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# North America's largest poinsettia sale returns Thursday



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

**MINA RADMAN**  
 Alligator Writer

Its large red leaves are synonymous with Christmas. It's seen in photographs with snow-frosted edges.

But in the six greenhouses behind Fifield Hall, the poinsettia can be found in a variety of colors and sizes, from hot pink "Luv-U-Pink" to bright pink and red "Ice Punch."

More than 6,000 plants have been grown in the heated greenhouses during four months, and

*"Without the sale, I don't know what would happen to the club."*

**Gina DeFalco**  
 environmental horticulture senior

3,000 of them will be sold Thursday and Friday in the 16th annual Poinsettia Show and Sale.

The sale is the UF Environmental Horticulture Club's largest fundraiser and the largest poinsettia sale in North America, according to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

The sale helps fund the club's international horticulture trips and the national horticulture competi-

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The UF Environmental Horticulture Club is selling poinsettias at the greenhouses behind Fifield Hall on Thursday and Friday. It is the largest poinsettia sale in North America, according to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

## LIFESTYLE

# Students celebrate holidays with annual family traditions

**MEREDITH RUTLAND**  
 Alligator Staff Writer

Adam Rozenberg's family gathers every year on Christmas Eve to roast a pig.

Nha-Uyen Hua's family of about 25 crowds in her grandmother's house, where her aunts and uncles tell the young ones about immigrating to the U.S.

Kevin French's family decorates the tree — the "Hanukkah bush" — with silver and blue.

These are but a few of the traditions UF students will celebrate in the coming weeks.

Soon, exams and final papers will be but laments on students' lips as they lounge on their couches.

During that time of relaxation, some students will celebrate their families' traditions — whether the traditions are centuries-old customs or recent family habits.

Rozenberg, a 19-year-old electrical engineering sophomore, said he isn't sure why his Cuban family roasts a pig every Christmas Eve.

It starts simply — a gathering at his uncle's place — but, soon enough, someone breaks out the alcohol and everybody gets drunk.

*"I want free A's."*

**Kevin French**  
 materials science and engineering freshman

The next day, he'll wake up at 8 a.m. as a joke to bother his sleeping parents.

His mother gets preemptive revenge by pestering him weeks beforehand to put up decorations, he said.

Hua, a 19-year-old microbiology freshman, said her family drives to her grandmother's

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# FDA to discuss risk of some birth control pills

**► SOME PILLS, SUCH AS YAZ AND YASMIN, MAY INCREASE RISK OF BLOOD CLOTS.**

**CLARE LENNON**  
 Alligator Writer

U.S. Food and Drug Administration committees plan to meet Thursday to discuss the risks of some birth control pills, including Yaz and Yasmin.

Birth control pills that include drospirenone might be associated with an increased risk of blood clots, according to a U.S. Food and Drug Administration preliminary study.

Drospirenone is a form of the contraceptive hormone progestin.

The preliminary study found that women who take pills containing drospirenone are 1.5 times more likely to be at risk for blood clots than women on other contraceptives.

The FDA announcement also listed smoking, obesity and family history as factors that can increase the chance of a blood clot.

GatorWell Health Promotion Specialist Samantha Evans said students sometimes ask her specifically about Yaz or Yasmin because they have seen advertisements or know someone who takes one of them.

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Imperial Animality: Stratifications of Human/Non-Human Animal Assignments**  
 Today, 11:45 a.m.  
 Turlington Hall 3312  
 The Center for European Studies presents Sarah Lewis Mitchem, Ph.D. candidate in the English department, who will talk about colonial anthropocentric ideology cataloging humankind as separate from animals.

**Graduate Christian Fellowship**  
 Today 6:30 p.m.  
 Christian Study Center, 112 NW 16th St.  
 Come for a Christmas party. To participate in the white elephant gift exchange, bring a wrapped present (less than \$10).

**Contra Dance**  
 Dec. 17, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
 Thelma Boltin Center  
 Hosted by the Gainesville Oldtime Dance Society. The band, Full Circle, is from Jacksonville, and the caller is Alice Milmoie. Cost is \$5 for students and people younger than 21 and \$8 for everyone else. No partner or experience needed. Child care is provided. New dancers should arrive at 7:30 p.m. for an introductory workshop.

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## NATIONAL

### Connecticut town vexed trying to catch bull on the loose

MILFORD, Conn. — A posse hopes to catch Waldo, a bull that escaped a farm in July and has been loose in Milford, Conn.

The Connecticut Post reports that an attempt to corral the 700-pound black Angus failed Nov. 20. In the next few weeks, officials will try again.

Milford animal control officer Rick George says Waldo has been traveling with and grazing with a herd of deer. Last month, volunteers put up a steel fence around Waldo's hideout in Milford but he rammed it and escaped.

George said about 20 veterinarians, representatives of the state agriculture department and others plan to track down Waldo in the next few weeks, trap him and move him to an animal sanctuary.

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### Iowa town auctioning off right to name creek

KALONA, Iowa — One Iowa town is hoping to raise money for sidewalks by auctioning off naming rights to a local creek.

The creek in Kalona is currently known simply as West Drainage Ditch.

The naming rights will be posted on eBay.

City Administrator Ryan Schlaubaugh told the Iowa City Press-Citizen that local officials hope the online auction will help the city reach its goal of doing \$200,000 in improvements to area sidewalks.

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# Students collecting books for new public library in Haiti



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UF students spent time with children living at an orphanage during a service trip they took to Haiti during spring break this year. Projects for Haiti Inc. is planning a second trip to Haiti in March.

▶ IT IS THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CAP-HAITIAN.

**MORGAN WATKINS**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Several UF organizations are partnering to collect books and raise money to establish the first public library in Cap-Haitian, a city in northern Haiti.

Projects for Haiti Inc., a nonprofit organization started by two UF students, will send a group of about 30 people to Haiti from March 3 to March 9 to set up the library, said co-founder Berthude Albert.

Volunteers will also be helping build a church, working at orphanages, teaching English classes and doing other work during the trip.

Albert's father, Isaac, runs a church there, but moved it to a new building and donated the old one to the organization in September.

Albert, a 21-year-old English senior, said the first floor of the three-story building will be converted to a community center that will host different events.

The second floor will be the library, which will include books

ranging from children's stories to novels.

The library will be split into four sections of books according to language: English, French, Spanish and Creole.

"Hopefully, with this library, it's going to be an arena for people to try to learn English," Albert said.

Knowing the English language can help give Haitians an edge when applying for jobs, she said.

Projects for Haiti is getting help from several organizations in collecting books and raising money to fund this library, including the Center for Latin American Studies, UF McNair Scholars Program, Club Creole, Gators United for Haiti and Chi Alpha at UF.

The book drop-off station for the McNair Scholars Program is on the third floor of the infirmary.

The Center for Latin American Studies has a book drop-off station at its office in Grinter Hall.

"I know that this library is going to bring so much hope to northern Haiti and equip Haitians in a powerful way. I'm always seeing if people want to partner up with us," Albert said. "It's definitely a lot of work, but it's worth it."

## ON CAMPUS

# Robotics club, class to showcase machines at Reitz

**CLAIRE MILLER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Robots that can mow lawns, throw flames and extinguish fires are landing on the Reitz Union Colonnade this afternoon.

Gator Robotics, along with students from the Intelligent Machines Design Laboratory course, is showcasing more than 20 machines from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Camilo Buscaron, a 22-year-old computer engineering junior and president of Gator Robotics, said this is the school's first Robotics Fair.

"We're hoping to make UF the leading university for robotics," Buscaron said.



Buscaron

He expects 100 to 200 people to attend.

One robot to be showcased is the InstiGator, which won a division of the ION Robotic Lawn Mower Competition in 2011. Three or four internationally recognized submarines, including the SubjuGator, will also be shown.

"We've built these robots from scratch and throughout the semester," Buscaron said.

Kevin French, an 18-year-old material sciences and engineering freshman, said he knew he wanted to join a robotics club when he came to UF.

He currently is working on a robot that can solve mazes and eventually follow a line.

French doesn't know what profession he wants to specialize in after school, but he said the club is helping him decide.

"They've made me realize that I think I want to switch my major to aerospace or mechanical [engineering]," French said.

Gerard donated in his mother's name.

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# Pawn shop owner runs for commission seat for fifth time

## He wants to clean up city, get rid of biomass plant

**MEREDITH RUTLAND**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Deep in his cavern of pearls, acoustic guitars and rifles, Richard Selwach searches for new treasure.

Selwach, the 49-year-old owner of Best Jewelry & Loan Pawn Bro-

kers, is one of eight people running for the At-Large 1 seat on the Gainesville City Commission. This will be the fifth time he's run for a seat on the commission.

The man who's been bartering and trading for 26 years hopes to

spend three years negotiating with city politicians.

A woman brought a golden piece of jewelry to Selwach at a counter in his pawn shop. He looked at it for two seconds.

"That's plated brass," he said.

Another woman set a gleaming mandolin in front of him.

"How about \$25?"

People walk in from the parking lot to a view of the pawn shop's outside painting, which is made to look like a galaxy of orange, yellow and blue planets — plus a spaceship.

They file in and out of the store as Selwach goes through their orders at an auctioneer's pace.

Scattered around his pawn shop are knickknacks or treasures, depending on who you talk to.

An Egyptian bust gazes over the line of customers. A chest-high stack of books sits next to a 5-foot-tall stack of drums.

Two Publix Grade A egg cartons hold a dozen golf balls each. A Dance Man slot machine rests on a counter top.

Ten blue lawn signs that read "Selwach for City Commission" rest in a cracked plastic bin.

At the front of the store is Selwach himself, clad in a button-down white shirt and jeans with straight hair that falls three inches down his shoulders.

Born in Queens, N.Y., he moved to Miami when he was 3 and grew up near Little Havana.

When he was 17, he enrolled at UF as a business student and earned his associate's degree.

He left to open his pawn shop at 22. He was, and still is, 21 credits away from his bachelor's degree.

He said he tried to go back to col-

lege in 1992 to finish his degree, but an injury kept him away after a bus crashed into his car.

He said he is running for city commission again because people keep asking him to run.

"I'm a fighter," he said. "It's like a David-and-Goliath thing."

When he gets excited about what he's saying, he waves his hands around his body to emphasize his points.

He's basing his platform on getting rid of the city's contract with a biomass plant, keeping the commission fiscally responsible and cleaning up trash in the city.

*"I'm an environmentalist. A real environmentalist ... Whatever we do to the web of life, we do to ourself."*

**Richard Selwach**

owner of Best Jewelry & Loan Pawn Brokers

"The best thing about Gainesville is our clean air, our clean water, our trees and the University of Florida," he said. "I'm an environmentalist. A real environmentalist ... Whatever we do to the web of life, we do to ourself."

He said he's for no new taxes and doesn't support soft closing of bars — a policy that would change closing hours from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. for city bars but would require bars to stop serving alcohol at 2 a.m.

"Two o'clock is fine. You're here to go ahead and study," he said. "If you want to party like that, you can do it at home and buy your liquor early."



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Richard Selwach, owner of Best Jewelry & Loan Pawn Brokers, is one of eight people running for the At-Large 1 seat on the Gainesville City Commission.



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## Editorial

Well, it's the end of the Fall semester, and this is the last issue of the year. Although it's Wednesday, we can't end the year without giving you our last well-we-sure-have-had-fun-pissing-you-off-this-semester edition of ...

## Darts and Laurels

To start off this final edition of the semester, we will give you two fresh items worthy of attention.

Then, we will revisit some other big events this semester.

To start off, we're going to pelt a better-not-pack-your-toy-lightsabers-the-next-time-you-fly **DART** to the TSA for detaining a Florida teen because her purse had an image of a pistol on it.

Good call, TSA. Wouldn't want her to hijack the plane with her purse.

Next, for showing a tremendous level of creativity, we give an enjoy-your-free-physical-exams-in-prison **LAUREL** to **Phillip Winikoff**. Winikoff was recently sentenced to 13 months in jail for posing as a doctor and going door to door giving free "breast exams." Who in their right mind would agree to this?

Now, it's time to look at some highlights from this semester.

First, we toss a trying-to-protect-us-by-controlling-us **DART** to all of the **busybodies** this year who have tried to get us to "behave" by regulating, taxing and, if that doesn't work, banning everything we do. This semester, we have talked about bureaucrats and officials accusing children of "sexual harassment," taxing Christmas trees to promote Christmas trees, overcrowding prisons with non-violent drug offenders, banning empty water bottles from football games, enforcing laws against nonmarried couples living together and banning kayaks at Poe Springs.

After a year of controversy, we give a thanks-for-finally-allowing-people-to-help-each-other **LAUREL** to the **Gainesville City Commission** for ending the limit on meals that can be given to the homeless at soup kitchens in the city. These sorts of ordinances do way more harm than good, and the city made the right decision.

Of course, we cannot end the semester without giving a way-to-screw-up-in-every-possible-way-imaginable **DART** to the **UF Student Government**. You screwed up the elections, pretended like nothing went wrong and, when the facts were presented to you, held no one accountable for your mistakes. Good job.

For our final award of the semester, we give a thank-you-for-giving-us-a-purpose **LAUREL** to the Alligator readers. Without our readers, there would be no point in doing what we do every week.

We also want to thank all of our readers for interacting with the Alligator on the website and through letters to the editor. We have enjoyed the discussion.

Have a fun and safe break, and be sure to check back next semester!

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Did you read the Alligator at all this semester?

**Monday's question:** Are you actually doing evaluations for your professors?

**67% YES**  
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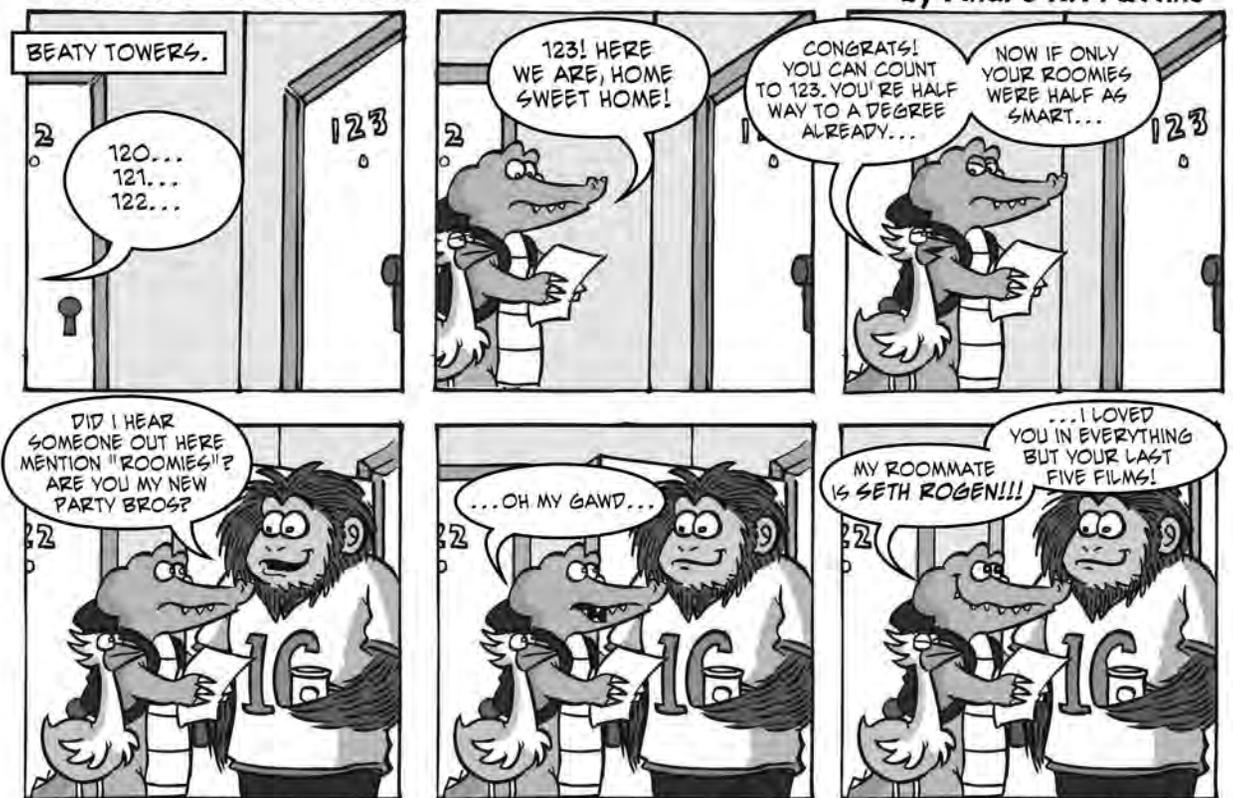
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## Column

## Life after college still full of uncertainty

Life is in flux.

I mean that on a general level and also personal. Life is always in motion, but for me in particular, graduation looms in less than two weeks. Graduation, as many of you are probably experiencing, will come with a lot of changes.

Apart from the "I'll never take a class again, but I feel like kindergarten was yesterday" shock, graduation for me will soon mean moving to a new city for a job. It'll mean leaving the office of the Alligator, where I've worked for a year and a half, for a position in another (much larger) newsroom. It'll mean having to live in a world where not everything is orange and blue.

And when contemplating the future of life after graduation, I found so much has happened in the past few years that I'm only realizing now.

These past few years have been about discovering that learning is more than memorizing the contents of a book. The years have been filled with lots of laughs, plenty of exciting characters (including several at the Alligator), and the struggle between parents' expectations and personal dreams that don't match up.

And sometimes — especially right now during finals week — college is just nothing but continuous stress.

But then there's the fact that college is the perfect limbo status. Being in college means growing up and taking responsibilities, but it's also a time when you still get to be a goofy kid at heart. The real world of full-time jobs and bills, bills, bills — none of which Bright Futures can help you with — is still, for most, lingering in the distance.

From the time I was a high school freshman, I had my college career planned to a "T." And I've executed that plan. The time spent executing that plan was supposed to be the time where I made my next plan — a plan for the rest of my life after college.

But it didn't happen. I hit this last semester and realized I had no real plans for life after graduation. The things I had

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wanted not so long ago — like a master's degree in creative writing — were things I didn't want anymore.

I remember thinking a couple of years ago that after college, I'd have all of the answers. Graduating with a probable job already in hand, I may have more security than most. But do I have all of the answers? No. If anything, I have more questions.

College has been something of a redefining time for me, as it is for many others. It's a time when people who thought they knew who they were, what made them happy and what they wanted discover they may not really know at all.

And that's a bonding experience. You make friends with those around you because in the short term, your lives all have the same immediate goal: graduation. But the world is bigger than college, and life after graduation means confronting the fact that anyone could, and will, go anywhere and everywhere.

As a character in one of my favorite Indian films, "Dil Chahta Hai" (What the Heart Wants), expresses to his friends after graduation, "We'll soon set sail for our destinations. Our destinations might not coincide." We're friends for life, he says, but we don't know where life will take us.

Some of us have an idea where we're going and with whom; some of us have none. And that's OK.

Because, in the end, life is a series of moments, and even the best of us can't plan everything because everything inevitably changes.

To the freshmen, let me share a bit of outgoing senior knowledge: Life isn't actually something you figure out in college.

If anything, college has taught me that I can't figure out life — and that I shouldn't try.

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

Letter to the Editor

**Greed stands in the way of "American Dream"**

Travis Hornsby's column this week completely missed the mark.

He failed to understand why millions of Americans are frustrated with the 1 percent. The 99 percent are upset because the world has finite resources, and the 1 percent gobble them up and leave nothing for the rest of us.

Here's another take on John Locke's "apple tree" metaphor. Sure, if you pick the apples from the tree, you have done the work and are entitled to said apples. But imagine a small group of people picking more than they can eat and not giving the rest of us an opportunity to pick any.

We were willing to do the work, and there were plenty of apples to go around. Heck, there were even

enough apples for some to pick extra, but the small group had to be greedy.

Here's another example. If I'm told my whole life that the American dream is to own a home, and a reputable bank sells me a mortgage for a \$250,000 home when I only make \$50,000 (Hornsby's example was inflated to fit his argument), whose fault is it that I trusted the bank to not take a stupid risk?

In reality, banks made mountains of cash selling mortgages to people who couldn't afford them. The bank was the sleazy used car salesman, and I was the poor sap who didn't know much about cars but was told by experts that I made the right move.

Mitchell Norton  
president of the Alachua  
County Young Democrats  
and UF grad student

UWire

**Loan forgiveness not a viable option**

**A** plan currying favor with the Occupy Wall Street crowd is loan forgiveness, which serves to undermine the integrity of the financial system in return for the fluff that it professes.

Loan forgiveness is a concept where loans will be forgiven after a certain period of time is reached or a certain set of circumstances are met. It can also involve payment by a third party.

Given the level of government debt, this is unwise and unlikely. This program would be little more than a backdoor tax to pay for education without talking about realities.

This is a pipe dream by a bunch of hippies who fail to understand how loans work. Student loans are given by institutions based on a principle plus interest to be amortized over many years. The interest is reflective of many factors, including the risk that students will default on their loans.

Loan forgiveness is a default minus the hit to a student's credit that would happen otherwise. It basically wipes the slate clean. The student gains, the bank loses.

By the bank losing money, the institution is forced to make it up somehow, because there is no such thing as a free lunch. A loan forgiveness program is asking the bank to take a hit unless the federal government pays the bank back.

Occupy Wall Street would prefer it if banks were the ones taking the check. In order to make up for forgiveness, banks will be forced to increase interest rates. These rates will be high enough to harm students who had every intention of paying off their debt.

This is where another person without a background in

**William Stetson**  
UWire

common sense would step in with the idea of a government-enforced ceiling on interest rates.

This idea would also fail to gain traction.

By setting a government ceiling, rates would not be allowed to exceed a certain amount. Students would pay the lower rate regardless of the actual risk they might default. This would be great, except banks would most likely lose money at the rate acceptable to Occupy Wall Street.

Loan forgiveness strikes at the very core of responsibility. The idea that it is acceptable to shirk a responsibility about which someone gave their word is just a sign of the unfortunate times we live in.

College is expensive. No one denies that point, but banks should not have to take a loss for your education.

The art of appealing to constituents is often a disgusting one. In this case, a bunch of hippies under the influence are pushing a program further disseminated by liberal propaganda. Here is the rebuttal: Loans should not be forgiven except under extraordinary circumstances. If college is too expensive, schools should consider letting in more students rather than continuing to boast about their student-teacher ratios and rejection rates.

Ultimately, loan forgiveness does little to change the cost of education; it only serves to scapegoat major banks. For this reason, we must pass.

William Stetson is a columnist for the Daily Evergreen at Washington State University.



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## STUDENT LIFE

*Deaf students benefit from UF programs, accommodations*

ERIN JESTER

Alligator Writer

In many ways, Joanna Byun is an average college freshman.

Byun, 19, lives on campus, hangs out with her friends and has dreams of changing the world.

But unlike most of her friends at UF, Byun needs an interpreter to help her understand her professors.

She is one of 30 hearing-impaired students registered with the Disability Resource Center this semester but only one of three who uses an interpreter.

Byun sometimes works with Signing Gators, the American Sign Language club on campus.

She's more of a helper than an official member, she said.

Mostly, she keeps the group updated on American Sign Language slang signs and awareness issues because, she said, "I'm obviously a deaf culture expert."

There are two kinds of people in the deaf community, Byun said.

There are deaf people with a lowercase "d," who might have a cochlear implant or a hearing aid and don't usually use interpreters.

"They hide their deafness," she said. "They don't want people to know."

There are also Deaf people with a capital "D," who, she said, use interpreters and sign language and are comfortable letting people know they are hearing-impaired.

"I'm a big 'D,'" Byun said.

She uses three different interpreters to help her with her four classes at UF.

Byun lip-reads, but nobody can read lips

and take notes at the same time, she said.

"I can't believe how much I miss just by looking down," she said.

In addition to her interpreters, who are paid by UF as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Disability Resource Center provides a note-taker for Byun.

She said she's never had a problem with the resources provided by the Disability Resource Center.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 established accommodations at public schools for students with disabilities.



Joanna Byun, left, signs with her friend Laura Hogan. Byun is one of only three deaf students at UF who use classroom interpreters.

Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

However, the act allows states to determine their own requirements for school interpreters.

Since then, 26 states have adopted the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, a standardized national interpreter certification.

The test has proved more difficult than many states' certifications, causing a shortage of interpreters in some areas.

Currently, Florida does not require interpreters to take the EIPA.

There's also no shortage of interpreters at

UF, said Chanda McCann, a learning specialist in the Disability Resource Center.

UF gets interpreters from the Center for Independent Living, a nonprofit support center for people with disabilities.

"It's a pretty smooth process," McCann said.

There are four interpreters at UF this se-

*"I see them stretching their hands. They're going to get arthritis!"*

Joanna Byun

UF freshman

mester, said Kathy Elkins, ASL interpreting coordinator at the Center for Independent Living in Gainesville.

The average is three or four, depending on how many deaf students are enrolled. All of the staff and freelance interpreters at the Center for Independent Living are certified by the state of Florida, Elkins said.

Mike Tuccelli, who teaches ASL at UF, was a deaf student at UF in the 1990s.

The university was very accommodating to him then, he wrote in an email, but there are many more options for deaf students now.

UF even graduated a deaf medical student thanks to the support of the Disability Resource Center, he said.

Byun agreed that UF has been helpful.

She just wishes her professors would remember they're supposed to give a 15-minute break for the interpreters when a class lasts for more than one class period.

"They have to sign so fast," she said. "I see them stretching their hands. They're going to get arthritis!"

*Students celebrate with breakfast, decorations***HOLIDAYS,**

from page 1

place in Sarasota out of consideration for the oldest members of the family.

The children get mounds of presents, and the young adults get cash.

"It's more practical," Hua said.

The adults don't get gifts, except for the elders, who get gifts out of respect.

They go to Catholic Mass and hear about a baby in a manger, but the main stories of the holiday revolve around their own family.

Her grandfather, who was born in Vietnam, came to the U.S. with half of his children.

Hua said her aunts and uncles laugh as they retell how they fought over the one bed in their two-bedroom home.

Now the family is spread among several cities.

"I think that's why they're grateful to spend time with family: because they spend so much time apart," she said.

French, an 18-year-old

materials science and engineering freshman, celebrates Christmas and Hanukkah, but he admits he's not very consistent with celebrating Hanukkah.

"If we remember, we light the menorah at sundown," French said.

The tree is decorated with Jewish colors, but this year, red sneaked in.

During Hanukkah, he'll get chocolate as gifts and eats latkes and pot roast.

When Christmas Day arrives, he'll celebrate with a big egg-and-sausage breakfast at his mom's house.

"All the wonderful breakfast stuff," he said.

Then it's off to his dad's house for lunch.

"By dinnertime, all I want to do is sleep," he said.

As far as gifts go, he's asking only for running shoes and a new watch to replace his old one.

"I never know what I want for Christmas," he said.

He thought about it.

"I want free A's," he said.

*Club raised \$20,000 at last year's sale***POINSETTIAS,** from page 1

tion.

This year, \$3,000 has been budgeted to fund undergraduate students who perform research, said Jim Barrett, a professor of environmental horticulture.

"Without the sale, I don't know what would happen to the club," said Gina DeFalco, the club's secretary and a 22-year-old environmental horticulture senior. The club raised \$20,000 at last year's sale, a consistent figure over the years, Barrett said.

Prices range from \$10 to \$40, depending on the size, breed and color of the plant, DeFalco said.

There are 160 varieties of plants in the greenhouses.

Mark Keeley, a 22-year-old landscape and nursery management senior, was the designated grower for this year's sale. Each year, Keeley said, Barrett chooses a different student to help grow the plants.

"I make decisions about the amount to grow, the location to grow it in, the pot size, growth regulars and

fertilizer applications," Keeley said.

UF grows the poinsettias to study how the plants fare in Florida's climate. The plants are originally from the mountains of Guatemala and Mexico.

The sale began when consumers expressed an interest in purchasing the plants, and students began to grow plants for sale.

"It's fun to produce for consumers and for academics and for the challenges in producing them," Keeley said.

People line up for the sale early Thursday morning to purchase the multicolored plants, he said.

Adam Moseley, a 26-year-old environmental horticulture senior, stopped by the greenhouse Wednesday to purchase three plants for his mom: one white, one burgundy and one peach plant.

"I figured coming early, I would get premium crop," he said.

The sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

*SHCC fills about 100 prescriptions daily***BIRTH,** from page 1

Evans said she usually talks to the students about less expensive and lower-progestin options, especially if they have never taken oral contraceptives.

Courtenay Barrett, a 20-year-old telecommunication junior, said her aunt, who was taking Yaz, developed a blood clot while she was on a plane.

Barrett said that not long after,

her father's secretary had to have her pancreas removed because of problems with her Yaz pills.

When one of her friends ex-

*"I don't see why anybody would if it could even possibly give you those risks."*

Courtenay Barrett

telecommunication junior

pressed an interest in the brand, Barrett discouraged her.

"I don't see why anybody would if it could even possibly give you those risks," she said.

UF Student Health Care Center Pharmacy Manager Laura Tipton said oral contraceptives make up at least half the business at the pharmacy. She estimated that about 100 prescriptions are filled each day.

Each one includes a drug information leaflet, as required by the FDA.



David Carr / Alligator

Senate President Andy Mason requested all senators wear tacky holiday sweaters to Tuesday night's meeting. Senate meetings will resume in January.

# Student Senate recognizes holidays, plans election reform

► ELECTIONS REVISIONS WILL BE PRESENTED IN JANUARY.

**CLARE LENNON**  
Alligator Writer

UF Student Senate Judiciary Chairman Aundre Price stood at the podium in front of the Senate the same way he does every Tuesday night.

Price said he couldn't come up with a tacky holiday sweater, so he turned his jacket inside out to reveal the shiny lining and pulled on multicolored striped socks under his dress shoes.

Senators clad in Santa hats, jingling vests and one musical tie passed a resolution recognizing Christmas and Hanukkah as religious holidays.

According to the bill, individuals in the

past attempted to rename Christmas trees as holiday trees and change menorahs to candlesticks.

Graduate Senator Austin Brockmeier proposed that section of the bill be removed because it doesn't promote the goodwill cited in the bill as the hallmarks of the holidays.

Senate President Andy Mason, who was one of the bill's five authors, said the bill itself didn't need to promote goodwill, just protect traditions.

"That needs to be preserved by upholding the original meanings," he said.

The Senate also passed a resolution honoring UF student Jade Guzzo, who died in a car accident Thanksgiving weekend.

Senators Katie Waldman and Matt Mountjoy, who are chairing the elections rules committee, said the elections revisions would be presented at the first Senate meeting next semester.

## ON CAMPUS

# Students selling meat and cheese, raising money for clubs

**ORIANA PAOLILLO D'ANDRIA**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's animal sciences department and the Dairy Science Club will be partnering to sell baskets filled with summer sausage and cheddar cheese.

The proceeds will help fund the travel for three of UF's Intercollegiate Judging Teams, including a livestock judging team, a meat judging team and a meat-animal evaluation team. The dairy club and the animal sciences department will also benefit from the sales, said Rebecca Matta, the department's program assistant.

The sausage is entirely made on campus by students. The cheese is made with milk from cows from across the Southeast.

*"I'm obsessed with cheese. Well, I'm a vegetarian, but I would buy a basket for someone to help out."*

**Isabel Cardozo**  
UF freshman

Basket prices range from \$8 to \$28. This is the second year the sale is taking place.

"We hope to increase our sales each year," Matta said.

The holiday gift baskets are available for pickup at the Animal Sciences Meat Laboratory on Dec. 9 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Isabel Cardozo, a 19-year-old applied physiology and kinesiology freshman, said she would buy a basket to support the cause.

"I'm obsessed with cheese," Cardozo said. "Well, I'm a vegetarian, but I would buy a basket for someone to help out."

*Kathryn Milstein contributed to this article.*

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## ACADEMICS

## UF students not so studious

JULIA GLUM

Alligator Contributing Writer

Whether the weather or the curriculum is to blame, four Florida universities recently ranked on the Princeton Review's top 20 list of colleges where students study the least.

UF is ranked No. 14, the lowest out of the Florida schools included.

Florida State University rung in at No. 9, the University of South Florida at No. 5 and the University of Central Florida at No. 4.

It's not unusual for multiple schools in a region to rank in the same category, said Robert Franek, author of Princeton Review's "The Best 376 Colleges, 2012 Edition."

The Princeton Review determined these rankings by collecting surveys from 122,000 students enrolled at the 376 schools chosen for the book. The data used in this edition was from 2008, 2009 and 2010.

An average of 325 students per school responded to the survey, but UF's participation rate was probably higher, Franek said.

Students were asked, "How many out-of-class hours do you spend studying per day?"

They answered with one of the following: "five or more," "four hours," "three hours," "two hours" or "one hour or less."

UF ranked No. 12 on the list last year and No. 8 the year before, Franek said.

The survey used the blanket term "studying" to include homework and test prep.

"With 50,000 students, their study habits vary greatly," Assistant Vice President and

Dean of Students Jen Day Shaw wrote in an email. "Ask any architecture major — they are in their studies 24/7."

Earlier this year, 31 percent of 19,325 UF students reported that they study 16 or more hours per week, according to the Student Experience Research University. This number is up from 26 percent in 2009.

It's hard to tell whether these study rates will increase when Library West is open 24 hours in the Spring, said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

Regardless of ranking, Shaw wants students to take care of themselves while they study. "Eat nutritional food, get enough rest, take breaks to exercise and have a positive frame of mind," she said.

## Top 15 Least Studious U.S. Universities

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3. University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa
4. University of Central Florida
5. University of South Florida
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11. Rider University
12. Ohio University at Athens
13. West Virginia University
14. University of Florida
15. University of Georgia

## Pill to cure hangovers hits stores

EMILY MORROW

Alligator Writer

When Christina Ertel has a hangover, she cures it with food.

The 22-year-old political science senior said after a long night, she turns to either greasy food or Krishna Lunch, accompanied by lots of water and Advil.

But now, Ertel may have another option: Blowfish, a new over-the-counter hangover cure that has recently hit the market.

A combination of 1,000 milligrams of aspirin and 120 milligrams of caffeine, the dissolvable tablets are recognized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a safe, effective method for treating hangovers.

Developed in New York City, Blowfish was just placed in New York drug stores and will be expanding across the country soon, according to its website. It is currently available online in a 12-tablet box for \$11.99 or a 50-tablet box for \$49.99.

The recommended treatment is to dissolve two Blowfish tablets in a cup of water when you wake up with a hangover. It supposedly works in 15 to 30 minutes.

Ertel said at that price, essentially \$2 per cure, she would definitely try it.

"I spend more than that on food the next day," she said.

But William Chen, a professor in UF's health education and behavior depart-

ment, said he doesn't know that Blowfish is the best idea for students to use.

The compounds in Blowfish only treat some of the symptoms of hangovers, he said, like headaches and fatigue. It doesn't actually cure the hangover.

*"Go out and enjoy drinking, but do it responsibly."*

William Chen

*UF health education and behavior professor*

Hangovers are caused when a person's body fails to metabolize all the alcohol in his or her system, Chen said, calling it a "toxic reaction."

Each person's response to alcohol depends on his or her genetic makeup.

Blowfish is more similar to a cold medicine, he said, in that it will help you feel more alert and take away aches and pains, but it is not a unique formula.

Chen said he's concerned that products like Blowfish will encourage binge drinking — a common problem on college campuses.

By giving students a treatment that's advertised as a guaranteed cure, he said he worries they will feel invincible, like they can go out and drink anything without consequences.

"A hangover means you drank too much," he said. "Go out and enjoy drinking, but do it responsibly."

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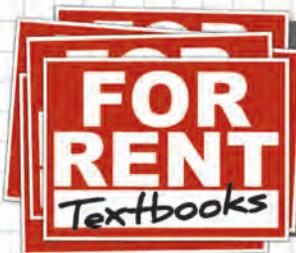
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1 Bar fixture	3 Bridge seats	35 Buzz	53 "Ciao!"
7 Twosome	4 Devoted	36 Eastern royal	54 Rolls rollers
10 Border Patrol city of the Southwest	5 "Deal!"	39 More than that	56 Short cut
14 "Affirmative!"	6 Bandleader Tito	40 Swipe	57 Shape (up)
16 "Affirmative!"	7 Excellent, in modern slang	41 Atlanta-based health org	59 Endure
17 "Affirmative!"	8 Second, e.g.	46 Sacred scrolls	60 Torpedo, or its launcher
18 Drill command	9 "Beetle Bailey" dog	47 Fireplace receptacle	61 Yellowfin tuna
19 Shiny fabrics	10 Boors	48 Come out	62 Shooter
20 Hiker's map, casually	11 Thurman of film	51 "Stal!" relative	64 Mattress feature
22 Nav. rank	12 Director Brooks		
23 Times for les vacances	13 Social worker Allison		
25 Bank products	15 Jazz pianist		
29 Block or stock suffix	21 Carpenter's tool		
30 Oil, informally	24 Performed terribly		
33 Give or take, e.g.	26 Bright lobbies		
36 Japanese noodle dish	27 Down on one's luck		
37 Zebra on a field	28 They may be hard to crack		
38 "It could go either way"	29 Bodybuilder's pride		
42 Pres. Carter, e.g.	31 Lifesavers, for short		
43 Snarl noises	32 Crossed (out)		
44 ___ Inn	33 Tape, perhaps		
45 1975 seminal green movement novel by Ernest Callenbach			
47 Post-WWII nuclear org.			
49 Others, in Oaxaca			
50 Down Under st.			
52 Former boomer, briefly			
55 Staff sign			
58 Frankenstein's creator			
60 "The Thorn Birds," e.g.			
63 "Negative!"			
65 "Negative!"			
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## Florida looking to minimize mistakes against Arizona tonight



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Senior point guard Erving Walker said he isn't worried by losses to Ohio State and Syracuse but that the Gators need to snag a quality nonconference win. Florida plays Arizona tonight at 7 in the O'Connell Center.

► UF HAD 36 TURNOVERS IN LOSSES TO OSU, 'CUSE.

**JOHN BOOTHE**  
Alligator Staff Writer

After Florida was knocked off in its first two attempts at an impressive nonconference win, coach Billy Donovan made it clear there is no shame in losing to top-three teams on the road.

What is disappointing is how the Gators fell.

In a pair of single-digit losses to unbeaten No. 2 Ohio State and undefeated No. 3 Syracuse, Florida committed 36 turnovers, leading to a combined 30 points scored for the Buckeyes and the Orange.

"Our guys understand that playing the second game of the year at Ohio State, going to Syracuse — I'm not so sure how many teams would be favored going into both of those teams' gyms," Donovan said. "We got one of the better teams in the country coming in here Wednesday, but you've got to put yourselves in the position where you don't beat yourselves."

Starting tonight at 7 against Arizona (6-2), No. 12 Florida (5-2) will play two teams this month that have been ranked, the other being No. 22 Texas A&M. Arizona slipped out of

the polls following losses to No. 17 Mississippi State and San Diego State.

Though there are still opportunities on UF's schedule to boost its NCAA Tournament résumé, senior guard Erving Walker knows the Gators will have to eventually win a marquee game and not rely on their strength of schedule for that to happen.

"We've only played two, so we've still got a lot more to go," Walker said. "But I think it would be pointless if we just lost them all, but



Donovan

let's just hope that won't happen. I don't think that will happen."

In order to do that, Florida will have to work on its decision-making.

Arizona generally employs a small lineup that can delve into four guards on the floor at one time. While the Gators' own backcourt-heavy roster can matchup well with the Wildcats' size, any Florida turnovers could quickly be converted into points by Arizona's up-tempo style.

"When they're playing four

**SEE HOOPS, PAGE 18**

## Top running back recruit chooses Georgia over UF

**TOM GREEN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

When four-star recruit Mike Davis de-committed Sunday night, the Gators lost one of the top running backs in the class of 2012.

Tuesday afternoon, they lost out on another one.

Four-star running back Keith Marshall of Raleigh (N.C.) Millbrook High, rated the No. 1 all-purpose back in the nation by Rivals.com, orally committed to Georgia during a ceremony at his school that was streamed live on the Internet.

Marshall chose Georgia over Florida, Clemson and South Carolina.

"I just slept on it (Tuesday) morning and my heart told me to go to Georgia," Marshall told Scout.com on the live stream.

His decision to commit to Georgia,

where he plans to enroll early in January, leaves UF with just one running back commit for the 2012 class: four-star prospect Matt Jones of Seffner Armwood High.

Marshall's commitment also leaves the Gators strapped at running back, as Florida was focused mainly on him, Jones and Davis while other top backs committed elsewhere.

With the Gators losing senior running backs Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey next season, the team will likely aim to sign multiple backs in 2013, with Winter Haven High's Adam Lane, Delray Beach American Heritage School's Greg Bryant and Belle Glade Glades Day School's Kelvin Taylor as the top targets.

*Oral commitments are nonbinding until a national letter of intent is signed on or after National Signing Day on Feb. 1, 2012.*

### UF Recruiting

## Gators travel cross-country for first road game of year

**JOE MORGAN**  
Alligator Writer

Becoming Florida's coach four years ago was a welcome homecoming for UF alum Amanda Butler, but venturing outside of Gainesville has been problematic.

Since taking over the Gators in 2007, Butler's squads have recorded a 20-32 record on the road, including a 7-15 mark against nonconference foes.

As Florida (6-2) prepares for its first true road game of the season tonight against San Francisco (1-8), Butler is aiming to reverse UF's fortunes away from home.

"We certainly need to start tackling some of those challenges — not having the chance just to be in Florida or to be at home," Butler said. "All of the things, all of the adversity you expect with the road, start facing some of that, learning what that means, what that feels like and finding ways to win in those environments."

A typical struggle of playing on the road is dealing with unfamiliar settings



Butler

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Gators freshman Carlie Needles is the latest women's basketball player to suffer an ACL injury. See feature, page 19.

### Rainey, Sturgis Honored by Coaches

Running back Chris Rainey and kicker Caleb Sturgis were voted to the All-Southeastern Conference First Team by the conference's coaches Tuesday. Rainey was selected as an all-purpose performer.

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**(3) Illinois (29-4)**

The only seeded team remaining in the Gainesville Regional, the Fighting Illini will be led by two All-Big Ten senior outside hitters in Michelle Bartsch and former Florida standout Colleen Ward. Ward was named to the 2008 All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team and played every set for the Gators in their 2009 Sweet 16 run before moving back to her home state. Illinois has yet to lose a set in this year's tournament.

**Game: Friday**  
@ 5 p.m.

**Ohio State (21-14)**

The Buckeyes did something the Gators could not do all season when they defeated the No. 14 seed, and SEC Champion, Tennessee last weekend in five sets. Ohio State finished the regular season just 9-11 in Big Ten play, losing to Illinois twice. Offensively, the Buckeyes will be led by Norwegian outside hitter and UCLA transfer Mari Hole, who finished the regular season fifth in the conference in kills per set.



**Game: Saturday**  
@ TBA

Winner of this game advances to the semifinals in San Antonio on Dec. 15



**Michigan (22-12)**

After pulling off perhaps the biggest upset of the Gainesville Regional by defeating the No. 11 seed Stanford, Michigan comes to the O'Connell Center due in large part to the efforts of freshman setter Lexi Dannemiller, who recorded 1,491 assists on the season. The Wolverines will certainly be tossed into another tough test, as their opponent hitting percentage numbers were eighth in the conference and they will be meeting the team with the nation's highest attack percentage.

**Game: Friday**  
@ 7 p.m.

**Florida (26-5)**

The Gators are playing their best volleyball of the season after a weekend during which they recorded two four-set victories against the toughest opening-round competition they have ever faced. Leading the charge are seniors Kelly Murphy and Kristy Jaeckel, although both have credited their play to backcourt players like defensive specialist Holly Pole and libero Taylor Unroe. Florida has started slow in its past two matches but has dominated once finding its groove.

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## Murphy likely to return to lineup against Arizona

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guards, they've got the ability to do that, so our ability to guard those guys will be a great challenge," Donovan said. "Syracuse does it with length and size and these guys do it with speed and quickness based on the lines they got out there."

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**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

The Gators' most turnover-prone player early this season has been freshman Brad Beal with 19 giveaways. Normally playing guard, the 6-foot-3 Beal has had to move down low to the power forward slot during the last three games due to an injury to 6-foot-10 starter Erik Murphy.

While Murphy will likely make his return against Arizona, Donovan said he has been able to live with Beal's mistakes because of his effort on the boards. Beal has posted three consecutive games of nine rebounds or more in Murphy's absence.

"Part of the reason he's been able to stay on the floor for as long as he has is because he is defending and he is rebounding," Donovan said. "That was one of my concerns when we lost Chandler (Parsons) with our guards is: What kind of rebounding will we get from the small forward spot?"

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## More mature Gators ready for road test

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— something the Gators experienced with six new players joining the fold last season.

Florida's lack of cohesion cost them in the early going as it lost five of six away games against nonconference foes during the 2010-11 season.

"We were trying to overcome a lack of confidence, especially on the road," Butler said.

"It turns into a bigger monster than it really is because it's in your mind and that's what makes it so powerful."

However, an impressive 6-2 start this season has senior guard Jordan Jones brimming with confidence.

Jones believes the Gators are capable of making the road a home away from home.

"We're a year older," she said. "You can't underestimate being more mature, learning those lessons and knowing how tough it is (on the road)."

After a lengthy five-game road trip, tonight's game is San Francisco's first home appearance since Nov. 18. In the midst of a seven-game losing streak, the Dons will be seeking their first victory since Nov. 13.

Butler expects a big crowd in tonight's matchup, labeling it as "a dangerous game."

"The hostile crowd, I think, is a positive sometimes — it energizes you as a competitor," Butler said.

While UF has yet to face an opponent on the road, it has al-

ready played games away from the O'Connell Center this year.

*"All of the things, all of the adversity you expect with the road, start facing some of that, learning what that means, what that feels like and finding ways to win in those environments."*

**Amanda Butler**  
UF head coach

During Thanksgiving break, the Gators traveled to Brooklyn, N.Y., to play in the Courtyard LaGuardia Turkey Classic. Florida won back-to-back games against La Salle and Charlotte during its stay in New

York. "It's just going to prove our maturity level," senior guard Deana Allen said.

"We can also win games away from our fans."

Last Friday, UF lost to No. 11 Rutgers in a neutral-site game in Daytona Beach.

While the Gators were playing near home, the Scarlet Knights benefited from the lack of a strong showing by Florida fans.

"It's not a brand-new experience," Butler said.

"We've already flown a few places, been on a few buses and been in a few hotels, so this won't be much different."



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Florida coach Amanda Butler (left) has a 20-32 record on the road since taking the job in 2007, including a 7-15 mark against nonconference teams.

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# LANDING ON HER FEET

## Freshman Needles working to overcome ACL tear

**JOE MORGAN**  
Alligator Writer

Freshman guard Carlie Needles planted her left foot to cut right, but she never completed the move.

Needles crumpled to the floor untouched after suffering tears to the anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in her left knee.

Just like that, her season was over before it even began.

Needles is not the first Gator that has lost a season due to ACL woes.

Sophomore Lily Svete and senior Ndidi Madu, both forwards, also took medical redshirts during their respective freshman seasons due to ACL injuries.

When Needles originally injured her knee, she thought she had merely hyperextended it and that ice treatments would be the cure.

Madu's situation was similar.

Heading into the 2007-08 campaign, the ACL in Madu's right knee was already partially torn from high school.

As is common with ACL injuries, Madu's knee locked at the time, but she believed it was just a torn meniscus, which typically takes between two and six weeks to heal.

When Madu eventually suffered the complete tear at UF, the extent of her injury was still not clear.

"When I actually did tear it, it didn't lock and it didn't swell, so I wasn't sure what it could be," Madu said.

An MRI the next day confirmed the injury, and Madu had reconstructive surgery a month later.

The most frustrating part for Madu was going through summer and preseason workouts and then watching her team from the bench.

"It's very difficult," she said. "You work so hard and you've done everything up to this point and now it's time for games. You're ready to play, and you can't play."

Unlike Madu and Needles, Svete knew something was wrong immediately.

Coming to a sudden conclusion about the severity of her injury was tough for Svete.

"I knew it popped; I knew it happened right away," she said. "The coaches told me, 'Oh, we don't know what it is.' I was like, 'I really know that I tore my ACL.'"

Svete had the opportunity to play in four games before her injury — more than Madu and Needles did combined prior to their respective ACL tears.

However, the pain of missing nearly an entire season stung Svete.

"I feel really bad for Carlie because I know exactly what she's feeling," she said. "She's not going to get to experience the season at all as a player."

Having recovered and moved on, Madu

and Svete are helping Needles through the rehabilitation process.

From her own experience, Svete told Needles what her knee will look like post-surgery, and Madu has used humor to provide needed distraction from the injury.

"You would have no idea that Ndidi or Lily even had (injuries) by the way that they move and perform and lift," Florida coach Amanda Butler said. "They are great examples of what she has to look forward to: not just a full recovery, but maybe even being bigger and better than ever."

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Needles will not be the last Gator to lose a season due to an ACL injury.

When she went down, it was a situation all too familiar for Butler.

*"I'll just want contact, I'll just want somebody to hit me. I'll just want someone to hit me and be able to feel that adrenaline again."*

**Carlie Needles**  
UF freshman guard

"We still haven't found that magic thing to determine why exactly women are more susceptible to ACL tears than men," Butler said. "They're just so prevalent in our game."

Marty Huegel, the director of rehabilitation for the University Athletic Association, is one of many on the hunt.

He said that non-contact ACL injuries, like the one Needles suffered, are a growing problem in women's athletics.

"I call them 'Title IX injuries,'" Huegel said. "That's really how we ended up finding out that women are more susceptible to these injuries: due to the numbers playing as a result of Title IX."

"You can talk about Title IX being a good thing — it may have been good or bad depending on what your viewpoint is."

Huegel, who has worked with Madu, Svete, and now Needles, says women are more prone to non-contact ACL injuries than men.

The Orthopaedic Associates of Michigan list differences such as the size of the ACL itself, pelvis width, hormone concentration levels, and varying movements based on knee structure as potential causes.

Despite the distinction between ACL injuries in men and women, Huegel maintains that the rehabilitation is similar for both genders but varies from person to person.

However, one issue Huegel said hinders women returning from a torn ACL is a reluctance to jump and land.

Considering that landing awkwardly is one of the main causes of non-contact ACL injuries in women, hesitance is understandable.

In order to overcome that unwillingness to leave the feet — and to prevent further injury — Huegel said there are a number of jumping and landing exercises trainers have developed.

"Depending on their level of fear with that, that will determine how fast you progress," he said. "The progression is not

time-based; it's performance-based."

Some overcome fear quickly and have to play the waiting game — something that frustrated Svete.

"It was probably the hardest thing I've ever been through," she said. "I was someone who really pushed myself with the rehab and everything like that every day and it is definitely a big task."

The standard recovery time is between six and eight months, according to Huegel.

However, he acknowledges that while a patient may be fully rehabilitated, there are still challenges ahead in readjusting to aspects of the sport.

"The biggest problem working with athletes is you have to hold them back," Huegel said. "They want to do more than they should."

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Needles is getting antsy — sitting on the bench does not suit her.

"I'll just want contact, I'll just want somebody to hit me," Needles said. "I'll just want someone to hit me and be able to feel that adrenaline again."

But physical play is not in her near future, so she has focused her energy on film study.

So far, Butler has been more than happy to keep Needles involved.

"Carlie's unique because she's a point guard and she is very much a student of the game," Butler said. "She still is in all of the point guard meetings, taking notes and doing everything she can to try and develop her mind since her body is on hold here for a few weeks."

Since the injury, Needles has become like an assistant coach and a cheerleader for her teammates.

Her character and demeanor led Butler to describe the freshman guard as a "tremendous model of leadership."

"She shed a tear or two at the beginning, and we all did because it's a hard thing to know that your season's being taken away from you," Butler said. "But she hasn't complained. ... I think she's really been an inspiration to her teammates in that regard."

Perhaps the most ringing endorsement of Needles came from senior guard Jordan Jones.

At the team's Thanksgiving meal, each person gave thanks for the person sitting to their left.

Jones praised Needles' maturity and her selflessness despite being forced to miss the entire season.

"Not one time have I heard her complain; not one time has she come in with a down attitude," Jones said. "As a freshman, she has so much respect from me to be able to handle it that way."

Needles is just one on a long list of female athletes to fall victim to a non-contact ACL injury.

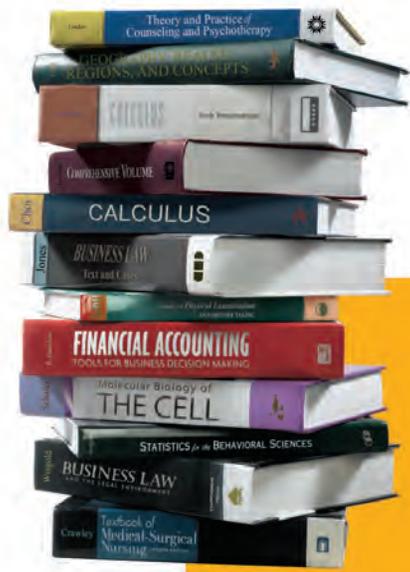
Rehabilitation will be a long process, but unless researchers can decrease the likelihood of "Title IX injuries," it is just part of the game.

"Things happen for a reason and I keep telling myself that," Needles said. "It's the way I was brought up — you just try to overcome things, you don't try to feel sorry for yourself."



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Florida freshman guard Carlie Needles suffered a tear to her ACL in November. She is the third UF women's basketball player to sustain an ACL tear in the last five seasons.



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