you didn't shave every morning.

You've already gone a week without shaving now; you can see that you'll never get more than a few scraggly hairs.

Part of becoming a man is learning that some men are more endowed than others. Some have Burt Reynolds-like mustaches or beards like Al's (from "Home Improvement"). Some have sparse strands of pubescence.

And you're not alone. Our beloved No. 12 can't grow more than a furry upper lip, and if the Florida Gators won't even allow our future Heisman winner to wear a mini-Kerwin Bell-like, pencil-width mustache, what makes you think that your first facial hair actually looks manly?

Please, if you're whiter than paper, and if you have hair darker than charcoal, please, please stay away from the leprechaun-esque chinstrap.

You have a better chance of looking like the Old Spice



Andrew Pantazzi  
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man while wearing a pink tutu and singing Justin Bieber while wearing a dozen Silly Bandz on each of your puny wrists then while sporting your forest of inch-long chin hairs.

If you can grow a Wolverine-style beard, go for it... During Octobear or No-shave November, but not while we're trying to enjoy the end of summer.

We'd be better off if you just drank the kool-aid. At least then you'd have kool-aid mustaches.

Confession time:

I can't grow real-man facial hair. It seems my Jewish and Greek heritage has overlooked myself and my siblings.

I cannot grow facial hair, so I've discovered a way around my disability...

I shave.

Go figure. Instead of attempting to show my manhood through non-existent stubble, I show my manhood through tests of intestinal fortitude (see the Alligator's video of me eating Gator Dawg's Ghost Chili Dog for proof). I also regularly sprint on shards of glass. (It prepares me for my future career as a pain-resistant superhero.)

If you're going to be a manly freshman, then you need to eat 32-ounce steaks, run weekly marathons, bench press ACR's pick-up trucks and shave every day.

I get your man-envy for the goatee; I share your envy. But work around your youth and/or bad genes and shave. You'll make UF look less like a school full of 12-year-old, non-stop cursing N00bz on "Halo."

Andrew Pantazzi is a journalism senior.

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## Reader response

## Today's question:

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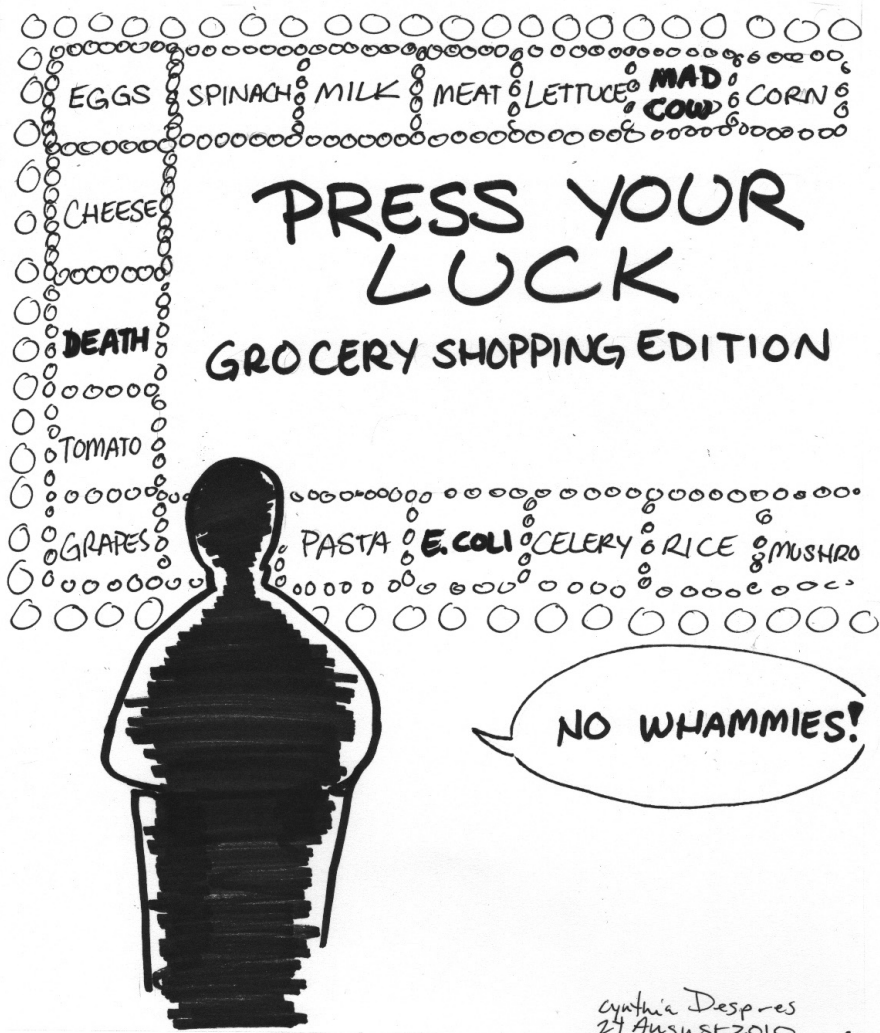
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Well, it just might be. Recently, the Federal Trade Commission has noticed that mystery shopping companies may be targeting undergraduate students and recent grads with bogus job opportunities. The scam starts out sounding legitimate. People answer an e-mail or advertisement looking for part-time work. The scammer tells you that they need mystery shoppers.

You can shop in your own time and collect a fee. If you've never been a mystery shopper, the next part won't strike you as strange: the company is going to send you a check to use to buy the small items you need to purchase to appropriately rate a retailer. Legitimate mystery shopping companies do not do that. They pay only after you shop and file an evaluation form and the pay is a very modest amount.

The second red flag is that the check is going to be for a lot of money — likely \$3,000 to \$5,000 — which is vastly more than you need. The con-artist's excuse for sending so much money is that they want you to take your fee out of the check, plus the cost of whatever you're buying. And then, they want you to

**Cheryl Johnson**  
U-Wire

wire the rest of the money in order to supposedly evaluate a bank or wire service. They suggest you wait until the check clears to send them the money. The check then bounces after the person wires the money, leaving the shopper liable for the fake check. People who apply for the secret shopper or mystery shopper jobs are told by the company that they have only 48 hours to complete the assignment or they will lose the job.

Arizona's Attorney General says, "Consumers need to know that a legitimate company will never send you a cashier's check out of the blue or require you to send money to someone you have never met."

The scam artists use realistic looking documents, the 'secret' nature of the job, and the 48-hour deadline to pressure consumers into cashing the check and wiring the money quickly before the bank or the consumer can determine it was a fake check. By then, it's too late."

So if a mystery shopper program asks you to pay an upfront fee to become an employee or deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire money back, walk away immediately. To file a complaint or get free information on consumer issues, visit [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov) or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

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# No parole for convicted dog torturer; victim wags tail



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Louis Vuitton, a pit bull, leaves an Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles hearing in Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 24.

■ THE PIT BULL WAS BURNED AND BEATEN.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A scarred but friendly pit bull named "Louis Vuitton" was the star witness Tuesday as an Alabama state board denied parole for the man convicted of spraying him with lighter fluid, setting him on fire and beating him with a shovel.

After the 8-year-old dog was led into the packed hearing room, the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles voted 3-0 to deny early release to 23-year-old Juan Daniels of Montgomery, who was sentenced in 2009 to nine years and six months in prison, a record in Alabama in an animal cruelty case.

Daniels, whose supporters said he had been sentenced far more harshly than criminals who harm human beings, will be eligible for parole again in July 2012.

The dog stuck his head forward for everyone who wanted to pet him as he entered. He bears burn scars from his head to his wagging tail, including white lines on his brown body where the burning lighter fluid seared his skin.

"You have to see the scars to

see what was done to him," said the dog's owner, Dee Hartley of Montgomery. She and her husband adopted the dog after the torture incident.

It's unusual for a dog or other animal to make an appearance before such a panel.

"I don't recall every having one here before," said Cynthia Dillard, executive director of the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The September 2007 attack on the dog drew wide notice. The Montgomery Humane Society got as many as 50 calls a day about the case,

**National News** some from other countries. The

dog was given the name of a French fashion brand, "Louis Vuitton," in honor of a dog named "Gucci," whose torture case in Mobile in 1994 led to passage of "Gucci's law," which made animal cruelty a felony in Alabama.

More than 60 law enforcement officers, animal rights advocates and other supporters of Louis crowded into the hearing. Relatives and friends of Daniels also faced the board and asked that he be released.

Montgomery County District Attorney Ellen Brooks asked parole board members to make

Daniels serve his entire sentence because of his cruelty to the dog and the nine disciplinary actions taken against him in prison.

"The first reason to deny parole is to prevent him from hurting another animal or a person," Brooks said.

She said he was accused of torturing the dog, which then belonged to his mother, because he was angry at her for not letting him use the car.

A cousin, Thomas Hudson, said after the hearing he didn't think it was fair because Daniels is behind bars with "folks who committed more extensive crimes than he committed."

Holladay Simmons, the veterinarian who treated Louis immediately after he was burned, told the board the dog's wounds were as bad as she had ever seen.

Matt Cooper, the county animal cruelty officer who responded to the call, said after the hearing, "I've worked cases where people let their dog starve to death, but this was the worst case of animal cruelty that I've seen."

Louis stood patiently outside the parole board offices after the hearing as people lined up to pat him on the head.

He nuzzled up to many of his admirers, giving some a big, juicy lick on the face.

## NATIONAL

# NYC mayor supports mosque near WTC at Ramadan

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg says not allowing a mosque to be built near ground zero would be "compromising our commitment to fighting terror with freedom."

The mayor made the comment Tuesday in an impassioned speech at a dinner in observance of Iftar, the daily meal in which Muslims break their fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Bloomberg says a compromise wouldn't end the debate. He says the question would then become "how big should the no-mosque zone around the World Trade Center site be?"

Earlier Tuesday, Archbishop Timothy Dolan said after a meeting with Gov. David Paterson that New Yorkers share values of tolerance and unity but he's worried those values are at risk.

Paterson wants mosque leaders to consider an alternative location.

"We're just a little bit apprehensive that these noble values may be a bit at risk in this way the conversation and debate about the site of the mosque is taking place," Dolan said.

Mosque supporters say religious freedom should be protected.

A national survey underscored the complex views of Americans toward the mosque project, with 51 percent agreeing with opponents of the Muslim center, while 34 percent said they supported it. The poll of 1,003 randomly chosen adults was conducted by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center and showed that a majority, 62 percent, also said Muslims have equal rights to build houses of worship.

Dolan said both sides of the debate have legitimate stances.

"I sure don't have strong feelings on where

the mosque should ultimately be," he said during a brief news conference after meeting with the governor.

They spoke about how religion can be brought to bear on the debate over the proposal in an effort to encourage reconciliation and community, rather than divisiveness, Dolan said, and expressed willingness to be part of the dialogue if asked.

"Do I have any concrete plans or steps? Nope," he said.

New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, who represents the lower Manhattan district where ground zero is, suggested Tuesday that Islamic leaders should move the proposed mosque. Paterson has made the same point.

Organizers have the right to build the center at a building two blocks from ground zero but should be open to compromise, Silver said.

"In the spirit of living with others, they should be cognizant of the feelings of others

and try to find a location that doesn't engender the deep feelings the currently exist about this site," Silver said.

"I think the sponsors should take into very serious consideration the kind of turmoil that's been created and look to compromise," he added.

The developer, meanwhile, was expected to attend a dinner Tuesday night hosted by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has spoken in support of the project. Bloomberg holds the dinner annually to observe Iftar, the daily meal in which Muslims break their fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Paterson has yet to meet with anyone from the Cordoba Initiative, the project's organizer. Its co-founder, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, is on a Mideast trip funded by the U.S. State Department. He alluded to the controversy at a dinner Sunday night for student leaders at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Manama, Bahrain.

"The fact we are getting this kind of attention is a sign of success," he said.

"It is my hope that people will understand more. ... This is something we are doing for your generation."

Rauf also thanked President Barack Obama, who has said Muslims had the right to practice their religion and build the Islamic center in lower Manhattan. The president later said he wasn't endorsing the specifics of the plan.

"I'm grateful to President Obama for his support for the project," said Rauf.

The White House on Tuesday said that Obama would have no further comment on the issue and that the administration will not get involved in talks about relocating the facility.

Republicans have vowed to make Obama's supportive comments a campaign issue in this fall's midterm elections.



AP Photo

Demonstrators in favor of the proposed Islamic center near ground zero make their feelings about the emotionally charged subject known in Manhattan on Sunday.

# Florida a winner in 'Race to the Top' competition

## The state will receive a share of about \$4 billion

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Florida joined eight other states and the District of Columbia Tuesday in winning the second round in the Department of Education's "Race to the Top" competition, which has spurred a wave of education reform across the country.

The 10 applicants have been chosen along with two first-round winners for grants totaling about \$4.35 billion.

Florida's education leaders stated in their application that they want to use the funds to double the percentage of incoming high school freshmen who graduate and go on to college. They also want cut the achievement gap in half by 2015 and increase the percentage of students scoring at or above proficient on the National Assessment of Education Progress.

Florida will be awarded up to \$700 million to accomplish those goals.

"Florida's students, teachers and schools won a great victory today," Gov. Charlie Crist said.

Florida applied for the first round of the competition and was named a finalist, but only Delaware and Tennessee were given initial grants. About \$3.4 billion remained for the second-round winners.

The other winners announced by the Education Department Tuesday are: Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C.

"These states show what is possible when adults come together to do the right thing for children," U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said. "Every state that applied showed a tremendous amount of leadership and a bold commitment to education reform."

Florida's plan calls for making sure teachers are well chosen, trained and held accountable for student achievement. The state's application said teachers will be expected to provide a "culture of rigor" for students and work to improve their practice, by data analysis and peer collaboration.

"With this critical funding secured we

will be able to accelerate the academic progress of our students, provide assistance to our low-performing schools and develop a system that properly recognizes and rewards our hardest working teachers," Education Commissioner Eric Smith said.

In its first round, unions in only five districts supported the state's application, which linked teacher pay to student test scores. In the second round, Gov. Charlie Crist pulled together a working group consistent of union, local and state school leaders, in the end achieving a broad consensus of support.

"This award means the outstanding collaboration in Florida has been recognized," U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor, D-Tampa, said, adding that the award, coupled with \$555 million from an education jobs bill approved by Congress, "will help our financially struggling school districts offer a quality education for Florida children."

The Race to the Top program has been a game changer in education, with states

embarking on ambitious reforms that lifted caps on charter schools and created new teacher evaluations in hopes of boosting their chance of receiving funds. A majority, including Florida, also approved adoption of Common Core standards, the set of uniform reading and math benchmarks created by a coalition of state leaders.

"Competition is something we haven't had in the school system, in terms of competing for dollars," Andy Ford, president of the Florida Education Association, the statewide teacher's union, said. "The federal involvement in education has been on a formula basis, and this is a whole new way of thinking."

Wayne Blanton, executive director of the Florida Association of School Boards, noted that \$700 million spread out over four years is not much in a state that spends \$20 billion a year on K-12 education.

"It will have a small economic effect and a huge policy effect," he said.

Blanton said that there will likely be tough negotiating in the weeks ahead, as states complete agreements with their local unions on the details of their plans.

"Now comes the tough part," he said.



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# Former Fla. governor bashes class cap

■ THE CLASS-SIZE LIMIT WAS IMPOSED IN 2002.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush told Utah officials on Tuesday that there's little evidence to link smaller class sizes and student achievement.

"I do not know of any research that suggests that lower-class size has any impact on student learning until you get down to a significantly lower number," Bush said. "And the research there is very scant."

Bush made the comments about class sizes in response to a question by Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, who was chairing an education meeting Bush was invited to address.

Utah has long been home to the nation's largest class sizes largely because it has the nation's highest birth rate and spends less per student than any other state. In the 2008-2009 school year, the most recent year for which comparable statistics were available, there were 23.7 students for every teacher, about eight more than the national average.

Herbert is keenly aware of that fact as he enters his first election on the top of the GOP ticket, with his Democratic rival planning to make education one of the race's key is-

sues.

In 2002, Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment capping class sizes that Bush — who was governor from 1999 to 2007 — vigorously opposed. Previously, class size averages were calculated at the schoolwide level.

The toughest requirements of the Florida amendment goes into effect this week.

"Every class in every school in every district in the state has to meet that mandate," Bush said. "You can think of the logistical challenge. ... It's going to be a nightmare."

Bush is working to get Florida voters to approve an amendment on this year's ballot that would loosen the class-size requirements.

A Harvard University study released in May said Florida's class size amendment has had no discernible effect on student achievement.

The Florida Education Association, the statewide teachers union which supports the amendment, however, dismissed the study when it came out. It said it was biased because it came from a program linked to Bush.

Utah Superintendent Larry Shumway said there's significant research to show class size has the greatest impact on minority students.



## Sweet Victory

Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, R-San Diego, right, receives congratulations from state Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Los Angeles, on the passage of his measure to increase the penalties for convicted child molesters, which was approved by the Senate, at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., on Tuesday. The bill, known as Chelsea's Law, would reserve life without parole for adult predators who kidnap, drug, bind, torture or use a weapon while committing a sex crime against a child. The bill was named after 17-year-old Chelsea King, who was murdered in San Diego County by a convicted child molester out on parole earlier in the year. Seated in state Sen. Denise Ducheny, D-San Diego.

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## NATIONAL

# Pet evacuation a priority in post-Katrina New Orleans

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The moment cut sharply through the chaos, suffering and fear of Hurricane Katrina — a small boy sobbed hysterically as he was separated from his dog Snowball while departing the wretched Louisiana Superdome.

Snowball was one of thousands of pets split up from their owners after the storm struck Aug. 29, 2005, and the story triggered an outpouring of help to save stranded animals and reunite them with their families.

The heart-wrenching tale also spawned new state and federal laws allowing evacuees to take their pets with them.

"For the first time, there was the realization of the strength of the human-animal bond," said Ana Zorrilla, CEO of the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "That sparked incredible changes on state and federal levels requiring that pets be included in all evacuation plans."

Congress passed the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act in 2006, requiring plans for the evacuation of pets, as well as people.

The act was tested in 2008 during Hurricane Gustav, and it worked.

Crates for pets were placed at evacuation pickup points. Animals and their owners were banded with matching computer codes, and the animals were taken to the same locations as their owners, allowing them to spend time together.

But things didn't go as smoothly three

years earlier as the dirty water rose in New Orleans streets.

People were rescued, but countless times they had to leave their pets behind as helicopters plucked them from rooftops or boats drove them to safety.

Sandra Henry, 58, floated with her black lab, Tasha, to a rescue point where helicopters were ferrying victims to dry land.

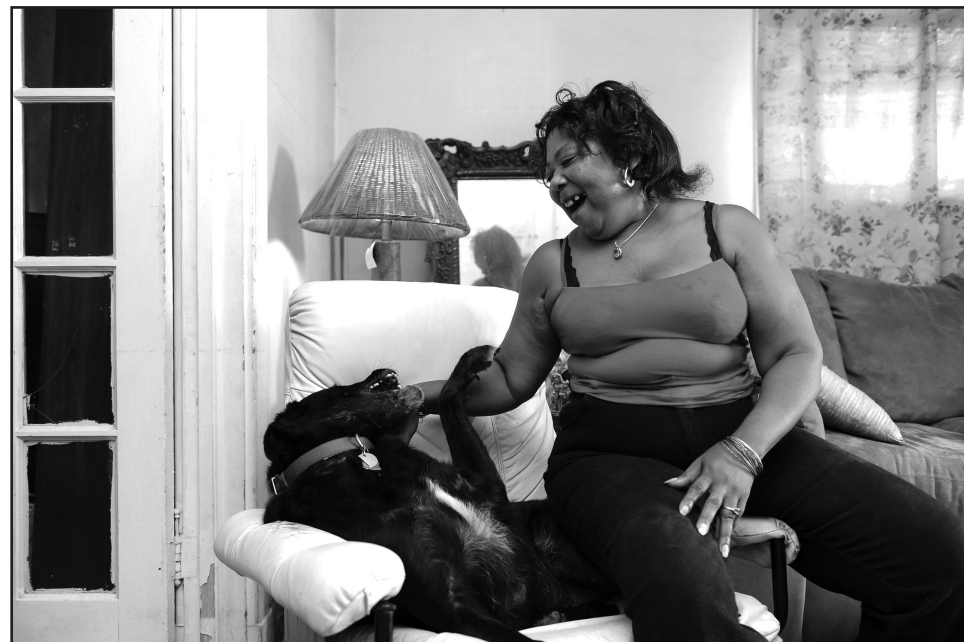
Along with an 87-year-old disabled woman and about a dozen relatives, Hen-

ry was rescued, but had to leave Tasha.

"I took Tasha home, crying all the way," Henry said. "I left all the food I had out and opened the doors and windows. Leaving her here was so hard, but what else could I do?"

It took almost two years for Henry and Tasha to be reunited. The dog had been adopted and living in Colorado.

"I thought about her every day," Henry said. "When she got home she knew me right away."



AP Photo

Sandra Henry and her dog Tasha, who were reunited two years after Hurricane Katrina, hang out at their home in New Orleans, Monday, Aug. 23, 2010.

It wasn't long before the poignant pictures and stories of abandoned pets had volunteer animal rescuers joining the search for stranded people. Houses were spray-painted with information about bodies found and pets rescued.

The SPCA and 200 other organizations saved more than 8,000 pets after the hurricane. MuttsShack, which was formed because of Katrina, rescued more than 3,000. SPCA supporters also donated more than \$15 million to assist animal rescue efforts and to rebuild Gulf Coast shelters following Hurricane Katrina.

But some of the pets weren't so lucky.

Glenda Smith left her dogs, Max, a Jack Russell terrier, and Zack, a Chesapeake retriever, at home.

Her neighbors were riding out the storm and were to take care of them, she said. Her dogs were rescued, but when she got to the facility where they were being held, only Zack was waiting.

"I can't believe after all this time it's still so painful," Smith said. "I just hope whoever has him loves him as much as I do."

Snowball was also lost.

He was taken from his family as they scrambled through a long line for a bus that would take them away from the heat, stench and misery of the Superdome where thousands of those who couldn't make it out of the city were stranded. As the little boy wept and called his dog's name, his father swept him up in his arms and moved on in the line, unwilling to sacrifice a spot on the bus.

## OIL SPILL

## Federal panel hears about Halliburton's BP warning

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Federal investigators probing the blowout that led to the Gulf oil spill grilled a Halliburton official Tuesday about concerns the petroleum services firm raised over the potential for a severe gas flow problem if a BP plan was used.

Halliburton and BP were at odds over a key device, known as a centralizer, that is used as part of the process to plug a deepwater well like the oil giant was doing at the time of the disaster. Halliburton's well design expert testified he told BP officials April 15 — five days before the well blew — that fewer centralizers would cause a bigger gas flow problem.

Centralizers are meant to ensure casing runs down the center of the well bore. If casing strings are cemented off-center, there is a risk that a channel of drilling fluid or contaminated cement will be left where the casing contacts the oil formation, creating an imperfect seal.

BP rejected Halliburton's recommendation to use 21 centralizers. Instead, BP used six centralizers.

The April 20 blowout of BP's undersea well, which killed 11 work-

ers and caused 206 million gallons of oil to spew, was triggered by a bubble of methane gas that escaped from the well and shot up the drill column, expanding quickly as it burst through several seals and barriers before exploding, according to interviews with rig workers conducted during BP's internal investigation and obtained by The Associated Press in May.

E-mails released by Congress in June show that a BP engineering official conveyed Halliburton's conclusions to a BP well team leader and his own concerns that BP needed to install the extra centralizers. The well team leader responded he didn't like the idea because it would take 10 hours to install them.

"BP then in turn decided not to run the additional centralizers without consulting me or their in-house specialists," Jesse Gagliano, the Halliburton official, told members of the joint U.S. Coast Guard-Bureau of Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement investigative panel.

Tuesday's testimony was part of the panel's fourth session of hearings aimed at determining the cause of the explosion and how regulation, safety and oversight can be

improved.

After answering questions posed by the Coast Guard and other panel members, Gagliano was grilled by attorneys representing some of the other parties involved, including BP. The oil giant's attorney often took on a sarcastic tone, repeating questions and responding with disbelief at times to Gagliano's answers.

Gagliano was asked to read the e-mail he received April 20, about three hours before the well blew out, from Halliburton's engineer on board the rig. "We have completed the job and it went well," the rig-bound engineer wrote to Gagliano. The attorney noted the engineer made no reference to gas flow problems or BP's decision to use fewer centralizers.

Pointing to another 12-page document, prepared by Gagliano, the attorney asked if it reflected his "best engineering judgment and analysis."

"No, this reflects what was actually pumped," Gagliano answered. "No, my best engineering analysis

would have been to run 21 centralizers."

In addition to operating the Deepwater Horizon rig that exploded, BP owned a majority interest in the ruptured undersea well. Transocean Ltd. owned the rig. Anadarko Petroleum held a minority interest in the well.

The documents released in June include a series of e-mail exchanges between BP well team leader John Guide and BP drilling engineering team leader Gregory Walz. In an April 16 e-mail, Walz said he had located an additional 15 centralizers in Houston and could fly them out to the Deepwater Horizon.

Suggesting he knew he would get some resistance, Walz added: "I do not like or want to disrupt your operations and I am a full believer that the rig needs only one team leader. I know the planning has been lagging behind the operations and I have to turn that around. I apologize if I have over step my bounds."

Later the same day, Guide panned the idea in part because of the time it would take to install the extra centralizers. "I do not like this," Guide wrote in an e-mail to Walz.

Nathaniel Chaisson, a Halliburton cementer who was on the rig assisting with the job, said he saw the additional centralizers on board the rig, but BP still decided against using them.

Also Tuesday, a Transocean official said a high-ranking employee indicated a pressure test problem had been resolved hours before BP's Gulf of Mexico well blew out.

Daun Winslow told the government panel that there was confusion among workers in the drill shack, who were talking before the explosion about a negative pressure test, a procedure typically done before a well is plugged. Later in his testimony, Winslow backtracked, saying instead he would characterize what was happening in the room as a "discussion" rather than confusion.

Winslow said he left while the drill team and tool pushers were discussing the pressure test to avoid disturbing them. He said the highest-ranking Transocean person on the rig later gave him a "thumbs up," indicating it had been resolved.

BP drilling engineer Brian Morel invoked his constitutional right not to answer questions before the panel Tuesday.



Gagliano

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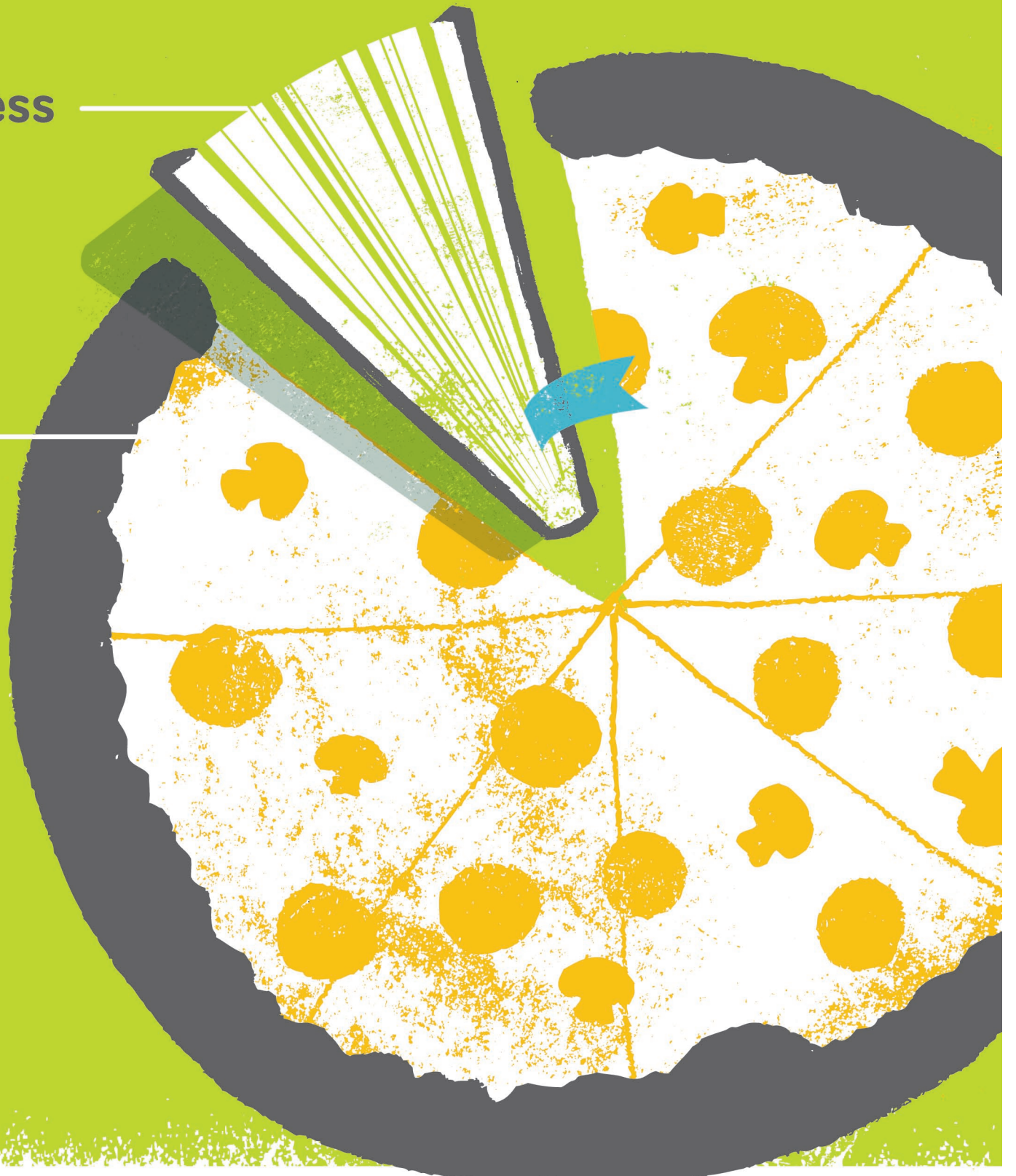
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5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In what country is the airline company Aer Lingus based?
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7. COMICS: What was the name of Superman's pet monkey?
8. LEGAL: What is a codicil?
9. MOVIES: What was the name of the main character (played by Mel Gibson) in "Braveheart"?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the abbreviation P.S. stand for?

**Answers**

1. 12 years
2. Santa's Little Helper
3. Carapace
4. Nemesis
5. Ireland
6. Cuba
7. Beppo
8. Addition to a will
9. William Wallace
10. Postscript

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## Veterans being counted on to ground freshmen

By **KYLE MAISTRI**  
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Senior offensive lineman Mike Pouncey has some advice for Florida's highly touted recruiting class.

And it has nothing to do with adjusting to the speed of college football, living away from home for the first time or better understanding the game.

"At the end of the day the freshmen need to just shut their mouth and come play," Pouncey said. "They haven't done anything on Saturday, and most of the fans don't even know who they are. So, until they prove themselves, they just need to sit back and let the older guys play."

The Gators brought in the second-best recruiting class in the nation, according to Rivals.com, signing four five-star and 17 four-star players.

Three of those five-star prospects — Dominique Easley, Sharrif Floyd and Ronald Powell — are defensive linemen, which has led to plenty of expectations and hyperbole for the group.

"Ronald Powell is Chris Bosh, Sharrif [Floyd] is Dwyane Wade and I'm LeBron [James]," Easley said at UF's Media Day, drawing a comparison to the Miami Heat's free-agent class.

Pouncey said the trio isn't as cocky as some of the other freshmen, but Easley's quote shows a little of bit of what concerns Urban Meyer with the season opener less than two weeks away.

"You have 25 young players — or whatever it is — that think they're going to go dominate the way they did in high school, and they have no idea what's about to hit them," Meyer said.

Meyer has a reputation for playing his

best players regardless of seniority, and that won't be any different this season.

The veteran players are counted on to make sure the rookies understand how demanding a college football season can be.

"You don't want to beat up on them and tear down their confidence, you want to help them," redshirt senior Carl Johnson said. "You want to show your dominance but also be a great teammate. So I think that's one thing veteran guys do here.

"It's kind of like a father-son lesson."

Redshirt senior linebacker A.J. Jones remembers coming in with the 2006 recruiting class that included Tim Tebow, Percy Harvin and Brandon Spikes.

Jones said his class, which also included Johnson, was just as cocky, but the older players on the team helped humble them and let them know that their time would come.

"A lot of them come in [cocky]. A lot got to adjust fast," Jones said. "Us older guys just try to tell them, 'We had to wait our turn to play. It was rough

at the beginning, but just keep working hard and everything will get better."

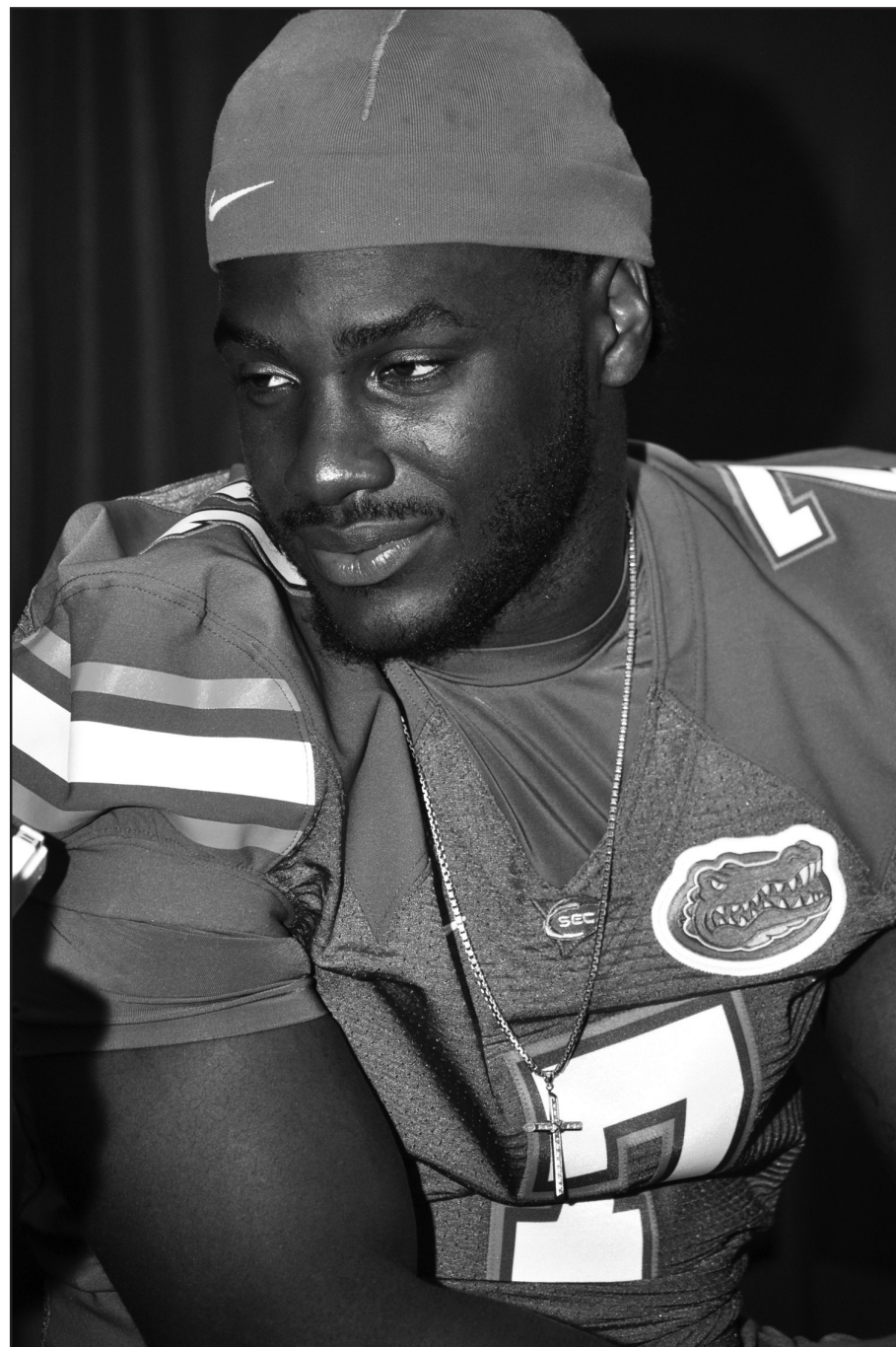
Meyer said this recruiting class might come across more arrogant or entitled than previous classes simply because there are so many heralded freshmen — 25 to be exact, after Jordan Haden and Adrian Coxson decided to transfer.

Arrogance aside, having that many freshmen who can potentially contribute to winning right away is a good problem for a head coach.

"That's kind of standard operating procedure when you get a highly recruited player, but it seems like we have more of them, which is good," Meyer said. "They'll learn to do it."



**Football**



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UF defensive end Ronald Powell is part of this season's freshmen class, which was ranked No. 2 in the nation by Rivals.com.

## Meaningless early polls determine meaningful postseason rankings

If you flipped through Tuesday's sports section, you saw the college football top-25 polls from each of our four columnists.

If you read mine, you already know it better than I do. I mailed it in. By that, I mean I told our esteemed editor, Anthony Chiang, to do it for me (he'll be writing my papers and letting me steal his lunch this semester too).

As much as I like making Chiang do things for me, I would rather have abstained.

I'm not qualified to rank the best 25 teams in the nation. Odds are, you aren't either, nor are most of the media members in the Associated Press poll.

There are too many teams, too many players and too



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Sure, I spend large parts of my day talking and writing about the Gators, but I've yet to see them so much as run a

many question marks about all of them to make accurate predictions on a wide scale. Beyond that, no teams have played a down of football yet, so it's all based on hype and who is supposed to be good.

I know one team well enough to make a guess about how its season will go: Florida.

And even with UF, I'm hardly an expert.

sprint because fall practices are closed to the media.

So how can I know how good they are until they play? It's all speculation, and that's all preseason polls are.

That makes for some interesting debate — a large part of the entertainment factor of sports — but here's where it turns from me being a buzzkill to a real problem.

In college football, polls actually matter.

Unlike an NFL power poll, college rankings affect who gets to play for the national championship. The USA Today coaches' poll, Harris poll and computer rankings all play a part in the BCS formula.

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### TEERING OFF WITH KYLE MAISTRI

■ Oregon State offensive lineman Patrick Thomas was kicked off the team after police found him naked and intoxicated in a stranger's home. Police used stun guns after Thomas dropped into a three-point stance and lunged at the officers. Coach Mike Riley was understandably disappointed in his actions, as he preaches a four-point stance in such a scenario.

### UF SOCCER

■ Gators midfielder Tahnai Annis was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week. She scored two goals against UCF on Sunday. This is the second time she has earned the honor.

### QUOTABLE



"He's like a modern-day [Cornelius Ingram], but in smaller form. ... It's fun watching him and seeing those little defensive backs try to tackle someone that big."

Carl Johnson  
UF offensive lineman

## UF VOLLEYBALL

## Brown to start at setter despite never playing position

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When freshman setter Chanel Brown steps onto the court for Florida's opening match, she will instantly accomplish a number of career firsts.

The first match of her collegiate career, her first career start and her first non-club match at a new position all figure to come in the team's first game, and all in front of the biggest crowd she's ever played for.

Still, Brown isn't feeling an ounce of unwanted stress.

"I really like the pressure," Brown said. "I just like working hard, and going toward a goal of winning."

After four years of playing outside hitter at Chandler (Ariz.) Valley Christian High, Brown consulted with many of her current and future coaches.

To maximize her potential at the next level, Brown switched to setter.

Evidently those coaches were right. It took Brown just a single club season and

a few weeks of practice to earn the role of starting setter on one of the nation's top teams.

"We thought she had a chance to see playing time right away, but when we first started recruiting her we didn't project her to start as a freshman," coach Mary Wise said. "She's doing exactly what you want in college sports, and that's when the opportunity presents itself to take full advantage of it."

Although Brown was a 2009 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American who led the nation in kills as an outside hitter, her height (5-foot-9) meant it would be necessary to make a positional switch if she were to successfully transition to the college game.

Wise, like many other coaches Brown encountered during the recruiting process, decided she would fit perfectly into the setter role due to her foot speed and athleticism.

"Her physical traits and leadership skills are really tailor-made for the setting

position," Wise said. "It's not a stretch to think that Chanel could be the best back-row defensive setter that we've had here in this program."

Because her skills fit the position perfectly, Brown has been able to make the transition with relative ease.



Brown

Even though the terminology, speed of the game and quality of athletes have all presented challenges, Brown is happy she made the move.

"It's been an amazing experience," Brown said.

"I love the transition from outside hitter to setter, and I wouldn't change back.

"I love running the offense, the fast pace of everything, and being able to play with such amazing athletes."

Brown's step up to the collegiate level would have been a difficult one even without the positional change, as she moved from a small Arizona private school to one

of the most heavily populated public universities in the country.

After four years of playing in front of just a few dozen fans in her high school gymnasium, the freshman will jump to the O'Connell Center, which drew more than 2,500 fans for last season's home opener.

"The Orange and Blue game was the biggest crowd I've played for so far," Brown said. "But I'm not even nervous, I'm just excited to go out there and play for Gator Nation and for all the fans that come out and support all of us."

It should come as no surprise that Brown isn't feeling any pressure, as the 2009 Arizona State Championship MVP once notched an astounding 26 kills and 19 digs in the biggest match of her life, leading her team to a come-from-behind victory in the championship match.

"That state game was very intense and so much fun to be in," Brown said. "I'm so proud of my high school team that we came out and won state, but now it's a national championship we're looking for."

## Bowden: 'I was pushed out, no doubt about it'

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NEW YORK — Bobby Bowden did not want to retire.

"Fired might be a little too strong," the former Florida State coach said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press. "Pushed out ain't bad. I was pushed out, no doubt about it. I didn't want but one more year. Gosh, I'm 80."

The coach doesn't act bitter, but he wants to make sure the record is straight.

"I didn't want them to spread the story that I voluntarily, happily resigned," said Bowden, who was in New York to begin a promotional tour for his new book, "Called to Coach."

The affable Alabama native rolled up 389 victories (though 12 were vacated by the NCAA), second behind Joe Paterno in major college football in a 44-year head coaching career.

But Florida State went 38-28 in his last five seasons and the board of trustees and then-university president T.K. Wetherell thought after last season it was time for a change.

Bowden said Wetherell presented him with two alternatives.

"Number one, you can stay as ambassador coach. I don't think I've ever heard of an ambassador coach in my life. I said, 'Well, what is an ambassador coach?'"

"He said, 'Well, you can remain the head coach but you can't coach out on the field.'

Now how can I be the head coach of this team if I can't go out on the field? So I said, 'Well that's out.'

"So I said, 'What's the next alternative?' The next alternative, we ain't going to renew your contract," Bowden said with a big laugh. "Does that sound like I resigned?"

When Bowden was an assistant coach at Florida State in the 1960s, he coached Wetherell and got to know his family.

"He and I were pretty close," Bowden said. "I thought I was safe."

Bowden said his relationship with Wetherell has likely been irreparably damaged.

"I doubt if I'll have a relationship with T.K. anymore," he said.

Wetherell acknowledged that ultimately it was his decision to remove Bowden and let Jimbo Fisher, who had already been designated Bowden's successor, take over in 2010.

"Of course I made the decision, who else could have?" Wetherell told the AP.

While Bowden was not allowed to end his career on his own terms, he insists he doesn't miss coaching.

"I love Florida State," he said. "I'll be pulling for them. I'll be pulling for Jimbo. I didn't want to sit there and be looking over his shoulder."

"People have to make the transition from me to him."



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Former Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden racked up 389 wins in a 44-year head coaching career, but went just 38-28 in his last five seasons at FSU.

## MIKE, from page 20

Coaches don't have nearly enough time to watch every team around the country (not to mention they have their own agendas), computers can't watch football games, and I've heard enough press-box chatter during the last three years to know that media votes are often made without much research.

In politics, we have a law mandating that candidates have the opportunity for equal airtime on radio and television. That doesn't exist in college football.

While the AP poll doesn't have a direct effect on the BCS and the Harris poll doesn't kick in until a few weeks into the season, preseason rankings do affect how we judge a team's performance as the year wears on.

I don't want to turn this into another column begging for a playoff (seriously though, please?) but I hate that the

sport's champion is partially decided by votes rather than on the field.

A day before the AP poll came out (with UF at No. 4), a reporter asked Florida defensive end Justin Trattou what he thought the rankings would be.

"That means absolutely nothing because we're still going to go out and play the season," he said.

I agree completely. I just wish the polls were still meaningless after the season has played out.

## RECRUITING

## Gators receive oral commitment from four-star recruit

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With the recent string of Tampa Plant High athletes making their oral commitments in the last two weeks, one more decided to join the fun.

Without the flair and hoopla that came with the announcements of schoolmates James Wilder Jr., Phillip Ely and Tony Posada — all football players, four-star junior shooting guard Michael Frazier orally committed to play for the Gators late Monday night.

According to Bob Horodyski, Frazier's AAU coach, Frazier committed early because he wanted to finish the recruiting process and all the mail and phone calls that go with being a sought-after recruit. He chose UF because of

the proximity to his family and the chance to play for coach Billy Donovan and the program he built.

His decision makes him Donovan's first recruit for the class of 2012.

"I was a little surprised that he committed this early," Horodyski said. "But it was probably a smart thing to do. He felt comfortable with Billy (Donovan). ... I think he's got a great opportunity at Florida."

Listed at 6-foot-4, Frazier is rated by Rivals.com as the 13th-best two guard in the class of 2012.

He received offers from nearly a dozen schools and, according to Horodyski, even garnered attention from Duke and North Carolina.

As a sophomore at Plant last season, Frazier averaged 26.7 points per game, while also

pulling down almost eight boards per contest. After scoring 695 points last year, Frazier became the first sophomore in Hillsborough County history to surpass the 1,000 career points mark.

"He's probably one of the best shooters I've ever coached," Horodyski said. "He's got deep range, and not only can he shoot open jump shots, but he can rise and shoot over people ... with pretty good accuracy. He's a marksman, no doubt about it. He can flat out shoot the ball."

Horodyski said Frazier's shooting touch reminds him of former UF guard Kenyan Weaks. During his four seasons at UF, Weaks shot nearly 43 percent from

beyond the arc, making him one of the most prolific shooters in school history.

While Horodyski heaped praise on Frazier's offensive game, adding that he is adept at attacking the basket and finishing well with both hands, he said the 180-pound guard needs to work on his defense and ball-handling skills.

However, he still has two seasons to perfect those facets of his game before enrolling at UF, Horodyski said. In addition to basketball, Frazier also serves as the director of the choir at his father's church.

"As great a basketball player as he is, and he'll become, he's probably a better person," Horodyski said. "That's rare to come by these days."

*Oral commitments are non-binding until on or after National Signing Day.*



Donovan

## Dolphins to rely on pair of second-year cornerbacks

■ MIAMI RANKED LAST IN YARDS ALLOWED PER PASS LAST SEASON.

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DAVIE — Miami Dolphins cornerback Sean Smith started all 16 games as a rookie and broke up a dozen passes but failed to catch any. His interception total: zero.

Did he find it frustrating to be shut out? Embarrassing? Shocking?

"I'm going to go with all of the above," Smith said. "It took awhile for me to get over it."

Such are the growing pains for a young cornerback, whose every misstep can become fodder for highlight shows. The Dolphins had rookies at both cornerback spots last year, one reason they ranked last in the league in yards allowed per pass.

Smith and Vontae Davis are back for a second season, looking to make more plays and fewer mistakes. Their anticipated improvement would help solidify a Miami defense revamped after a disappointing 2009 season.

"If those two guys compete every play like we know they can, we'll be a very good defense," strong safety Jeremiah Bell says. "If they clamp down, it means more sacks for the d-line and more interceptions for the safeties and line-

backers. It makes life so much easier."

The Dolphins made the two young cornerbacks their top draft choices in 2009 with the expectation the team would be set at the position for years.

Davis joined Smith in the starting lineup in October as a replacement for veteran Will Allen, who underwent season-ending knee surgery.

"When we first came in, everybody was comparing us to Surtain and Madison," Smith says. "Those are real big shoes. And when you give up a touchdown, and the crowd is on your back and yelling things, it would be easy for a guy to tank it."

"Even the best get beat. We understand that. You have to be the most arrogant guys on the field sometimes."



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# Columnist Predictions

## Brantley will be Heisman runner-up

Florida is coming into the season with more questions than answers, but I'm about to fix that.

The Gators are going to lose one game in the regular season and it won't be against Alabama. They will rout Miami (Ohio) and interstate "rival" USF before getting into the meat of their schedule.

Next, they will go on the road to play Tennessee, but UF will blow that one open in the second half. The Vols are throwing out junior college transfer Matt Simms to be their quarterback — no, that's not a good thing for Tennessee.

UF's next game will be dedicated to Tim Tebow as it goes up against Kentucky, the team that gave him the concussion. If that wasn't enough to motivate the Gators to a blowout victory, they are facing a coach named Joker.

These first four games will be crucial to quarterback John Brantley's success. By this time he will have cemented his name in the Heisman Trophy race, amassing 1,100 passing yards and 10 touchdown passes.

But his next game will be the true test.

Alabama will be close, but UF will win this one. The Crimson Tide won't be as strong as analysts predict. It loses eight of its 11 starters on defense and Florida will expose that as Brantley continues his surge to prominence with 275 yards passing in the contest.

At this point, the Gators will be ranked



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No. 2. They will turn that momentum into a close win over LSU before slipping up against Mississippi State in their homecoming game. I know it sounds crazy, but Florida has fallen to a team from the Southeastern Conference West in each of the last 11 seasons, and former Gators offensive coordinator Dan Mullen will come up with a great game plan to baffle the Gators defense.

UF will blow through its next four games before making the trip up to Tallahassee to earn a hard-fought victory against FSU.

That will bring the Gators to the rematch everybody will be waiting for — UF and Alabama in the SEC Championship Game.

The Crimson Tide will take this one, which will leave Florida playing in the Sugar Bowl for a second straight year.

Brantley will end the season with at least 3,500 passing yards and 40 touchdowns through the air — just enough to make fans forget about their beloved Tebow for a year.

UF will finish second in the SEC standings, and Brantley will be the runner up for the Heisman Trophy.

## Freshmen to make impact on D

Since the Sugar Bowl in January, almost all talk concerning Florida has surrounded new quarterback John Brantley. But the Gators face a more pressing issue than replacing Tim Tebow. The team lost two linebackers, two defensive ends, two defensive backs and the coordinator from a unit that held opponents to 12.4 points per game.

Up front, the Gators have plenty of options, including several backups from last year's team. But, on paper, no players have excited fans more than freshmen Ronald Powell, Dominique Easley and Sharrif Floyd. The super trio — along with Chris Martin, a California signee who transferred to Florida on July 20 — was christened by some recruiting analysts as "The Greatest Defensive Line Class Ever (or until our hyperbole gets out of control again next year)."

Coach Urban Meyer has tried to curb fans' enthusiasm since training camp opened, calling his freshman class "an OK group" and saying Powell in particular has not played well enough to earn meaningful minutes this season.

But Rivals.com listed Powell as the No. 1 overall recruit in the nation for a reason, so expect the defensive end to adapt to whatever problems are holding him back. He's 248 pounds and ran a 4.52-forty at some high school combines. He returned a blocked kick for a touchdown and also caught one in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. High school pictures revealed he



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has eight-pack abs! He will start by Sept. 18, when Florida plays Tennessee.

Also expect to see a lot of first-year safety Matt Elam, the brother of Cleveland Browns safety Abram Elam and the No. 2 recruit at

his position, according to Rivals. Meyer said Elam reported to the team "doughy" this summer but got back in shape before camp started.

Elam will stay behind Ahmad Black and Will Hill on the depth chart, but he should see the field in the "Magic" package, which is just the 2010 version of the "Joker" package.

But even with both those players emerging, the defense will not post numbers similar to last season. Excluding the Southeastern Conference Championship Game, the 2009 unit was special, and replacing Joe Haden, Brandon Spikes and Ryan Stamper will be tough.

Speaking of that one misstep, forget the Alabama game this season. You know it will be hyped, but the more important matchup will be against a Georgia team hungry to bounce back after a couple bad years.

When the Gators win their third straight meeting against the Bulldogs, Florida will face Alabama for a second time in 2010.

## Henry will win Ray Guy Award

It all seemed so preordained a season ago. The Gators would play in the Southeastern Championship Game and a BCS bowl game, and Timmy would end his season in New York, pushing for another Heisman Trophy.

Not everyone saw the season going the exact same way, but those three things were almost givens from the very beginning.

This year, nothing is a given.

Except for wins against Miami (Ohio), USF and Appalachian State. Although, I'm sure Michigan said the same thing before becoming the victim of the biggest upset in college football history.

Florida has enough talent to contend for another national championship, but many of the players that will be relied upon are inexperienced.

John Brantley has never started a game, Deonte Thompson is the only wide receiver or tight end with more than 14 career receptions and the defense is replacing six starters.

Looking at the home schedule, I don't see the Gators losing more than once in The Swamp. If they do drop a home game, I think the Nov. 13 matchup with South Carolina will be the one.

The road schedule is a different story. Traveling to Tuscaloosa to play Alabama looks like a loss on paper, but I wouldn't put it past UF to pull an upset. Not that I'm predicting that to happen.

Games against Georgia in Jacksonville and Florida State in Tallahassee won't be



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easy, but I don't expect Florida to lose more than one of those.

So, I'll put the team at 10-2, which will be good enough to earn a return trip to the SEC Championship Game and a rematch with Ala-

bama. 'Bama will send UF home from Atlanta with a loss, landing the Gators in the Sugar Bowl for the second consecutive season, and giving me another week in New Orleans.

Individually, I like wide receiver Omarius Hines, running back Mike Gillislee and defensive end Justin Trattou to have breakout years to varying degrees — First Team All-SEC would be a breakout year for Trattou, while a 600-yard season would qualify the same for Hines or Gillislee.

Brantley will be as good as advertised, meaning the bulk of the team's yardage comes through the air and not on the ground. I don't see him hoisting a bronze statue at the end of the season, though.

The previous 350 or so words are just one person's best guess at what to expect out of this season, but I will leave you with one thing I know for sure: Punter Chas Henry will be better as his position than any other Gator at his respective position. The Ray Guy Award seems inevitable.

## UF to lose to 'Cocks, 'Noles

Florida will go 11-3, finishing 2010 with a repeat of last year's SEC Championship Game loss and Sugar Bowl win.

In the words of Vicky Valencourt: "That ain't no guess! That's what it's gonna be."

Of course, that's probably wrong, but here's how I see the season going.

Florida will pummel poor, defenseless Miami (Ohio) and pull away late in the second half against USF and wonder-coach Skip Holtz.

Tennessee and Kentucky aren't good, so that should give the Gators time to work out all their position battles and get quarterback John Brantley some experience before The Game in Tuscaloosa.

Check this out: they're going to beat the Crimson Tide. UF is going to show up big-time for that one while 'Bama comes in after a tough road game at Arkansas. It'll come down to a few key plays, and Florida will make them.

Property damage across the state of Alabama will be devastating.

Four more SEC wins later, the 9-0 Gators are the toast of college football until Steve Spurrier and his mighty Gamecocks show up in The Swamp and ruin everything.

The band Hootie & the Blowfish, which formed at USC, will reunite and write a song about it. Spurrier will say something funny after the game.

If you're keeping score at home, you've noticed I have UF losing one more regular



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season game, which means...

FSU will beat Florida.

I know that sounds impossible after what's happened in the past few years, but quarterback Christian Ponder is awesome,

and it has to happen eventually. Jimbo Fisher tricks everyone into thinking he's a good coach with a huge win in front of the home crowd.

The Gators still get into the SEC Championship because South Carolina falls to Auburn and Alabama, but the Tide wins the rematch and UF goes back to the Sugar Bowl.

I do lots of drinking on Bourbon Street and sing karaoke at Cats Meow (Tim McGraw's "Something Like That").

The Sugar Bowl doesn't really matter, but Florida will probably clown some overmatched Big East team.

All in all, I'd consider that a solid season for a team that lost as many key players as the Gators did, but I'm sure the idea of losing to the 'Noles is vomit-inducing for most of you.

Those are 26 predictions for this year, and I personally guarantee two of them to be true: UF will beat Miami (Ohio), and Spurrier will say something really, really funny.

# Role of backup QBs takes form

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Gators fans have known for more than a year who would start at quarterback in 2010.

But the pecking order after John Brantley was murky until Monday, when coach Urban Meyer said Tyler Murphy is taking snaps with the second-team offense while Trey Burton has been used in the wildcat position. Both backups are true freshmen.

Florida surprised some fans by offering Murphy a scholarship in January, as the Wethersfield, Conn., product was previously committed to Temple, a team in the Mid-American Conference with just one winning season since 1991.

Meyer said he thinks Murphy has the potential to be a good quarterback but admitted the team has a problem with two inexperienced players waiting behind Brantley, a problem that would be amplified should the starter get injured this season.

"There's a question about how long [Murphy has] been playing quarterback," Meyer said. "He's got a great arm and he's a pretty mature kid, but he's just not experienced. This is all new to him."

Giving Murphy the nod at quarterback was not necessarily a slight to Burton, who could be used in several positions this season.

In addition to fielding snaps, Burton has lined up at the flexback position and Meyer even hinted at making him the lead blocker on kick returns this season.

"He's a total ball player," offensive coordinator Steve Addazio said. "He lines up, he's taking snaps, direct runs... he's powerful, he's smart, he's a really good athlete, he has great hands. I

would say that's been really fun to watch develop here over the last five, six days."

Tight ends coach Brian White added he is impressed with Burton's ability to adapt to new positions.

"He's a really unselfish guy," White said. "He wants to help this football team win in whatever role coach Addazio, coach Meyer devise for him."

**Offensive line shakeup:** Senior Mike Pouncey said there is a good chance he will play tackle early this season as Xavier Nixon and Matt Patchan recover from injuries. Pouncey expected to replace his brother, Maurkice, at center this season.

"I feel like I'm a great player wherever I play at, and I just want to win."

**Mike Pouncey**  
UF offensive lineman

Nixon suffered a left knee injury while Patchan is rehabbing from a broken right wrist. The pair was competing for the starting left tackle position.

Patchan has returned to practice but was held out of contract drills, Meyer said Monday.

If neither player is ready by the season opener Sept. 4, Pouncey said he would move to right tackle. Marcus Gilbert, expected to play on the right side, would switch to left tackle, and sophomore Sam Robey would play center.

UF offensive linemen practice multiple positions in the preseason to accommodate for injured starters once games begin, and Pouncey said he doesn't mind switching positions.

"I feel like I'm a great player wherever I play at," he said, "and I just want to win."



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Coaches want to use freshman Trey Burton all over the field this season. He has lined up behind center and at the flexback position in practice.

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