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Great Balls of Fire

Freshman Elana Selinger, 18, practices fire poi, a performance art involving spinning balls fixed to a chain in circular patterns set on fire using lighter fluid. Selinger has been practicing fire twirling for two months.

ON CAMPUS

UF to review chemistry laboratory safety policies

ALLI LANGLEY
 Alligator Writer

Several UF departments are reviewing lab safety policies after two students were injured in separate incidents in the last three months. The second put a graduate student in the hospital.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said hazardous materials teams responded to six incidents — three explosions, two spills and one reported odor — on campus in the last year.

The chemical explosion on Wednesday in Sisler Hall that injured graduate student Khanh Ha, 27, and Gainesville Fire Rescue firefighter Andrew Marsh, 25, is still under investigation, she said.

The chemistry department and UF's Environmental Health and Safety division are working

diligently to ensure students' safety in labs and to minimize the risk of accidents, Sikes said.

In October, an explosion caused by a set of chemical reactions surprised the department, said Daniel Talham, chair of the chemistry department.



Sikes

Last week's explosion, which Talham said was caused by similar reactions, surprised the University Police Department.

"For our agency to respond to two similar incidents involving the same chemical in the same building in three months is fortunately not something that we routinely see," said UPD spokes-

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About 7,000 websites black out pages in protest

JULIA GLUM
 Alligator Writer

Don't try to settle any bets using Wikipedia today. Or browse Reddit. Or check Boing Boing.

These websites, along with an estimated 7,000 others, according to Politico, will black out their pages in protest of the U.S. House of Representatives' Stop Online Piracy Act and the U.S. Senate's Protect IP Act.

SOPA and PIPA are bills not yet approved as laws that would give entertainment companies the power to take down domains that host or link to anything they consider pirated.

Neither bill has been finalized for presentation, so language can still be changed.

According to the White House website, the Obama administration is against Internet piracy but will not support legislation that restricts freedom of expression or thwarts online innovation.

"Although it does raise awareness, the congressmen don't care unless you tell them you care."

Dylan Sutton
 environmental engineering freshman

Today, many blacked-out websites will take their normal content down and post information about the bills.

The English-language Wikipedia will

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New Year's 'resolutioners' still flocking to campus gyms

► SOUTHWEST RECREATION CENTER REACHED CAPACITY.

ADARA NEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Katy Doran got to the Student Recreation

and Fitness Center a few minutes before her 5 p.m. Hatha yoga class last Wednesday.

She was surprised to find the class was full and the spot she reserved online had been given to a standby student.

"Every year around this time, I go to the gym and it's way too busy," said Doran, a 21-year-old journalism junior. "Usually it

takes two weeks and the New Year's resolutioners stop coming."

As Doran suggested, gyms may not be busy for much longer.

About 50 percent of people who make New Year's resolutions keep their commitments for a month, said John C. Norcross, a psychology professor at the University of

Scranton.

The first few weeks of spring semester are always the busiest time of the year for UF's gyms, said Erica George, a fitness associate for UF RecSports.

"In the entire fall semester, I had never seen the gym reach capacity, but this week

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sign up for Dutch cooking class

Today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Soon it will be cold enough for ice skates, so keep warm by learning how to prepare a traditional and easy Dutch meal. The Center for European Studies is offering a series of cooking classes this semester. Dutch cooking is Monday from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The class is \$25. The small class size ensures a hands-on and delicious experience for all. Call 352-392-8902 for more information.

Wildlife Society meeting

Today, 5:15 p.m.

Newins-Ziegler Hall, Room 112
 The UF chapter of The Wildlife Society will be hosting its first general body meeting of the semester. Come learn about opportunities in wildlife conservation, animal identification and outdoor skill development, and network with professionals in wildlife-related careers.

CHISPAS general body meeting

Today, 7 p.m.

Reitz Union, Room 355.

Interested in human rights and community service? All students are welcome to the first meeting of the semester. There will be free pizza.

Relay for Life team captains meeting

Today, 7 p.m.

McCarty Hall A, Room G186

UF Colleges Against Cancer is having its first Relay for Life team captains meeting this semester. If you are a team captain, or you are thinking about forming a team, come learn more about this year's Relay for Life.

RUB Presents: Drive

Today and Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Reitz Union Auditorium

Ryan Gosling plays a Hollywood stunt performer who moonlights as a wheelman and discovers that a contract has been put on him after a heist gone wrong. The event is free and open to the public.

Grand opening of Jesus U

Today, 9 p.m.

111 S Main St.

Jesus U will continue to have meetings every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the same location. It is a nondenominational Christian ministry of the Rock of Gainesville.

UF Libertarians meeting

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Matherly Hall, Room 118

The UF Libertarians will be holding its first open meeting of the semester. Anyone interested is welcomed and encouraged to come learn about individual liberty and the classical liberal tradition. The event cal-

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endar for the upcoming year, including speakers, reading groups, campus events and the Students for Liberty International Conference, will also be discussed. For more information, visit the UF Libertarian table on Plaza of the Americas all this week.

La Casita open house

Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to participate in this home-away-from-home environment. There will be free pizza and Wii games (bring a controller).

Grand opening at Sew Make Do

Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

706 NW 23rd Ave.

Come check out Gainesville's new modern sewing and craft studio. There will be food, drinks and a drawing for a free sewing class. For more information visit www.sewmakedo.com.

Beginner Tango class

Sunday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Student Recreation and Fitness Center SR2

Join us for a beginners tango class. No partners, previous experience or special shoes are necessary.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to emorrow@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

NATIONAL

Ind. theft suspect threatens to eat police, dogs

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Police say a man in Indiana accused of stealing a car threatened to hunt down and eat his arresting officers, their families and police dogs.

The Journal & Courier reports 39-year-old Paul M. Brock of Frankfort was charged Wednesday with auto theft, resisting law enforcement, intimidation and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Police in Lafayette, 60 miles northwest of Indianapolis, used dogs to subdue Brock during his arrest on Friday.

Police say Brock later told officers that he would hunt them down and eat them, their families and their dogs.

He had a blood-alcohol con-

tent more than three times Indiana's legal limit.

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Out of room, Mass. man gives up 94 hamsters

LAWRENCE, Mass. — A Massachusetts man has turned over 94 hamsters to a local animal shelter, telling officials he was running out of room in his apartment.

The director of the shelter says the rodents were well cared for and will make nice pets.

Shelter director Mike Keiley tells the Eagle-Tribune that the hamsters' owner, whom he didn't identify, stopped by this month and said he had a lot of hamsters to surrender.

A Lawrence animal control officer says the man was "overwhelmed" when officials came to get the hamsters Friday and initially wanted to keep a few. But she says he changed his mind.

Officials say the man started keeping the hamsters about five years ago.

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INTERNATIONAL

Dutch use F-16s to pursue criminal suspect

AMSTERDAM — Talk about overkill.

The Dutch air force says two of its F-16 jet fighters tried to help police chase a criminal suspect.

Spokesman Olav Spanjer says the jets were about to leave Volkel airbase on a training mission Thursday evening when they heard local police had requested a military jeep to chase a suspect over soggy terrain.

The pilots volunteered to help search using their infrared cameras.

Spanjer conceded Friday, "It was kind of a long-shot."

The suspect was in a car with stolen license plates that sped away when police tried to pull it over. After an exchange of gunfire, the car crashed into a canal and the man ran away across a field.

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CLARIFICATION

In Tuesday's edition of the Alligator, an article on Saturday's SwampCon reported that Gator Anime planned the convention. Gator Anime was one of four clubs — Gator Gaming, Science Fiction Consortium and Delta Nu Delta Tabletop Gaming — that planned the event.

The Alligator strives to be accurate and clear in its news reports and editorials.

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ON CAMPUS

UF students still mostly in-state

EMILY MILLER
Alligator Contributing Writer

Billy Harris spent more time during his first two weeks at UF watching the TV show "Friends" than making them.

Harris is from Columbia, Md., and, like other out-of-state students, he is outnumbered by those who came from Florida. Because he isn't from the Sunshine State, he didn't have the advantage of being surrounded by familiar high-school faces.

"I didn't know anyone," said Harris, a 19-year-old finance freshman. "And I didn't go up to people and introduce myself."

The Chronicle of Higher Education published data in October that stated 5,741 freshman in 2010 — 95.5 percent of the freshman class — were Florida residents.

The publication received its data from a survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Education. The survey, which is based on where students claim residency at the time they submit their college applications, tracks the relocation of new full-time students at colleges and universities around the nation.

The percentage of in-state freshmen at UF increased from 2004 to 2008, according to the data. In 2004, 89.4 percent of the freshman class were Florida residents. The percentage has not changed since 2008.

"First and foremost, it is because we are a state university," said UF spokesman Steve Orlando, "and we consider it our primary goal to educate Floridians."

More than 29,000 students applied to UF for

the 2011-2012 school year, and 11,423 students were admitted, Orlando said.

Bright Futures and the cost of tuition may contribute to the number of in-state applicants UF receives, Orlando said.

"Tuition is about \$2,500 lower than the national average per year for in-state students," he said.

Jamie Nesser, a 19-year-old nursing freshman, said convenience is another reason students choose to stay in Florida.

"I always knew I wanted to be close to home."

Jamie Nesser
UF freshman

"If I was from out of state, I'd barely go home, but now I go home all the time," said Nesser, who is from Hollywood, Fla. "I always knew I wanted to be close to home."

She said she likes the fact that she came to UF knowing several people.

Paige Gross, a 19-year-old event management freshman from Potomac, Md., said the high number of students from Florida doesn't affect her.

"I knew that the majority of the people here come from in state. I was still going to apply either way," she said.

Harris said he regretted his decision to attend UF at one point, but he doesn't feel that way anymore. He jumped in and joined a fraternity, which he said helped.

"People know me more by where I'm from," he said. "It makes me more unique, and I like it."

Imported oranges to be tested for fungicide

FLORIDA ORANGES HAVE BEEN UNAFFECTED.

MATT BOLES
Alligator Contributing Writer

Getting that daily dose of Vitamin C may cost a little more this month.

The Food and Drug Administration announced Jan. 9 it will test imported oranges for traces of a fungicide.

Although government officials are only testing foreign oranges, Florida citrus farmers expect consumers to be wary of all oranges.

"When you have less supply to meet the demand, the price usually rises in an effort to allow supply and demand to reach equilibrium," said Stephen Futch of the UF Citrus Research and Education Center.

Oranges are the third most-consumed fruit in America, and orange juice is the most consumed juice, according to the Department of Agriculture.

"Oranges are commodities. In theory, if the demand for orange juice remains the same following the FDA's

newest restrictions, then the price may go up," Futch said.

Robert Sexton, owner of Oslo Citrus Growers Association in Vero Beach, said he believes the scare will end in 30 days, but consumers will have to pay more.

"It will put a focus on Florida, and prices will go higher in retail," he said.

Coca-Cola Co. reported to the FDA in December its orange juice, Minute Maid, tested positive for Carbendazim, a fungicide citrus farmers use to prevent mold.

Carbendazim is illegal in the United States but not in Brazil, said Ernie Neff, editor of Citrus Industry magazine.

Brazil is the world's largest producer of oranges, followed by Florida.

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 99 percent of Brazil's oranges are exported.

Neff said Carbendazim is not harmful in small amounts.

However, the fungicide can cause cancer and endocrine and reproductive problems in humans, according to pesticideinfo.org.

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Enrollment up in UF's College of Journalism and Communications

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- **Northwestern University**
684 students
stable
all journalism majors
- **University of Florida**
2,300-2,400 students
increased between 2 and 18 percent per major
all majors
- **University of Missouri**
1,900-2,000 students
slight fluctuations either way
all majors
- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**
652 students (as of Fall 2011)
decreased
journalism majors with at least 60 credit hours

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Writer

When sophomore Michael Llerena tells people he's an aspiring journalist, they question his career choice.

"People have an overwhelming fear that the field of journalism is dying, and it's not," said Llerena, a 20-year-old journalism major. "While newspapers may be dying, the field of journalism is not dying; it's merely changing."

Enrollment in the journalism major has actually been growing at UF. Since last fall, enrollment for journalism is up by about 2 percent. Numbers for all majors in the College of Journalism and Communications are up from last year.

For the past 18 to 24 months, there has been an overall increase in enrollment, said Michael Weigold, the college's associate dean of undergraduate

affairs and enrollment management. He said the growth is a testament to the college's leadership, professors and curriculum.

Public relations enrollment is up by about 18 percent, advertising enrollment is up by about 5 percent and telecommunication is up by about 11 percent. However, these numbers change daily, Weigold said.

Although he said he did not want to speculate why public relations has grown as a major, Weigold said UF is one of the few schools to offer it as a degree.

According to the College Board website, 265 colleges offer PR as a major.

Nicole Cuccaro, a 19-year-old public relations sophomore, has noticed more

people switching into her major. She said many of her friends who were undeclared or who decided to change majors switched to public relations.

"It's a really good degree to come out with because it's so versatile," she said. "It prepares you for any kind of work you want to go into."

Numbers at Medill School of Journalism, the journalism college at Northwestern University, have remained constant. Medill enrolls the maximum number of students each year, said Keri Disch, the college's director of student life.

The University of North Carolina School of Journalism and Mass Communication offers students one major with specialized core courses. However, students are enrolled in the school after earning 60 credit hours, according to the school's website.



Weigold



Emily Doyle / Alligator

Further Review

County Commissioner Mike Byerly asks Larry Sapp, county purchasing manager, questions regarding a local hiring preference at a meeting of the Alachua County Commission on Tuesday night. The commission did not reach a decision but passed the item to city staff for further review. Read the story on alligator.org.

Phone reception to improve in stadium

Project to begin in February

RACHEL CROSBY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Next football season, sending "Go Gators" text messages may not be as difficult for students at home games.

UF will start installing a system to increase cellphone service on campus this semester, according to John Madey, director of telecommunications for UF Computing and Networking Services.

The project is still in its design phase, but installation in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium is expected to begin in February, Madey said.

He said installation in the stadium will be completed in time for the

first home football game this fall.

The system is expected to boost the performance and coverage of wireless devices, including smartphones with Wi-Fi, in specific areas of the school.

The device won't cost UF anything, Madey said. UF awarded AT&T the roughly \$15-million contract in May, and AT&T will provide the funding.

The system is anticipated to boost call quality, data rate and battery life for users of all major cellphone companies. The goal is to reach three bars of service across campus, according to a news release.

When someone makes a call, his

or her phone will use about 300 antennae throughout the stadium to connect the call. The antennae will be hidden in containers mounted on walls and ceilings, according to a news release.

The system is expected to spread across campus and will include Library West, the O'Connell Center and the Florida Innovation Hub at UF. The project is expected to be finished in two years, the release said.

Students said they will be glad to see cellphone reception improve on campus, especially during football games.

"I've noticed that during a game there is very poor cellphone reception," said Jennifer Norris, an 18-year-old occupational therapy freshman. "It takes a lot to send messages."

More students take advantage of library's new late-night policy

► LIBRARY WEST AND STARBUCKS ARE NOW OPEN 24-HOURS A DAY, SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

KYRA LOVE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Library West began the new semester with new hours, and students have been adjusting accordingly.

This semester, Library West is open 24 hours a day Sunday through Thursday as part of a pilot project funded by Student Government.

"It's something everybody has asked for multiple times, so we'll see how it goes," said Patrick Reakes, chair of Library West.

Even though it's only the first week of school, Reakes said the number of people using the library's late hours has been growing every day.

Ruhiyyih Bannister, a dietetics sophomore, was in the library past 1 a.m. during the first week of school.

"I feel more focused when I come to the library," Bannister said. "If it gets to be 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. and I still need to get work done — if I'm at home I'm definitely going to go to sleep."

When it becomes available, data on the number of people using the library during its new hours will be analyzed to decide if it will continue to stay open late.

Reakes said it will probably always be fairly slow after 2 a.m., except during finals.

Michele Lesure, the overnight supervisor at Library West, works from midnight to 9 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

She said she enjoys working overnight.

"You see the same people," she said. "There are lots of regulars, and I have a feeling that I'm going to get to know a lot more people."

The Starbucks on the ground floor maintains the same hours as the library.

"I feel more focused when I come to the library."

Ruhiyyih Bannister
UF sophomore

Starbucks employee Laura Talafer, 21, a psychology senior, works until 2 a.m. two to three nights a week.

She isn't paid more per hour during the new hours.

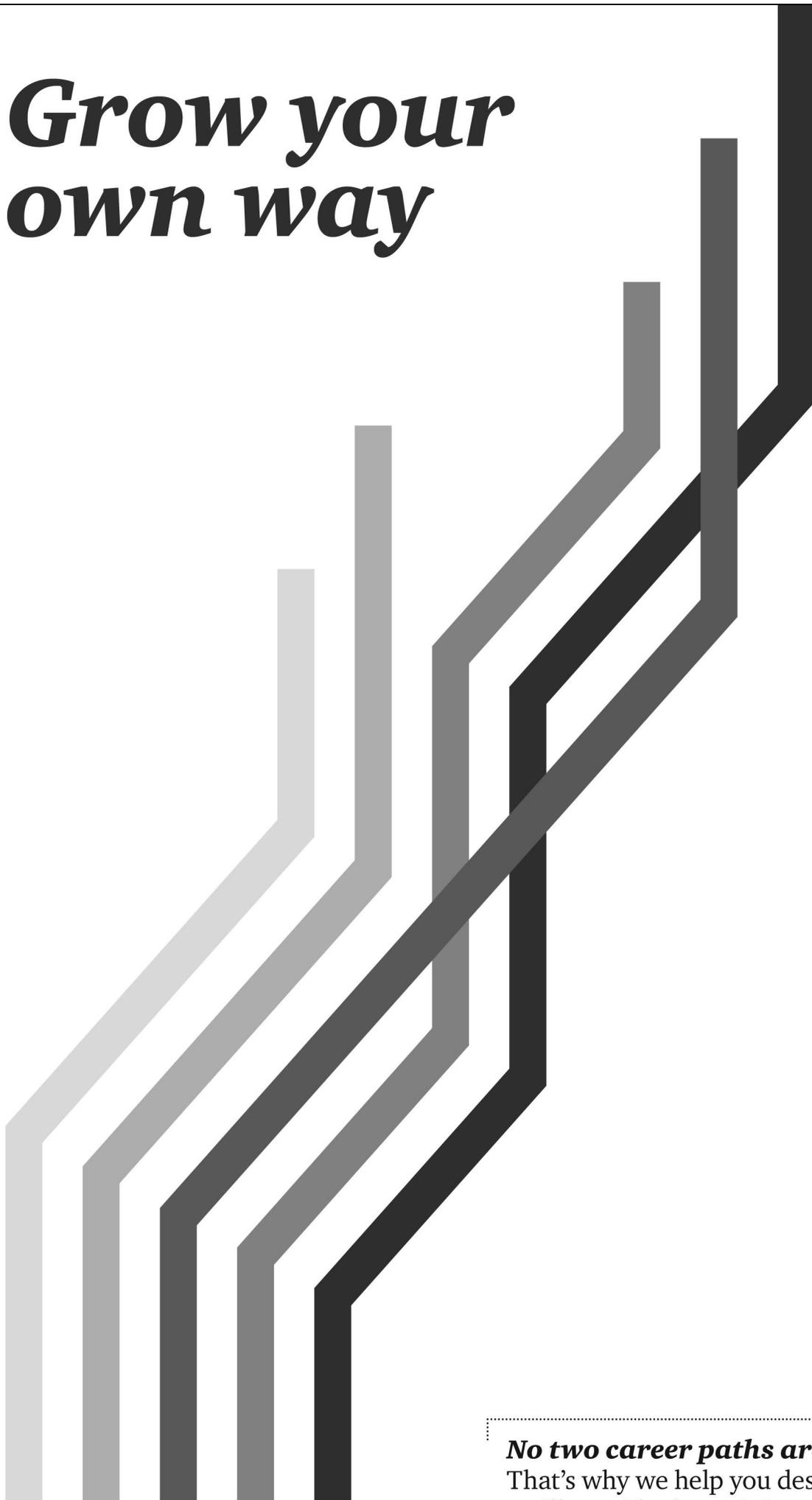
Overnight supervisors are paid more, although Reakes and Lesure declined to say how much.

Overall, the library's new hours are a positive change, Talafer said.

Without the later hours, her busy schedule wouldn't allow her to work.

"It's bittersweet because yes, I'm tired, but even more yes, I need the hours," she said.

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Innovation Hub at UF helping establish startups

JOLISA CANTY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Since opening in October, Florida Innovation Hub at UF has already made a difference for startup companies housed in the new facility, some companies' presidents said.

The Innovation Hub was built to supply startup technology companies with the facilities they need to conduct research.

"The hub has already helped significantly," said Mike Giampietro, president of Generation Wy, one of the businesses that moved into the Innovation Hub.

Generation Wy plans to develop and market a product to prevent interference with cable and satellite communication using large bandwidth spectrum areas called "white space," according to the Innovation Hub's website.

"White space wireless has been referred to as Wi-Fi on steroids," Giampietro said.

White space provides additional capacity for high-speed Internet, making it faster, according to the website.

"White space wireless has been referred to as Wi-Fi on steroids."

Mike Giampietro

president of Generation Wy

Inside its office at the Hub, Generation Wy benefits from office space and access to the expertise of attorneys and engineering experts, Giampietro said.

A company called eTect is also settling in at the Hub.

Eric Buffkin, president of eTect, said the company makes a drug capsule that tracks when someone takes a medication for a clinical trial.

In the past, drug companies have relied solely on the responses of recipients who are testing the drug. Using eTect's computerized capsule, drug companies can track who actually took the drug and when they took it.

Buffkin said being in the Innovation Hub is also a networking opportunity.

Other companies that have moved in and are expected to start conducting research are Apollidon, NanoPhotonica, NeuroNet, One Software, Mind 2 Market, Shadow Health and Totuit.

"This looks to me like an empire that could provide great innovation," Giampietro said of the Innovation Hub community.

Editorial

Forcing the Hand

Let employers require high school diplomas

Employers around the country have become concerned about a letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that says requiring a high school diploma for certain job positions could violate the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Specifically, the commission argues that many disabled applicants might be unable to obtain a high school diploma and could be screened out as potential job applicants due to their disabilities.

This could create problems for employment if employers fear the legal consequences for requiring applicants to have a high school diploma, even when the job requires that aptitude.

Employers would have to spend more time defining and describing the duties of each job and justifying why such a position requires a high school diploma. If they fail to meet the standards set by the EEOC, they could face expensive and burdensome lawsuits. Some have also argued that, for many, there might be less of an incentive to obtain a high school degree if more employers are afraid to make it a qualification. Whether this would occur is debatable, but it should make the commission re-evaluate possible unintended consequences of this interpretation.

But the consequences of the commission's opinion are nowhere near as bad as the philosophical principles which it violates.

First, the commission's interpretation is an attack on individual achievement. It does not see people in terms of their distinguished merits, but instead views people as part of collective groups, all of which deserve equal opportunity, regardless of qualifications.

While the EEOC may argue that it is not trying to eliminate standards of employment, many employers might lower their qualifications for fear of frivolous lawsuits, especially in this economy.

Second, the fact that the commission is dictating the sort of people that a business owner can hire is an anathema to the entire idea of economic liberty. The statements by the commission make it appear as though it, as an agent of the state, is the true owner of the businesses. However, in its gracious wisdom, it allows private individuals to control the day-to-day operations — as long as they conform to the government's rules, that is.

While it may sound cruel, people should be allowed to hire whomever they want without fear of consequences. Those who require outrageous qualifications, or those who discriminate based on arbitrary considerations such as race or gender, will be run out of business by competitors who employ fair hiring practices.

But the laws of economics do not concern those at the EEOC or members of many bureaucracies, for that matter. Instead, the freedom to hire or not hire is trumped by arbitrary notions of "fairness."

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Column

Homesickness shows one's strength

We have made it to the second week of the spring semester. For many of us, the feeling is bittersweet. The second week is the time when college habits reassert themselves fully: We've gotten our schedules and our books, and winter break at home with family seems only a distant memory. This college life is a strange thing. We have two homes: one with family and one here in Gainesville. We have two places to call our own, yet paradoxically, we truly have no place. It is enough to make one utter the maligned phrase, "I am homesick."

Many experienced this emotion as they pulled out of their family's driveways in cars laden with luggage for the trip home. Few admit it; however, who among us does not feel it when we drive through the storied landmarks of adolescence? There is a distinguishable pull — a voice in one's head that asks, "What are you doing? Your place is with your family, not some school a world apart." We think these things, but we do not vocalize them to our peers. To do so would be to admit immaturity and weakness, or so we think.

We live in the most mobile society ever experienced by mankind. We have cars that can take us hundreds of miles in a day and planes that can fly us around the globe. When we graduate, we expect to take jobs around the country to promote our careers. We have learned that the path to success is one of constant motion. We live in a world where sentimentality is nothing but an accursed weakness.

We find ourselves scorning our backwards ancestors — those medieval paupers who never traveled more than 30 miles from their homes because they lived in poverty, never dreaming of what we have accomplished.

We have skyscrapers that would make the Tower of Babel look like a crude shanty. We have machines that allow us to craft technologies unthinkable 100 years ago.



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We have amassed great wealth because we are not afraid to move, not afraid to sunder our roots in search of richer pastures.

And yet, as we leave our family driveways to pursue our education, that voice persists, "This is your place." "Place" —

it's a quaint word, isn't it? It is a word forgotten in our constant struggle for achievement. Our place, we think, is irrelevant, a means to an end. Place is for the weak and the complacent. Those who cry "Homesick!" are surely just those who were not mature or strong enough, the pitiful souls who could not embrace what mankind is capable of accomplishing if only we could forget such existential limits. Or so we think.

However, the voice persists. No matter how excited one is to return to college, there is always a feeling that what he or she is doing is unnatural. As the modern age crept upon us, did we sell our souls for greater wealth and opportunity? I would not assert that leaving home for college is immoral. However, that feeling of homesickness is not a sign of weakness either.

Rather, it is a sign of our strength and of our innate love for the family and landmarks we have come to know over time. Even as modern students, we still hold in our hearts the flickering light shared by those who came before us, who knew that place and limits were important features of any life.

Do not hasten to leave behind these roots, for they will prove more permanent than any college transcript or future career. Most important of all, do not be ashamed of homesickness, but embrace it. It is proof of your humanity in an age of mechanization and transience.

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UWire

Facebook changes give users more choices in presentation

Although planning and preparation for the spring semester is in full gear for many students on campus, the most popular social networking site in the United States is asking users to put down the planner and hop in the DeLorean.

Facebook officially released the Timeline feature, its attempt at churning forward while sideswiping competitors such as Path and Evernote, on user profiles Tuesday.

So, here are some tips to familiarize you with the new features so you can continue lurking randoms in the back of your core humanities class:

There are three key changes to the Facebook profile: cover, stories and apps. Lazy bodies, rejoice; only one of these changes — cover — requires you to do anything.

The cover feature allows someone to post a massive

Stephen Ward
UWire

landscape-oriented backdrop at the top of his or her profile. It can either be a fond memory, large-scale portrait or scenic identity claim.

After combing through hundreds of profiles, the best use of the cover feature seems to be a picture that accents the page. Your profile picture shows your face, so a portrait superimposed on a portrait is overbearing.

You also run the risk of hurting yourself with group photos on your page. For example, friends posing with considerably more attractive roommates in their covers. Now I'm lurking their pages to find that person's profile. Give yourself a fighting chance — stick to landscapes.

The next feature, stories, provides friends with a tour

d'horizon of a particular time period during your life. It helps you remember the highlights of 2011 so you don't have to read the countless lists from news organizations doing it for you.

There's nothing really to suggest for this section other than making updates more meaningful.

Finally, the apps feature gives friends an extensive look at your consumption habits. While it's obviously a goldmine for advertisers, it has its humanistic advantages as well.

For example, friends who link their Spotify, Netflix and other accounts to their page let you see what they're watching and/or listening to.

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Student Senate approves changes to election codes



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Student Body President Anthony Reynolds and former Student Body President Ben Meyers address the Student Senate meeting Tuesday night.

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UF Student Senate gave its final approval to Student Government elections rule changes during Tuesday night's meeting. The changes passed in time to affect the spring elections in February.

After a meeting on Sunday, the election codes revisions committee amended several of the changes read during the meeting held the week before. No one outside the committee submitted amendments, which can be made between the preliminary and final approval votes.

"I think the changes are very comprehensive, and we completed the goals that the committee set out to accomplish," said committee co-chairwoman and Unite Party Sen. Katie Waldman after the meeting.

The changes come after the results of the Fall 2011 elections were questioned, and the UF Supreme Court investigated the elections procedures. UF's new electronic voting system was put in place for the fall semester, and Waldman previously said the amended codes were tailored to fit the new system.

As part of the changes, UF's Supervisor of Elections must present a contingency plan to the Senate two weeks

prior to the elections cycle.

Students Party Sen. Carly Wilson disagreed with the wording of the new amendment. She said the Senate should approve the contingency plan, not just hear a presentation.

"[The Supervisor of Elections] can present something, but we can't do anything about it," she said.

The Supervisor of Elections will also have to make the election codes and other regulations available on the SG website. He or she must post a list of polling locations on the SG website and through at least two other venues. The Supervisor of Elections was previously required to post the list in student dorms.

The codes now enable the Supervisor of Elections to add or change a polling location if one becomes unavailable. The locations must be approved by the Senate, and a replacement location must be the closest available building to the original polling spot. The change will be posted at the original location.

Senators also voted to push back elections by a half hour. They will run from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., instead of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Complaints must be submitted on the second day of voting before midnight with no exceptions.

Spring SG elections will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Google, Facebook to operate normally

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be blacked out for 24 hours, while Reddit will be down from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., according to their respective websites.

Google will not black out, but its main search page will include a link for users to learn about the bills. Twitter and Facebook will operate as normal.

Other blackout participants include TwitPic, WordPress.com and Minecraft. The Cheezburger Network — which includes Fail Blog, the Daily What and Know Your Meme — will black out, and so will MoveOn.org.

Gerald Haskins, UF senior lecturer and Internet law expert, said he thinks the blackout will spread awareness.

The recording and motion picture agencies behind the bills are up against large Internet corporations, he said.

"It's not David versus Goliath. It's Goliath versus Goliath," Haskins said. "I think it could be a big fight."

Dylan Sutton, an 18-year-old environmental engineering freshman, is not so sure. People need to protest by contacting their representatives, he said.

"Although it does raise awareness, the con-

gressmen don't care unless you tell them you care," Sutton said.

Grooveshark, a Gainesville-based music streaming website, will help its visitors do just that.

Instead of blacking out, the site is dedicating part of its advertising space — essentially, the "skin" people see when they first visit the homepage — to protest the bills.

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UF senior lecturer and Internet law expert

Visitors can enter their information and the Grooveshark page will find the contact information for their representatives, said Paul Geller, senior vice president of external affairs.

Grooveshark will also hide an Easter egg that will take visitors to a censored version of the site, where song titles and album names are blacked out.

Geller said he thinks the overall Internet blackout will be revolutionary.

"I don't think there's ever been a concerted effort by Internet businesses to stand up to censorship before," he said.

About 6,800 students were going to campus gyms daily

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alone it has reached capacity on more than one occasion," George said.

In the event that the gym reaches capacity, a "one-in, one-out" policy is implemented, George said.

During the first week of January, Southwest Recreation Center and Student Recreation and Fitness Center had a combined daily average of 6,774 students, said Pamela Hightower, a coordinator for administrative services for UF RecSports.

About 1,000 more people per day were using campus gyms than during the first week of fall semes-

ter, she said.

Gainesville Health & Fitness Center experiences similar trends, said Debbie Lee, the center's director of marketing.

In addition to an increase in existing members, Gainesville Health & Fitness Center also sees a spike in enrollment.

To motivate new members to continue working toward their fitness goals, the gym has developed a free six-week program designed to help create and execute a fitness plan.

Whether you resolve to quit smoking, eat healthier or work out more doesn't matter, Lee said.

"Just pick something and actually do it."

Environmental Health and Safety division investigating explosion

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man Maj. Brad Barber.

In both cases, the reactions involved sodium azide, but Talham said that particular chemical was not necessarily the culprit.

The director of Environmental Health and Safety, William Properzio, said sodium azide is routinely used in labs. He said UF has about 3,000 labs on campus.

Since the October explosion, EHS has worked with the chemistry department to ensure researchers follow safety procedures, he said.

Talham said the safety training done since October mitigated the effects of last week's explosion.

All four people in the lab when the explosion occurred were wearing the right equipment, he said, and they reacted properly.

His department doesn't want to be too critical of the response to the incident, he said, because "we don't want people to be afraid to respond correctly."

The chemistry department is first concerned with student safety and lab clean-up, Talham said, and then the department investigates the incident.



Properzio

Sisler Hall closed Wednesday night and reopened Friday. On Monday, an outside company removed the remaining hazardous material that hadn't reacted and cleaned the lab where the incident occurred.

The lab reopened Tuesday, Properzio said, but no one is allowed to do experiments there until EHS finishes investigating the incident.

Talham said because Ha is still recovering, the exact cause of the explosion remains unknown.

"We don't want to go bombard him with things he shouldn't be worrying about right now," he said.

Talham said the chemistry department is collaborating with the Dean of Students Office, Office of the Provost, Office of Research and University Police to review procedures for handling potentially dangerous reactions and will continue to do so.

Stephanie Hull, a 20-year-old chemistry junior, said she feels safe in lab because she doesn't work with the same materials as graduate students.

"If I were a grad student," she said, "I might be a little skeptical about how they're going about teaching safety."

Hull plans to apply to UF's chemistry graduate program. Talham stressed that experiments done on campus are small-scale compared with industrial standards.

"The building won't come crashing down on anyone's head," he said.

However, he said, "one injury is too many."

Commission candidate focused on businesses in east Gainesville

He considers biomass plant a non-issue in race

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At 10 years old, his love for politics developed while ironing clothes for school and watching '92 presidential candidates on "Good Morning America," per dad's orders. Even though he wanted to watch cartoons, it stuck.

"Bill Clinton inspired me. He said, 'we need change.' I was just awestruck."

Armando Grundy is one of three candidates running for Gainesville City Commission, District 1. He's half black and half Hispanic. He's 32. His parents divorced when he was 4, and he grew up in Harrisburg, Penn. with a mom who worked two jobs — one at the U.S. Department of Treasury, and one at Sears — to pay for Christmas presents.

"It was a pain that didn't go away for many years," Grundy said about the divorce. "It destroyed me as a kid."

At age 10, he moved to Jacksonville to be with his dad, who he said taught him to be a man by making him do chores and forcing him to stay abreast of current events.

Dad couldn't pay for college, so Grundy joined the Army to get the G.I. bill and pay for school. He served his country from '97 to '05. He never went to war.

He enrolled in St. Leo University and is one semester away from a bachelor's in political science and international studies, with a minor in urban planning and leadership,

he said.

He said he might go to law school one day, but for now, he's focused on the race.

"What I do understand is that in

order to lead others, you need to be a servant," he said. "I've been a servant. I've served my country."

He said this kind of experience, like his upbringing, prepared him

for a life of public service.

He lives in east Gainesville and doesn't own a car.

"I have three modes of transportation," he said, "Nike, Reebok and

RTS."

As for his campaign, the No. 1 issue is "jobs, jobs, jobs." He wants to make it easier for businesses to open in east Gainesville by streamlining the permit process. He calls the biomass plant a non-issue because the ground has already been laid for the project, and he thinks it's hijacking the real issues of the campaign.

"Folks in District 1 are unemployed or underemployed," he said. "That's why it's at the top of my platform."

He said he's been advocating for District 1 since '07, when he went to a city council meeting and observed current commissioner Scherwin Henry in action. He was so impressed with the man that in 2008 he asked Henry to mentor him. Henry agreed.

"I've been the only candidate consistently involved in the process," he said, citing his work to improve access by RTS to east Gainesville residents.

He said he was instrumental in extending the route times for east Gainesville from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"Transportation planning is my specialty," he said.

In addition, he wants to reduce Gainesville crime by promoting crime-watch organizations and supporting after school programs.

Previously, Grundy lost an election for District 3 in 2008.

"I'm running because I'm the only candidate in this race who has been working to better the district," he said. "I understand it will be District 1 to elect me, but I'll be a change that represents all people."



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Armando Grundy, 32, is one of three candidates running for Gainesville City Commission, District 1.

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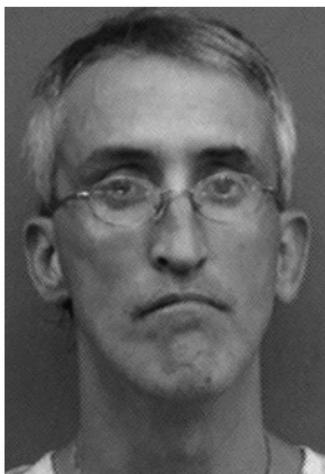
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PRICES SLASHED!!!
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UF GRAD PAYS MORE
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Get my offer before you sell! Call Jim 376-8090 or 222-8090
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Training and liability insurance provided.
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by David L. Hoyt 1-18-12

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Desert plant	TSUCCA
5. Front _____	PCROH
6. "Lady and the _____"	RPTAM
7. Baby bed	DRAECL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Dome	PULCAO
2. Caretaker	RACOTUR
3. Silent	NURHDEA
4. Pair	POCUEL

CLUE: This is located about 190 miles southwest of Mexico City.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Butler juggling starting lineup

Stewart sitting, Madu moving into larger role

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

Amanda Butler admits she is an emotional coach.

She says her feelings are a driving force behind many of her decisions, including her tinkering with lineups early in Southeastern Conference play.

However, Butler notes her starters are never set in stone, and they are bound to change multiple times.

"Our season has many seasons in it," Butler said. "There are a lot of different trends that present themselves where players are maybe playing great at one end of the floor and not the other."

Senior center Azania Stewart, who has struggled of late, is a perfect example.

She is averaging just 2.8 points per contest in five conference games, including a scoreless effort in a 49-44 loss to South Carolina.

As a result, Butler has started redshirt senior forward Ndidi Madu in place of Stewart in the last two games.

Madu has shown flashes of emerging as a reliable No. 2 option in the post next to junior forward Jennifer George. Madu scored 11 points in a loss to Kentucky on Jan. 1 and nine during Sunday's win against LSU.

"She's just so athletic and her mid-range jumper is just perfect — nobody can block it," Stewart said of Madu.

Despite losing her starting spot for the time being, Stewart is comfortable in her current role as a reserve.

She has experience coming off the bench both at Florida and while playing overseas for her native Great Britain during the summer.

"I am a great force when I'm on the floor defensively-wise and offensively, I'm kind of struggling right now," Stewart said. "I'm not that type of person to get mad. It's coach's decision."

Another change in the starting lineup has come at the guard position with Deana Allen taking the place of fellow senior Lanita Bartley.

Redshirt senior guard Jordan Jones and Stewart both described Allen as a high-energy player, making her ideal to get the ball rolling in the early going.

"I'm kind of struggling right now. I'm not that type of person to get mad. It's coach's decision."

Azania Stewart
UF senior center

However, Allen sees things a bit differently. "I kind of like coming off the bench better," Allen said. "But if [Butler] needs me to start the game and give us that spark that I give us when I come off the bench, then I'll do it."

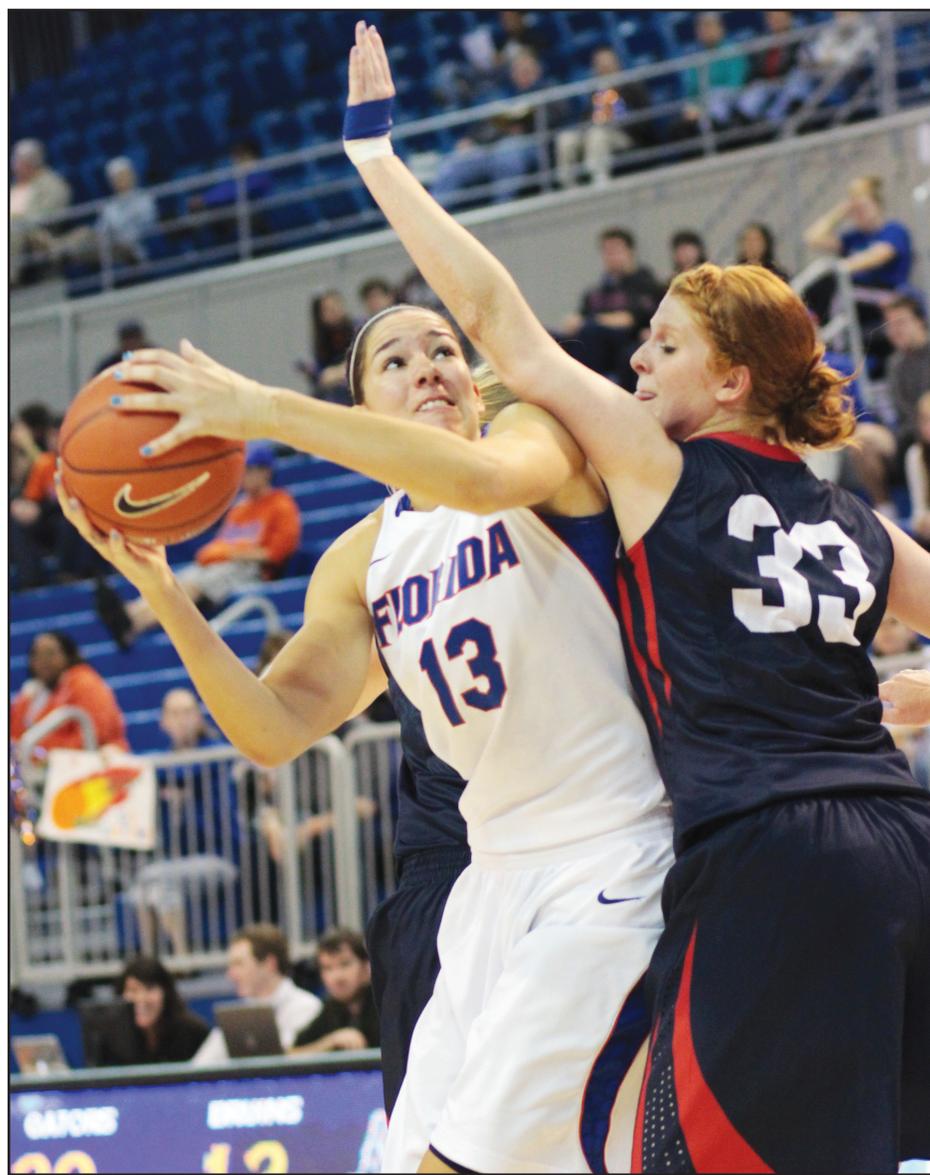
Allen said that starting makes her nervous, but that her preference for the bench stems from gaining a grasp of the game's tempo before jumping right in.

"When I'm coming off the bench, I get to observe stuff more," Allen said. "I get to see how the defense is playing and what the defense is giving us."

Butler said the recent insertions of Madu and Allen into the starting lineup come from a need to aid the transition game in the early going.

Improved transition play will lead to

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Senior center Azania Stewart (13), who is averaging only 2.8 points during Southeastern Conference play, has been supplanted by forward Ndidi Madu as a starter.

RECRUITING

Notebook: Powell visits; Diggs, Howard coming this weekend

KELLY PRICE
Alligator Writer

After his official visit last weekend, Jeremi Powell is completely full.

He said he stuffed his face with food from Chili's, salmon and "everything — they were just delivering everything. I was full before I even got my food."

Powell, a four-star linebacker from Pinellas Park, said he "had so much freakin' fun" on his visit.

"I just can't wait to be up there so it can be like that all the time and just play football, and not have to worry about everything I'm doing down here (in Pinellas Park)," he said.

After a night in midtown and driving around Gainesville with

his hosts, linebacker Michael Taylor and running back Mack Brown, Powell returned home on a college-experience high. Having to show up for work this week in the kitchen of a Seminole retirement home wasn't nearly as fun as Gainesville, Powell said.

"It's real cool; being up there made me realize how bad I wanted to be there, knowing it would be easier for me. And then to come back home (to) high school, exams, drama — oh man, it sucked."

Although his commitment status was already solid, Powell said the visit made him realize how strong it was.

"Nothing in the world can change my mind," he said.

Top recruits in town: This week-

end, Florida will host two more undecided athletes: Tracy Howard, a five-star cornerback, and Stefon Diggs, a five-star wide receiver.

After suggesting Florida was out of the picture once former offensive coordinator Charlie Weis left, Diggs has seemingly reconsidered. On Monday, Florida coaches, including head coach Will Muschamp, made the trek to the Diggs' home in Olney, Md.



Diggs

The meeting is one of the last scheduled for Diggs with any coaches, and is notable because it is the first meeting between Diggs and new offensive coordinator Brent

Pease.

Diggs and his mother have visited Florida once each, separately. Diggs also visited Auburn last weekend and Cal in December.

Howard, though, has two visits and decision candidates left: LSU and Florida. The Miramar cornerback raised a stir in December when he did the Gator Chomp for some Florida coaches that came to see him play in a state title game. However, he remains steadfast that his decision will be made on Feb. 1, National Signing Day.

With great cover skills and speed, the Miramar cornerback is a candidate for immediate playing time in the Gators secondary.

Another visit: Vincent Valentine, a defensive tackle from Edwards-

ville, Ill., also took an official visit last weekend.

Valentine has narrowed his recruitment down to three schools: Illinois, Florida and Nebraska.

Powell said that although he didn't interact much with Valentine, "every time I did see him, I asked him if he was a Gator yet." Powell also said Valentine told him his mom wasn't a huge fan of Florida due to the 900-mile distance between Gainesville and their Illinois home.

Nebraska has been the longtime favorite of the three-star athlete, and he has said he almost committed when he took an official visit to Lincoln last month. But the Gators are still in the running after making a huge push for Valentine after the

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Is Will Muschamp assembling a recruiting class fans should be excited about in 2012? We let two of our writers debate. See *The Rally*, page 16.

Florida's 2012 Class

What is the biggest hole the Gators need to fill with this year's incoming recruiting class? A. Running Back B. Wide Receiver C. Defensive Line D. Offensive Line. **Vote online at alligatorSports.org.**

Poll Results

Are you happy with the hire of Brent Pease as UF's offensive coordinator?

90% YES
10% NO

58 total votes

Spring Sports Preview

Baseball:

What happened in 2011:

- Florida won the Southeastern Conference Tournament en route to a 53-19 record but couldn't get past one overbearing garnet-and-black roadblock. UF went 1-5 against conference foe South Carolina, including a two-game sweep to lose in the finals of the 2011 College World Series.

Season begins:

- Friday, Feb. 17 at home against Cal State Fullerton.

Key players:

- **Karsten Whitson, So., RHP.** (2011 stats: 8-1, 2.40 ERA, 28 BB, 92 K) As a freshman, Whitson tied RHP Hudson Randall for the team lead in starts last season at 19, but took the solo strikeout title even though his innings were often limited.

- **Mike Zunino, Jr., C.** (2011 stats: .371 BA, 98 H, 19 HR, 67 RBI) In 2011, Zunino became the first Gator not named Matt LaPorta to be named SEC Player of the Year and was named an All-American.

- **Hudson Randall, Jr., RHP.** (2011 stats: 11-3, 2.17 ERA, 13 BB, 73 K) No one does more with less on the mound than the redhead from Atlanta, who will be expected to set the tone in weekend series all season as the Friday night starter.

Important series:

- **March 22-24 at South Carolina.** The Gators will have to wait just more than one month to get another crack at the team that kept them from their first national championship in school history last June.



Interesting angle:

- While Florida will return some of its key contributors on offense, no team in the country can say they return a weekend rotation quite like the one the Gators will. With Randall, Whitson and Brian Johnson all back on campus, opposing teams will see three pitchers who combined to go 27-7 in 2011 when they face Florida in weekend series. The mixture of styles and strengths could be lethal for UF's steepest competition.

- Bryan Holt



Softball:

Season begins:

- Friday, Feb. 10 against Long Island and Florida Gulf Coast in Tampa.

Key players:

- **Michelle Moultrie, Sr., CF.** (2011 stats: .443 BA, 75 R 40 RBIs, and 31 SBs) The reigning WCWS Co-Most Outstanding Player is the lone senior and the Gators' most potent offensive threat, breaking six offensive UF single-season records last year.

- **Hannah Rogers, So., RH.** (2011 stats: 36-8, 1.92 ERA, 221 K) Florida's first freshman All-American since 2008 ranked third in the nation in wins and looks to anchor a young pitching staff that lacks experience.

- **Brittany Schutte, Jr., C.** (2011 stats: .326 average, 66 R, 69 RBI and 22 HR) UF's single-season leader in home runs obviously has the power to change the game with one swing, but also locks down a .994 fielding percentage, which led the Gators in 2011.

What happened in 2011:

- The 2011 Florida Gators (56-13, 21-7) started 24-0 and broke 40 team records, catapulting the Gators into a fourth consecutive appearance at the Women's College World Series. However, Florida fell to No. 1 seed, Arizona State, in two games in the Championship Series.

Important series:

- **May 4-6 at Alabama.** The two final SEC teams at the 2011 WCWS will end their respective regular seasons by facing one another in Alabama. Last season, the Gators reeled off four consecutive victories over the Tide after a late-season loss including two blowouts in Oklahoma City. As the SEC's fiercest softball rivalry continues, the Crimson Tide will surely be hungry for revenge.

Interesting angle:

- Florida comes into the season with the No. 1 recruiting class, bringing in seven true freshmen. However, coach Tim Walton must cope with the loss of the most successful seniors the softball program has ever seen, including the nation's top softball athlete in 2011, Kelsey Bruder. The lone senior, Moultrie, must carry the youthful Gators through a brutal Southeastern Conference in order to have a chance of making yet another WCWS.

- Jonathan Czupryn

Women's Lacrosse:

What happened in 2011:

- In just its second season as an NCAA program, Florida let the rest of the American Lacrosse Conference know it was here to stay. Despite a young roster that featured 16 sophomores, only one junior and no seniors, the UF lacrosse team followed its inaugural season with an impressive 16-4 year. After beating Stanford 13-11 in the first round of the NCAA Lacrosse Championship tournament, lost to Duke, 13-9, on May 21 in the quarterfinals.

Season begins:

- Saturday, Feb. 11 at North Carolina.

Key players:

- **Kitty Cullen, Jr. Attacker.** (2011 stats: 86 points, 77 goals, 9 assists, 151 shots) Cullen's 86 goals not only led the Gators but were good for second in the country in 2011. She was also a 2011 IWLCA First-Team All American.

- **Sam Farrell, Jr. Defender.** (2011 stats: 27 ground balls, 11 draw controls and 8 turnovers forced) Farrell anchored the Gators' defense in 2011 and was an All-ALC First Team selection.

- **Mikey Meagher, Jr. Goalkeeper.** (2011 stats: 8.66 goals against average, 129 saves, .439 save percentage) Meagher will see the majority of time in net for the Gators in 2011 as she did in 2012, when she was selected to the All-ALC Second Team.

Important game:

- **Feb. 11 at North Carolina.** Although North Carolina is not an ALC rival, it will provide Florida with a good challenge to open regular season play. The Tar Heels advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Lacrosse Championship where they lost to Northwestern, 11-10.

Interesting angle:

- The transfer of Janine Hillier. An All-ALC Second Team selection at midfield following the 2011 season and the Gators' fourth leading scorer with 40 points last year, Hillier transferred to Stony Brook in December. She was a key two-way player and the Gators will need to fill the void she left in the midfield.

- Josh Jurnovoy



Women's Golf:

Key players:

- **Camilla Hedberg, Fr.** Finished tied for third with a total tournament score of 208, a new record for UF women's golf, in her first NCAA tournament.

- **Evan Jensen, Sr.** She wrapped up the fall season tied for 15th with a tournament total of 224 at the Betsy Rawls Invitational.

- **Mia Piccio, Jr.** Finishing 12th or better in three of the four tournaments so far this season, she shows that she is an asset to the team.

Important Tournament:

- **The Northrup Grumman Regional Challenge on Feb. 13-15.** Not only is this their first tournament of their spring schedule, but they are coming off a second place finish, so the pressure will be on for them to continue to prove their talent.

Men's Golf:

Key players:

- **Tommy Mou, Jr.** Tied for seventh finish at The Bake at The Ocean Course was one of the three scores from UF in the top-10 that helped the team win its first tournament this season.

- **Tyler McCumber, Jr.** Shot a tournament total of 211 and was able with place second individually at The Bake at The Ocean Course.

- **T.J. Vogel, Jr.** He has yet to place higher than 15th individually at a tournament so far this season.

Important Tournament:

- **The Gary Koch Invitational on April 7-8.** The Gators had a strong season last year with five wins. However, they finished off the regular season with a weak performance. UF will need to prove that they can finish a season strong this year if they want to be viewed as a threat in the postseason.

Interesting Angle:

- This year, UF's team consists of six freshmen. Despite the high number of young players, the team has done well so far this season. They will need to start relying more on these freshman in the spring schedule in order to build a stronger team for next year.

- Katie Agostin



THE RALLY

Should fans be excited by UF's incoming recruiting class?

Matt: After a dismal season, Florida fans everywhere are in emotional purgatory. But the dread and angst inspired by the worst year of Gator football in decades has started to give way to some new feelings — excitement, anticipation and hope. National Signing Day is approaching fast, and for college football followers everywhere, that means the next class of athletes is nearly finalized.

A new crop of players, a sense of rebirth; it's an exhilarating time to be a fan.

But not so fast.

Schools like Alabama, LSU and Oklahoma are reloading with top-15 classes, and Florida is right there with the nation's fourth-ranked class, but there's a distinct difference. Those teams are already good, and the Gators aren't.

So, this year, temper your expectations for greatness and remain stoic, as hard as that might be. Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin are not walking through that door.

The Will Muschamp turnaround train is in motion, but it's nowhere near the station yet.

Bryan: The Boom Train may not be in the station just yet, but that doesn't mean it's too far down the tracks either.

Don't let Uncle Matt's grumbles get you down. There is plenty to get excited about in the recruiting class Muschamp and friends are currently putting their final touches on.

Are Tebow or Harvin walking through the door? No, but an elite class of defensive players is, and two of the nation's most explosive wide receivers in Nelson Agholor and Stefon Diggs could be as well.

For once, the Gators are building a team instead of stockpiles of wayward four- and five-stars that Urban Meyer stacked up and dumped on the Gainesville Police Department

in his waning years at UF.

Muschamp is paying attention to needs more than rankings, and he is making the kind of team he has said he can win with: domi-

nant on defense and more physical and tough on offense.

The result will be a group with more contributors and fewer milk jug pictures in two years.

Matt: While Muschamp has certainly made headway on the arrest front, there's not much evidence that he has the tools in place — either currently on the roster, or en route — to play the style he wants.

For all the possibilities of playmakers like Diggs and Agholor coming to Gainesville, there's also the possibility that those recruits don't work out. Remember, Deonte Thompson was a four-star recruit and the nation's No. 8 wide receiver in 2007.

How did that work out again?

UF's offense was so bad this season that it's clearly more than a receiver or two away from reaching even mediocre status. The offensive line is in tatters, the quarterback situation is sketchy at best and there isn't a running back that can be trusted after Mr. Do Everything, Chris Rainey, graduated. (*Ed. — Wait, Rainey actually graduated?*)

Physical? Tough? Not next year, my friend.

Bryan: This class isn't going to come in and win a national championship in 2012 with the



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current surroundings. In other news, Will Muschamp does not care for fumbles and Kerwin Bell was under-qualified to be Florida's offensive coordinator.

But that doesn't mean that excitement should be entirely ruled out.

D.J. Humphries and Jessamen Dunker can come in and immediately make the offensive line better at tackle and guard, respectively, and wide receiver Latroy Pittman and tight end Colin Thompson are more physical than anyone UF has at either position right now.

Rankings are overrated, but you can't completely rule out elite talent because others have fallen before it. Besides running back — where the Gators are slated to clean up in 2013 — the offense will be exponentially more equipped than it was in 2011.

People will want to see results this fall, and they will, but at the same time, they have to realize these guys aren't getting kicked out after one year and will be in Gainesville to build something special over the next three or four seasons.

Matt: *Exponentially more equipped?* What is that? A dick joke?

Like a less-than-well-endowed man, Florida will be looking to other avenues to compensate for where they fall short.

The Gators are going to be terrible on offense, even if D.J. Humphries doesn't prove to be the next Xavier Nixon. They're going to have to rely on the defense, where you say Florida has much to be excited about with in-

coming talents like Marcus Maye, Brian Poole and Jonathan Bullard.

But apart from Bullard, Muschamp and Florida's staff have not addressed the biggest need: girth up front.

The Gators got pushed around on the line of scrimmage against good teams this season, and that will continue next season, even if they get some more talent on the line. The difference between an 18-year-old freshman and a 22-year-old senior is enormous.

But if there's one thing we can agree on, it's patience. Point being: Temper those expectations for a quick turnaround, because it's not coming.

Bryan: Oh, Watsy, always good for a mediocre genitalia joke and always bound to finish first.

There's no doubt the defensive line has to get better to complement what's behind it. Ever heard of Damien Jacobs? He's the quick fix up the middle at 290 pounds (and 20 years of age). Jacobs is a junior college transfer who will be expected to contribute in a big way immediately.

Bullard allows Sharrif Floyd to move back inside where he's more comfortable. Defensive tackle commits Dante Phillips and JaFar Mann are in the class, as well as 295-pound end Quintez Williams.

Did I mention there's a good chance five-star defensive end Darius Hamilton could quickly be turning more and more toward Florida?

If the offense is even vaguely mediocre in 2012, this defense will easily be good enough to make the season worth watching.

Get excited.

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*More changes expected this year***W-HOOPS**, from page 14

increased layup attempts, which could provide a remedy to Florida's recent offensive struggles in the first half.

"Deana and Ndid are two of our more offensive-minded players," Butler said. "Both of them give us a little more speed ... right from the beginning."

Jones does not see Butler ever committing to one starting lineup. It's just not Butler's style.

"You really don't know who's going to start," Jones said. "It's something she'll tell us on game day."

Butler said that the thinking process in regards to her lineup decisions is very fluid, ad-

mitting that she will "absolutely" make some more changes before season's end.

After starting SEC play 2-3, with each game decided by six points or less, the Gators are showing they will do whatever it takes to make sure they have the right people on the floor at the right time.



Butler

game."

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*UF still in running for DE***RECRUIT**, from page 14

decommitment of junior college transfer Visio Salt.

McCalister reschedules: Three-star defensive end Alex McCalister was also slated to take an official visit to Florida this past weekend, but canceled for personal reasons.

He also moved his commitment date from Tuesday to Jan. 23, after his rescheduled visit to Gainesville.

Florida has been heating up the recruiting process with McCalister after four-star defensive end Jordan Jenkins orally committed to Georgia on Jan. 9. McCalister would likely complement Ronald Powell at the Buck position if he ends up committing to Florida.

McCalister is one of three Buck prospects on campus this weekend, along with Dante Fowler Jr. and Bryan Cox Jr.

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