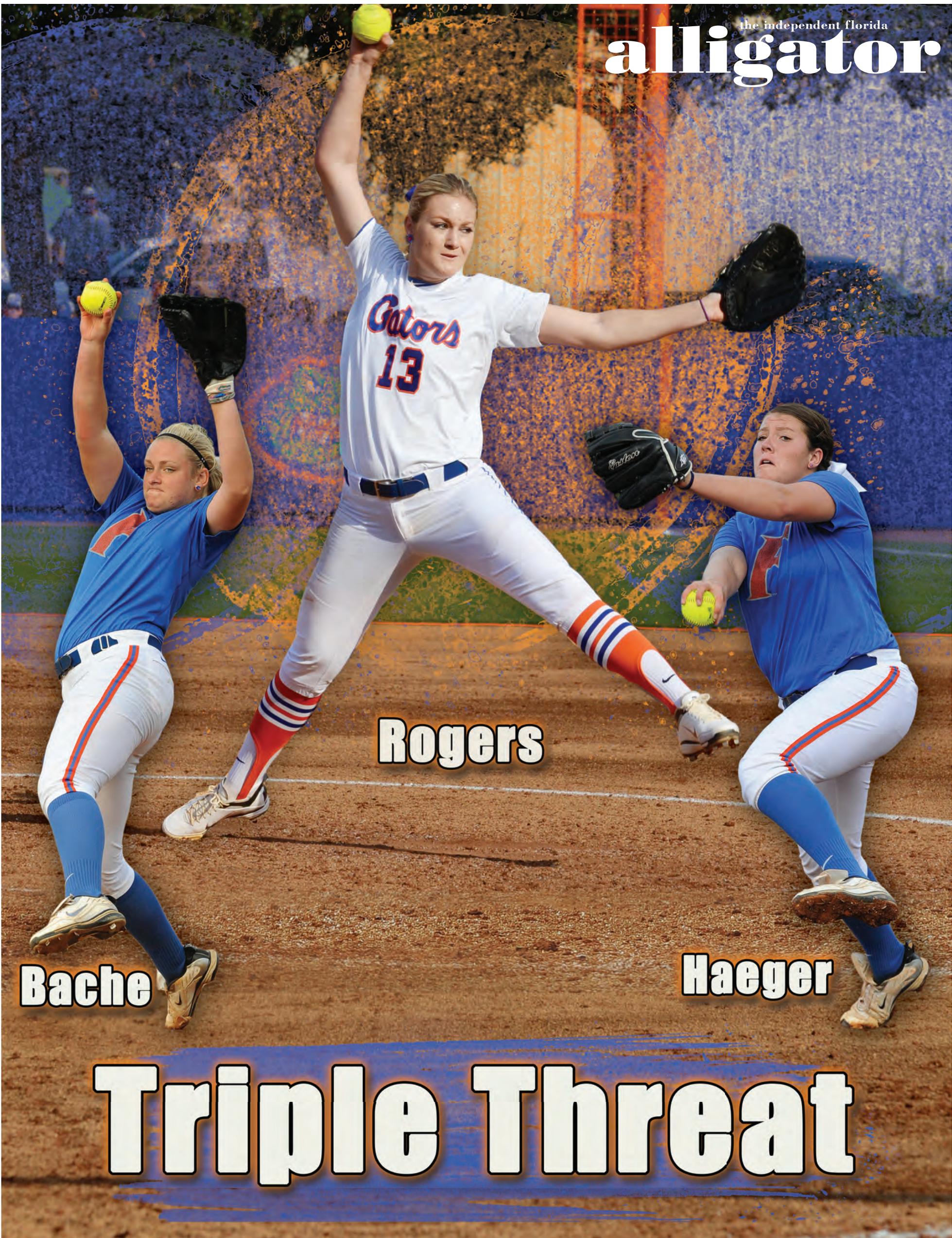


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Rogers

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Triple Threat

Completing *the* Circle

Heralded freshmen put pressure on Rogers to perform

JONATHAN CZUPRYN
Alligator Writer

Keep up. Her goal was to keep up with one of the most highly decorated pitchers in UF history in just her freshman year.

She did. Sophomore Hannah Rogers, a finalist for Florida's Gatorade Pitcher of the Year and an EA Sports Softball second-team All-American while at Lake Wales High, was brought to Gainesville to support then-senior and No. 1 starter, Stephanie Brombacher.

A year before, the Gators suffered without a reliable No. 2 pitcher. Brombacher carried the team to a third straight Women's College World Series, but could not provide coach Tim Walton a title alone. Bringing in Rogers was just supposed to help relieve Brombacher of the stress she held onto in 2010.

Instead, Walton ended up splitting starts between Rogers, then a freshman, and Brombacher throughout last season. In this system, Rogers compiled 36 wins, 10 shutouts and 221 strikeouts, all UF freshman records.

"She got put in some trials last year and pitching in the [Women's College World Series] definitely will benefit her in the long run," Brombacher said. "She knows what it's like pitching with the pressure on and she grew a lot her freshman sea-

son." Blossoming into the go-to pitcher for Florida in 2012, Rogers has much to look forward to at UF.

But the future of the program may be approaching quickly in her rearview mirror. Highly touted recruits, Alyssa Bache and Lauren Haeger, were recruited by Walton to push Florida to new heights.

"If you bring in players of equal or greater caliber than the players you already have," Walton said, "it should build competition amongst pitchers and players altogether."

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Bache and Haeger were both nominated for the MaxPreps National Softball Player of the Year award and were named 2011 ESPN Rise Under Armour All-Americans. Hauling in pitchers of their caliber

“The change is good for the program. The pitching staff is young, but they're going to get good experience and that's going to help them in the later years. With three of them, they're all going to get a decent amount of pitching time which is crucial for them when in their older years.”

Stephanie Brombacher
Former UF pitcher

strikingly resembles Rogers coming to the aid of Brombacher and the Gators for the 2011 season.

However, having three young capable starters will change Walton's

strategy going into this season. And all three will have to compete for time on the mound.

"Players always ask, 'What's it going to take for me to get in the lineup?' First, they have to have confidence in themselves," Walton said. "And they have to get it done. I don't care if we're playing Long Island or if we're playing Alabama, the first game and last game of our season."

"Every competitive situation is the exact same, you got to come through. If you can't come through, then your opportunities will be a little less than those that do come through."

Strengthened by the nation's top-ranked recruiting class, according to ESPN Rise, Walton now has an arsenal of pitchers at his disposal. And he said he won't mind giving more playing time to those who deserve it.

"With the young players, comes expectations of playing in a lot of games," Walton said. "So we're just going to have to manage those expectations and try to get Alyssa and Lauren into as many successful situations as we can."

Even with a potentially strong pitching staff, Walton does not plan to go with a rotation. Instead, he said he wants to lean on Rogers and use Bache and Haeger when he deems fit. But Rogers said she expects to see an equal division of time on the mound.

"I feel like we're all going to have equal playing time because we're all great pitchers," Rogers said. "If I'm



Photo courtesy of Jim Burgess / UF Communications

Florida freshman Alyssa Bache, who helped lead her East Lake High softball team to a No. 2 national ranking as a senior, is one of three pitchers vying for playing time in an usually crowded Gators' pitching rotation.

having a bad day, then Lauren or Alyssa is going to come in and help me out, or if (they) are having a bad day, then we're going to be there to help each other out."

Not since 2006 have the Gators had three or more starters collect at

least 10 starts in a season.

Walton, who took over as head coach in 2006, has mostly maintained a strong duo of starters, with one usually earning slightly more starts than the other. For the past several years, Brombacher has been the reliable rock that the team leaned on.

"The change is good for the program," Brombacher said. "The pitching staff is young, but they're going to get good experience and that's going to help them in the later years. With three of them, they're all going to get a decent amount of pitching time, which is crucial for them when in their older years."

Last year, being the mentee, Rogers soaked up any advice and tips given to her by Brombacher. Now, with the departure of Brombacher, and Rogers suddenly thrust into a leadership position on a young team, Rogers has tried to pass on Brombacher's knowledge to Bache and Haeger.

"Stephanie helped me out a lot last year, so I'm trying to do the same for them," Rogers said.

And if any sophomore is right for this job, Brombacher believes it is Rogers.

"I believe she can do it, and hopefully what she learned last year she can help the freshmen learn this year."

Having these freshmen come in is not just a one-way street. Rogers is there to help the youth adjust, while the newcomers are there to push Rogers.

Although sharing her starts potentially means Rogers' numbers will undergo a significant drop from last year, she said she is fine with the move and is not threatened by having a strong class of pitchers behind her, despite the warnings of Walton. She says help couldn't hurt.

"It's going to be great this year," Rogers said. "It's tough going through the season, like when Stephanie was hurt, doing it all by yourself."

Carrying the burden of an entire team took its toll on Rogers while Brombacher was injured last season. She had to pick up the slack of the staff, giving her more innings pitched (265.2) and appearances (55) than any other freshman in UF history.

Although both Bache and Haeger have the potential to be the No. 1 starter for a number of schools around the nation, it isn't playing time that motivates them. Instead, it's winning.

When asked about possibly being discouraged with their current position on the pitching staff this season, Bache and Haeger responded with an emphatic, "No."

"I have complete faith in our coaching staff and our team," Haeger said. "We're doing what we can to win. We're here to back each other up."

Rogers knows Walton has two potential All-Americans in his back pocket.

Breathing down her back. Vying for a start.

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Whoever performs is going to get the nod.

It's a simple philosophy laid out by Walton. A philosophy that Rogers is sure to have had heard at this point.

Loud and clear.

There is a fine line between splitting starts with other pitchers and losing your job altogether. In order for Rogers to maintain her balancing act, she must simply perform well when given the call.

"It motivates me to work harder," Rogers said. "Obviously they are really good pitchers. So it motivates me — a lot."

Rogers cannot coast on last year's success to maintain her No. 1 role this year. Instead, she must take the wheel and drive the Gators to the promised land of a national championship behind the strength of her arm.

If not, Rogers won't be checking her rearview mirror for very long.

Accolades

- Hannah Rogers won 36 games last year with an ERA of 1.92. She appeared in 55 games, throwing 10 shutouts and striking out 221 batters.

- Alyssa Bache led East Lake to a No. 2 national ranking by MaxPreps her senior year. Her sophomore and junior seasons she was voted the Miracle Sports Pitcher of the Year. She captured the Pinellas County and All-Suncoast Pitcher of the Year her first three years of high school.

- Lauren Haeger was named to both the 2011 and 2010 USA Softball Women's Junior National Team. She pitched the 2011 Gold Medal Game, allowing just five hits. She was named to the 2011 NFCA All-American first team.



Alligator File Photo

Entrenched as the No. 1 starter after a stellar freshman season, Gators sophomore pitcher Hannah Rogers (left) said she doesn't mind sharing time this season with highly touted freshmen hurlers Alyssa Bache and Lauren Haeger.

Florida is trying to find unity on offense ahead of a rematch with Tennessee on Saturday afternoon. See story, page 14.



Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

Wired

Brad Noblitt, of the UF College of Journalism and Communications, looks on as Utility Service of Gainesville workers zip-tie a 144-count fiber-optic cable on Thursday afternoon. The cable will transmit HD video and audio directly from University Athletic Association venues to Weimer Hall as part of a partnership between WUFT-TV and UAA.

Suspects may face death penalty in murder case

THE TWO WERE INDICTED WEDNESDAY.

TYLER JETT
 Alligator Staff Writer

At least one of two people charged in the January murder of a 78-year-old Gainesville man could face the death penalty.

A grand jury indicted Maranda J. Martin, 22, of Fort White, and her cousin, Austin M. Jones, 22, of Mulberry, on eight counts Wednesday, including first-degree murder, kidnapping and home-invasion robbery. Jones was also indicted

for attempting to elude police and carrying a concealed firearm.

State Attorney Bill Cervone will seek the death penalty for Jones, spokesman Spencer Mann said Thursday. Cervone has not decided whether to pursue the death penalty for Martin because he has not finished reviewing her case.

Before making a decision, Cervone will consider how violent Martin was during the robbery, her past criminal record and her mental state, among other elements, Mann said.

After her arrest on Jan. 10, Martin told po-

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Authorities arrest one more in sting

Arrest total reaches 22

TYLER JETT
 Alligator Staff Writer

The girl was supposed to be 14 years old. She was supposed to "chill and relax" with the man. They were supposed to meet at the Gainesville Regional Airport.

"Apparently, he didn't follow the news," Alachua County Sheriff's Office spokesman Art Forgey said.

ASO held a press conference earlier this week announcing a successful child-sex sting, but

that didn't stop Richard D. Jernigan, 30, of Ocala, from pursuing an illegal Craigslist hookup.



Jernigan

The sheriff's office arrested Jernigan on a public orders crime and two counts of obscene communication. His mugshot joins those of 21 other men as the dominant images of Operation Tailfeather, a joint investigation by ASO and the Gainesville Po-

lice Department.

On Jan. 30, a GPD detective posted an ad on Craigslist: "do u like yung1s - w4m." The fictional girl wrote that she was bored and looking for older guys.

Jernigan responded to the ad on Sunday morning, sending two nude pictures and a closeup of his face, according to an arrest report. The girl said she was 14, but the two continued to email and text each other.

"Are you a cop?" Jernigan asked in an email. "Or working with cops?"

He asked the girl about her sexual experience, and eventu-

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ON CAMPUS

Construction near Hub, Infirmary to be completed soon

JULIA GLUM
 Alligator Writer

Two construction projects replacing pipes buried under UF's campus are almost complete.

The sites behind the Hub and in front of the Infirmary will be restored in the next few weeks.

Each project cost about \$200,000, said Jeff Bair, project manager at the Architecture and Engineering Department of UF's Physical Plant Division.

Both areas underwent construction for steam distribution system problems.

The pipes provide campus with steam for utilities including heating and hot water.

Bair said problems are not unusual for the almost 30-year-old pipes.

Two months ago at the Hub, workers found leaks were blowing 200-degree water out of a pipe that supplies steam power

to the building.

They found other pipes in bad condition, he said.

"We do our best to make it as least inconvenient as possible."

Jeff Bair
 project manager

Workers including contractors from Underground Services Inc. and W. W. Gay Mechanical Contractor Inc. had to cut out and re-

place pipes.

At the Infirmary, workers knew the steam line was leaking but not that it was in a similar state.

"We ended up virtually doubling the level of work," Bair said.

The project began in January and took about two and a half weeks.

Soon, workers will put the pipes in service, which means

temporarily stopping hot water in nearby buildings, including some dorms and the Student Recreation Center, Bair said.

"We do our best to make it as least inconvenient as possible," he said.

Ciara Lepanto, an 18-year-old English freshman, said she wasn't impacted by the construction.

"It's just like, 'Oh, OK, they're blocking stuff off,'" she said. "It hasn't bothered me yet."

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Southwest Rec named outstanding sports facility
 It was one of nine college gyms recognized, pg. 3.



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 Today, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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 Come to this free lecture series by UF alumnus Clifford Goldstein. Goldstein is an American author and editor.

Kaplan Course auction

Today
 Need to study for the GMAT or LSAT? Project MASCOT is auctioning both Kaplan course packets, starting at \$300 each to raise money for an elementary school trip to SeaWorld. Visit facebook.com/projectmascot for more details.

Free citizenship preparation classes

Today and every Friday, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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 Review of U.S. history, government and civics information for the citizenship exam. For more information, call 352-378-9787 or email info@latinawomensleague.org

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Beth Schafer Rocking Shabbat!

Friday, 7 p.m.
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Free Tango Classes with UF Tango Club

Today, 8 p.m.
 308 W University Ave.
 All-levels classes begin at 8 p.m. Check out facebook.com/groups/uftango for more details. No experience, partners or special shoes required.

Theatre Strike Force @ GatorNights

Today, 9 p.m.

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 Valentine's Day is just around the corner. While you let that fact sink in, come laugh at a free improv comedy show.

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Southwest Rec named outstanding sports facility

► IT WAS ONE OF NINE FACILITIES RECOGNIZED WITH THE AWARD.

EMILY MORROW
Alligator Staff Writer

Southwest Recreation Center's \$16.3 million renovation paid off with an award last month.

The gym was named one of nine outstanding sports facilities for 2012 by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

The renovation to Southwest Rec, which added 40,000 square feet to the center, was completed in Aug. 2010. Judges evaluated the facility in seven categories, including architectural design, sustainability, technology and how well it meets its purpose.

Lexi Chaput, assistant chair of

this year's judging committee for NIRSA, said two things that stood out the most about Southwest Rec were its use of technology and the gym's aesthetic features, such as the alligator skin on some interior windows and graphics on the walls.

Victoria Waltrip, a 22-year-old biology senior, said she loves the changes that came with the renovation — especially those made to the cardio machines, which she uses most often.

"I really like how everything is very spaced out," she said. "You get a great variety."

The eight other universities who received the award for athletic facilities included Adelphi University; Ball State University; California State University, Long Beach; Colorado State University; Illinois State University; Morehead State University; Oregon State University; and Virginia Commonwealth University.



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Students work out in Southwest Recreational Center on Thursday afternoon. The gym was one of nine recognized by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association as an outstanding sports facility.

STATE US representative, state senator to face off for new district's seat

ADRIANNA PAIDAS
Alligator Writer

Due to redistricting in Florida, a U.S. representative and a state senator will likely go head-to-head for the congressional seat of the newly drawn district encompassing UF.

U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Ocala, announced Wednesday he will

seek a congressional seat in District 3 instead of District 11 because that is where most of his constituents now live.

Stearns will likely run against Florida Sen. Steve Oelrich, R-Cross Creek, for the District 3 congressional seat.

Oelrich is a former Alachua County sheriff and has filed to run

for the District 3 congressional seat.

Because 70 percent of the population that helped petition to get him on the 2012 ballot now live in District 3, Stearns said in a press release, he felt he understands the needs and concern of its residents.

The newly drawn 3rd Congressional District includes most of Alachua County, which is also the only

county entirely based in Oelrich's current legislative district.

Stearns said the new District 3 includes most of the eight counties he currently represents, as well as his Gainesville and Orange Park district offices.

Oelrich was unavailable for comment because he was in a legislative session.

The newly drawn congressional districts were approved by the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, said Katie Betta, spokeswoman for the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

Gov. Rick Scott will have seven days to approve the new districts, Betta said.

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ON CAMPUS

TEDx conference kicks off Saturday

JAIME SLOANE

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 1,600 students will gather to swap innovative ideas and listen to inspiring 18-minute lectures on Saturday at UF's third annual TEDx conference.

The conference, which is the largest TEDx event on the eastern seaboard, is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Curiosity."

TEDxUF is an independently organized arm of the international nonprofit organization TED, short for "Technology, Entertainment and Design."

TED hosts global conferences centered on sharing "ideas worth spreading," according to its website.

The conference is free, but reserve tickets are no longer available.

TEDxUF curator Ben Erez said videos of the lectures will be posted on the event website following the presentation.

Erez asks attendees to "think of TEDxUF as a retreat with your smartest friends."

The conference will host 12 speakers, ranging from entrepreneurs and journalists to professors and visionaries.

"They know that a good idea that isn't shared with others isn't worth much."

Ben Erez

TEDxUF curator

All of them will give free presentations lasting fewer than 18 minutes, as dictated by international TED guidelines.

"Even though it's not a paid appearance, speakers have been excited about the opportunity and more than willing to attend," Erez said. "They know that a good idea that isn't shared with others isn't worth much."

Group promotes organ donation

CHRISTY HANBYUL NA

Alligator Contributing Writer

about this issue. People signing up is a bonus."

The Get Carded with Gator 1 campaign is still in the planning stages.

To get it off the ground, members will begin a petition asking for student support.

Eventually, they want to show a film about the benefits of becoming an organ donor at Preview.

Marigold Mikulski, a nursing sophomore, said she signed up to be an organ donor at 16, when she got her driver's license.

"I think it's a good idea because teenagers don't think about the issue fully at the DMV," Mikulski said. "But later in college, they have thought about the issue more and it's an easy way to sign up."

UF's Get Carded campaign aims to give students a chance to be heroes when they get their Gator 1 Cards at Preview.

Soon, UF students, faculty and staff may be able to register as organ and tissue donors during Gator 1 registration.

Get Carded with Gator 1 is a project of Get Carded, a student-run public relations campaign founded in 2002 that raises organ and tissue donation awareness.

"We're not begging people to sign up to donate organs," said Ronia Silmi, treasurer of Get Carded. "We want to inform people and raise awareness

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Alligator Contributing Writer

For the couple that isn't all about a Carrabba's date or a teddy bear, several UF organizations will put together events for Valentine's Day.

One group has taken high school candy grams and added a twist. The Gators for Wish Kids club has been selling cookie grams on the Reitz Union Colonnade and will sell them until Tuesday for \$3 each, said the club's president, 21-year-old marketing senior Lauren Vallario.

The grams include a poem, a message and two cookies. Recipients will receive a text to pick up their cookie grams at the Colonnade on Tuesday. A package for family members is also available this year.

Club members will table at the Colonnade every weekday until Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students with animals on their minds can attend a vegan meal with Student Animal Alliance.

The UF-based group, which includes non-student activists, is holding a Very Vegan Valentine Dinner at the Civic Media Center on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A \$5 donation

is suggested.

This is the first time the group will be hosting the dinner, according to Civic Media Center coordinator Robbie Czopek, 28.

"Having a vegan meal is a more welcoming and all-encompassing thing than one with meat," Czopek said.

The idea came from the group's Thanksgiving meal, which he said attracted about 50 people.

Music lovers can have Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity brothers serenade any valentine in Gainesville.

The \$35 package (\$45 for non-UF students) includes three songs and a rose, according to the chapter's music director and 21-year-old UF music education senior David Santiago.

Santiago said he expects about 25 to 30 serenades to be purchased this year.

"The best part is singing with all the brothers," he said. "We carpool from place to place so we get to spend a lot of bonding time together."

The proceeds will be given away for the first time to an undetermined philanthropic cause.

For more information, call 352-226-4873.

Local organizations spread love

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Gainesville organizations provide affordable activities on Valentine's Day for the penniless, love-struck college student.

♥ Swing Dancing

Santa Fe College will host a Valentine's Day swing dance event Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall at the Northwest campus.

The UF Swing Dance club will teach swing dancing at 6 p.m., and the Santa Fe College Big Band will perform from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., said Katey Sands, president of Musicians United and a sax player in the band.

For \$5, you can dedicate a song to your special someone.

Single dancers can win an auction for a date with one of the band members.

Tickets are \$10 each and will be available online at the SFC Fine Arts website or in the box office before the event. The proceeds will go to the SFC Fine Arts music department.

♥ Bowling at the Reitz

The Reitz Union Game Room will offer two-for-one bowling on Valentine's Day. Bring a date or split the cost of the entry with a friend.

Bowling is \$2 per student, and shoe rent-

als are \$1. If you decide to play a game of billiards while you're there, it will cost \$3 per hour, said Rebecca Kessler, a student assistant in the Game Room.

♥ French Film Festival

Follow Camille, a woman searching for her lover, as the last film of the seventh annual French Film Festival plays at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hippodrome State Theatre.

Viewing of the film "La France" is free and open to the community. The French film includes English subtitles and deals with social issues women face, said festival organizer Sylvie Blum-Reid, associate professor of French and film at UF.

"La France," which features French actress Sylvie Testud, is the story of a young woman whose boyfriend serves at the front lines of World War I.

After the film, moviegoers can finish the night with frozen yogurt at Mochi, located one block from the theater. CampusSpecial.com is offering a \$1-off printable coupon.

♥ Valentine's Day Art Show

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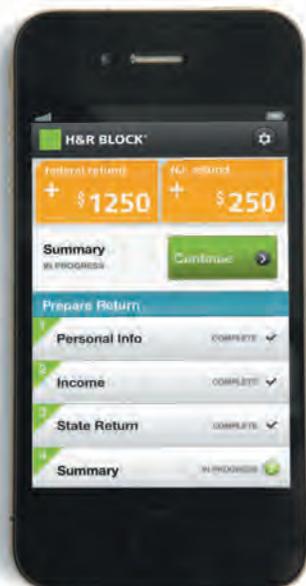
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Editorial

Compared to the horrible events of last week, things this week were pretty good. Except for the fact that the always-angry, holier-than-thou Rick Santorum won three states this week, there appears to be a lot of positive national news. This is not to say that everything is peachy, but we take the good news when it comes.

That brings us to this week's finally-our-heads-got-a-break-from-all-of-the-face-palms edition of...

Darts & Laurels

For introducing a bill that we hope will prevent the indefinite detention of American citizens, we give a let's-hope-this-passes **LAUREL** to the **sponsors of H.R. 3676**.

The bill amends the language of the National Defense Authorization Act to ensure that the language of the original law cannot be construed to allow the indefinite detention of American citizens.

In reference to a story we ran Wednesday, we toss a what-a-bunch-of-creepy-perverts **DART** to the **21 men who were arrested in a child-sex sting**.

However, we reserved special recognition for the winner of our way-to-not-read-the-news **SUPER DART**: pervert No. 22, **Richard Jernigan**.

This guy showed up a day after the press conference about the sting operation and still got arrested.

Next, we give a now-if-only-this-would-apply-to-the-entire-country **LAUREL** to **President Obama**, who waived the requirements of No Child Left Behind for Florida and nine other states on Thursday.

This is definitely a step in the right direction.

As much as we hate to keep repeating ourselves, we just have to throw another it's-so-ridiculous-it's-funny **DART** at **Toni Megna**, the UF Student Government Supervisor of Elections.

As part of the election code revisions, the supervisor has to give a presentation to the Senate, outlining a contingency plan for the SG elections in case anything goes wrong.

Well, according to her presentation, it would be impossible to have secure secondary polling locations.

The best part was that she didn't take any questions during her presentation.

What a joke.

Finally, for respecting the dignity of all human beings, we give a who-would-have-thought-that-this-would-still-be-going-on-in-2012 **LAUREL** to the **U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals**, which struck down Proposition 8, the ban on same-sex marriage in California.

Those who argue that this ruling thwarts the will of the people should realize that the majority does not rule in America.

Individual rights do.

Have a fun and safe weekend and be sure to check back next week!

Reader response

Today's question: Do you plan on celebrating Valentine's Day during the weekend?

Thursday's question: Have you ever witnessed or been subjected to hazing?
41% YES
59% NO
133 TOTAL VOTES

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SON of a GATOR

by Andre R. Frattino



Ladies, don't let this be poor Allie's fate! Like the "Son of a Gator" Facebook page. Say: Happy Valentine's Day Allie! on the wall and win a chance to be Allie's Valentine's Day Date! You'll be drawn into the comic and become an instant cartoon star!

Column

Assisted suicide not government's business

It's the reason George killed Lennie: He wanted to put Lennie out of his misery before the ranch hands could torture him.

Mercy is something we're taught, some of us through religion and some through real experience. I was devastated when my first dog was euthanized, but I came to realize it was the humane choice because he had broken his back and was in constant pain.

In certain cases, I do think euthanasia for humans is the hard-but-right choice to make. According to a 2007 Gallup Poll, 71 percent of Americans support euthanasia for terminally ill patients and 27 percent oppose such measures. Those decisions should be left to families; government should play as minor a role as possible in the right to die.

Doctor-assisted suicide occurs when a terminally ill patient seeks a physician to grant access to lethal substances that the patient can take on his own. Conversely, euthanasia occurs when the doctor administers the lethal dose to the patient.

There may be cases when doctor-assisted suicide or euthanasia is the right choice. If a patient is facing pancreatic cancer, just wilting away, and loses all the happiness of life to constant agony, doctor-assisted death may be a legitimate option. The government ought not to take that option off the table.

Christianity is decidedly against assisted suicide. According to a National Catholic Bioethics Center article, "Human life is an inviolable gift from God. Our love of God and His creation should cause us to shun any thought of violating this great gift through suicide or euthanasia."

The Catholic Church's position on this issue is nonsensical and I vehemently disagree with it. I own my body. In a free society, you should be able to do whatever you wish with your body.

Some may smoke "death sticks," but we do not restrict them because cigarettes are deleterious to your health



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and their usage conflicts with our personal morality or religion. Instead we allow people to make their own decisions and deal with the self-inflicted consequences, whether they are good or bad.

It's not the role of government to protect us from ourselves by limiting freedoms. The

government should have no authority to deny voluntary consumption of any substances, and doctor-assisted suicide fits under that umbrella.

I'm not saying everyone with cancer should be euthanized, but I am saying it should be legal for people to solicit doctors to perform life-ending procedures with the utmost respect. Life is valuable, but is it worth living in a constant state of misery and discontent?

On Monday, the Georgia Supreme Court declared a 1994 law that criminalized the public advertisement of assisted suicide unconstitutional, a victory for right-to-die supporters and a possible sign of where the debate is heading. Currently, only three states — Washington, Montana and Oregon — allow assisted suicide. The scarcity of such services has promoted "death tourism" to Switzerland, the only place in the world where anyone, regardless of residency, can go for assisted suicide.

The right to die is a morbid topic that turns people's stomachs. The right to life necessitates a right to death. What would life be without death?

The entire debate is part of a larger issue: Who decides liberty and who decides morality? The answer to both questions is the same: the individual.

Let people do what their hearts desire so long as they don't breach the life, liberty or property of someone else.

Chris Ceresa is a math and classics junior at UF. His column appears on Fridays.

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

Letters to the Editor

Thursday's photo was inappropriate

I was highly offended by the picture in the Alligator today of the young man arrested for theft. I would appreciate photos to be more informative and less sensational. To publish a picture of a suspect in the middle of a strip search before he's even been proven guilty is in very bad taste. It didn't add anything to the story and violated this 17-year-old's privacy.

Please consider taking the photo that is published online down from the site.

A Concerned Reader

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Thursday's photo unnecessary invasion of privacy

The photograph of the young man accused of robbery on the cover of the Alligator is de-

humanizing and completely unnecessary.

It is a duty and a responsibility of the Alligator to relay the news for the safety and security of our students and for a better understanding of events like these on campus, but to plaster the photograph of an individual, cuffed, in only his underwear, being strip-searched by the police is a gross violation of an individual's rights and privacy.

The image frames the accused as a spectacle and as an object to be gawked at. A simple story would have been enough, and I think there needs to be consideration to take the image down.

If an image is really necessary, then take a photograph of the cuffs being placed on the suspect's wrists or of him being slid into the back of a car. But to have a young man sitting in his boxer shorts with his pants around his

ankles as he is being strip-searched is going beyond a "strong photo" and crossing into the territory of violating an individual's rights.

While I am not arguing in defense of his actions, the repercussions of his criminal offense do not include being treated as an animal and photographed as a creature in a zoo without clothes.

He, like any other human being, is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty in a court of law. Following the latter, he should then be treated with due process, but that does not excuse the subjugation of an individual at a very basic human level.

I feel, if anything, the photograph should be a commentary on the poor procedure of University Police rather than demonization of this young man. The newspaper has agency and is responsible for running the photograph.

A photo is meant to provide insight into the story that is provided alongside it. The image illuminates the glaring faults of UPD in the manner in which this situation was handled. The article itself does not discuss the injustices of the situation; if it did, the photograph would be appropriate.

The story paired with the image discusses the crime and only the crime. The image paired, in this case, with this article becomes a violation and a perpetuation of thought processes and ideologies that are misplaced.

It is unnecessary, it is inflammatory and in that regard, the Alligator is responsible. The manner in which you frame media is very important, and I think in this instance, it was framed poorly.

Mary-Alison Burger
Gainesville resident

UWire

Seattle public library system's online censorship going too far

America's political parties are infamous for their inability to agree on anything. So when both sides of the political spectrum sue you, you're probably screwed.

The right-wing Second Amendment Foundation teamed up with the left-wing First Amendment Foundation to sue the Eastern Washington library system, which covers the Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties, for censoring women's gun-owner websites and magazines, according to The Seattle Times.

What started as the mere censorship of pornographic material on Web pages has blown into a fight about how far a library system can go in controlling material children may be exposed to.

After blocking pornographic websites, the Eastern Washington library system started regulating the availability of magazines and websites featuring gun usage and drug and alcohol references, according to The Seattle Times.

On the other hand, the Seattle Public Library system has been known to allow patrons to watch hard-core pornographic material in its libraries despite the presence of children.

Both of these are extremes, but the restriction of informa-

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UWire

tion would be a darker reality than the danger of corrupting the youth of America.

Dictators realize the value of books — many hold book-burnings when a new regime rises to power. In order to suppress the populace, they must control the flow of free thought. Ability to think independently leads to the realization that a few remain privileged over the despondency of the many. Thus, educated minds are the bane of a tyrant's grasp on power.

Despite the fact that we live in a democracy, this remains applicable because the loss of access to different opinions shows changes in political climate. However, the restriction of pornographic material does not endanger society unless the human race forgets how to reproduce.

Not so long ago, many books were banned in U.S., including "The Canterbury Tales." According to Cornell Law School, they justified this by using the Hicklin's law, an English law that stated any speech intended to corrupt the minds of those who were open to it could be banned. This allowed for the banning of practically everything.

In more recent times, the Supreme Court used the test cre-

ated by the Burger court in Miller v. California and derived from the Warren court in Roth v. United States. The Supreme Court's ruling asked whether the material could be seen as obscene and affects sensitive members of society — specifically, children.

Clearly pornographic material can be classified as obscene and children will possibly be exposed to such material unless public libraries designate a particular area for adults 18 and older.

The library systems should not run on the same principles as the local movie store with access to an R-rated section. However, gun magazines do not count as obscenity. One of the websites the library blocked features photos of women shooting guns who are fully clothed, of every age and not posed or altered in any form to appear sensual.

I believe in access to gun websites and the freedom of information for the same reason that I do not think that the Second Amendment should ever be overturned by Congress or the Supreme Court. People should not be afraid of their governments; governments should be afraid of their people.

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Gainesville Police officers will head to North Carolina in two weeks to recruit new four-legged deputies.

The Gainesville Police Department K-9 Unit is on the lookout for two additions to its squad. Old age is starting to take a toll on Redd, 8, and Justice, 7, the two oldest European Shepherds in the unit.

After the Gainesville City Commission approved funding to GPD to buy the dogs, the officers began their search. The commission gave GPD \$15,000 to buy the canines.



Mastrodicasa

"These dogs are essentially sworn-in officers," said Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa. "We want to do whatever we can to support the police department."

Sgt. John Franklin, supervisor of the K-9 Unit, said a popular vendor in North Carolina is going to Germany on Wednesday

to bring back young German Shepherds, which are identical to European Shepherds. Franklin hopes to purchase two promising pups.

The cost of an untrained German Shepherd used for law en-

forcement ranges from \$6,500 to \$8,000, he said. Though expensive, shepherds in Europe are known for their strength.

"The main ingredient when we look for dogs is their play drive," he said. "If they want to play a

lot, then we know they will be good to train."

Once a dog is picked, it is paired with a handler. The two must go through 400 hours of training before they are certified and able to start patrolling.

During the first two weeks, the handler and the dog focus on bonding and obedience training. Then rigorous training begins where the dogs work on following scents in different environments, Franklin said.

Officer Jeffrey Kerkau, 31, has been waiting to get his canine partner since mid-December when he was chosen to be a handler.

In order for an officer to be a handler, he or she must have at least two years of experience as a police officer and be in tip-top physical condition, Franklin said.

"My career goal was to be a handler," Kerkau said. "You get to go where all the action is."

The K-9 Unit, which consists of six teams of handlers and dogs, deals with everything from chasing suspects to sniffing out narcotics.

Kerkau said he and his girlfriend, whom he lives with, are looking forward to having the shepherd in their home. The two want to name the dog Arkham, the name of a fictional city in a story they read online.

"I just have to make sure I establish myself as the alpha dog," he said. "That way he knows who's boss."



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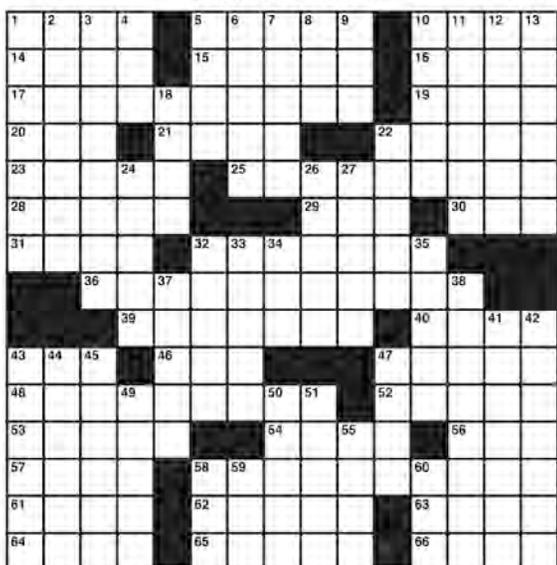
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- Classic British two-door
 - "That'll do, thanks"
 - TiVo products
 - Had too much, for short
 - Gulf of Guinea capital
 - "The Caine Mutiny" novelist
 - Fight fan's accessory?
 - Skye writing
 - Where a soldier may be out
 - Do
 - Davis of the silver screen
 - Augment
 - Preacher's accessory?
 - Like preachers
 - Basketball filler
 - Spot markers?
 - "Freeze!"
 - Checkout device
 - Conductor's accessory?
 - How villains act
 - Feature of a good essay
 - Texter's "No way!"
 - Chemical suffix
 - Colleague of Ruth and Antonin
 - Donald Trump accessory?
 - When Peter Pan grew up
 - Love interest
 - "Mysterious Island" captain
 - Two-yr. degrees
 - Input, often
 - Vampire's accessory?
 - Uncommon blood type, briefly
 - Squash variety
 - Actress Petty
 - Antiquity
 - Layered skirts
 - Help the chef
- DOWN**
- Bonnets for Colonial Williamsburg reenactors
 - Skelton catchphrase
 - Across the driveway
 - Forest's Oscar role
 - "Thus do I ever make my fool my purse" speaker
 - Golden Arches pork sandwich
 - Le Guin genre
 - Cliff nester
 - It may keep you from getting home safely
 - One in with the out-crowd
 - Spinning mass
 - Take stock?
 - '50s-'60s country singer McDonald
 - Boot camp VIPs
 - Special Forces hat
 - Ill-fated rapper
 - Hackneyed
 - Aviation nickname
 - Hurled
 - Skulk
 - MSN alternative
 - Springfield, for one
 - Holmes adversary Adler
 - It has its ups and downs
 - Decent plot
 - Armada component
 - Below-par period
 - City west of Venezia
 - Latke maker's need
 - Adequate, in verse
 - Public persona
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UF working on 'fractured minds' Gators face rematch with Vols Saturday

JOHN BOOTHE
Alligator Staff Writer

As Kentucky's lead swelled in Rupp Arena and Florida's missed shots mounted, Brad Beal could feel the disunity building on the court.

His teammates were not just falling behind in a critical Southeastern Conference game on Tuesday, they were also losing touch with one another.

"You could see it in other guys' faces," Beal said.

"You have guys who are like afraid of missing shots, so they won't take another shot or they're so worried about the shot not going in that we all forget about the rest of the game on defense and rebounding and getting back in transition."

A frequent concern for the three-heavy Gators this season is how they react when their shots aren't falling.

Along with a 5.7 percent drop in 3-point shooting, UF has been out-rebounded 177-176 and is averaging 15.6 turnovers per game in its five losses.

With just two days to prepare for a second meeting against Tennessee (12-12, 4-5 SEC) on Saturday at 4 p.m. — a team No. 8 Florida (19-5, 7-2 SEC) lost to by 11 points on Jan. 7 — coach Billy Donovan is imploring, once

again, for his team to have a short memory.

"We went into the (Kentucky) game with fractured minds," Donovan said.

"And what I mean by that is nothing to do with adversity or anything else, I think we went in there where each guy wanted to do his part and to play well, and what happened is you're playing the game as a group of individuals."

Though Beal said the Gators' 41 misses from the field clearly affected their focus, he doesn't think the 20-point drubbing UF experienced in Lexington, Ky., will carry over into this weekend. Florida has yet to lose back-to-back games this season and is 14-0 in true home games.

On an individual level, Beal, a 6-foot-3 guard, learned firsthand how to bounce back from a miserable performance following the Gators' first matchup with the Volunteers.

"That's our biggest issue: our mental approach to the game," Beal said.

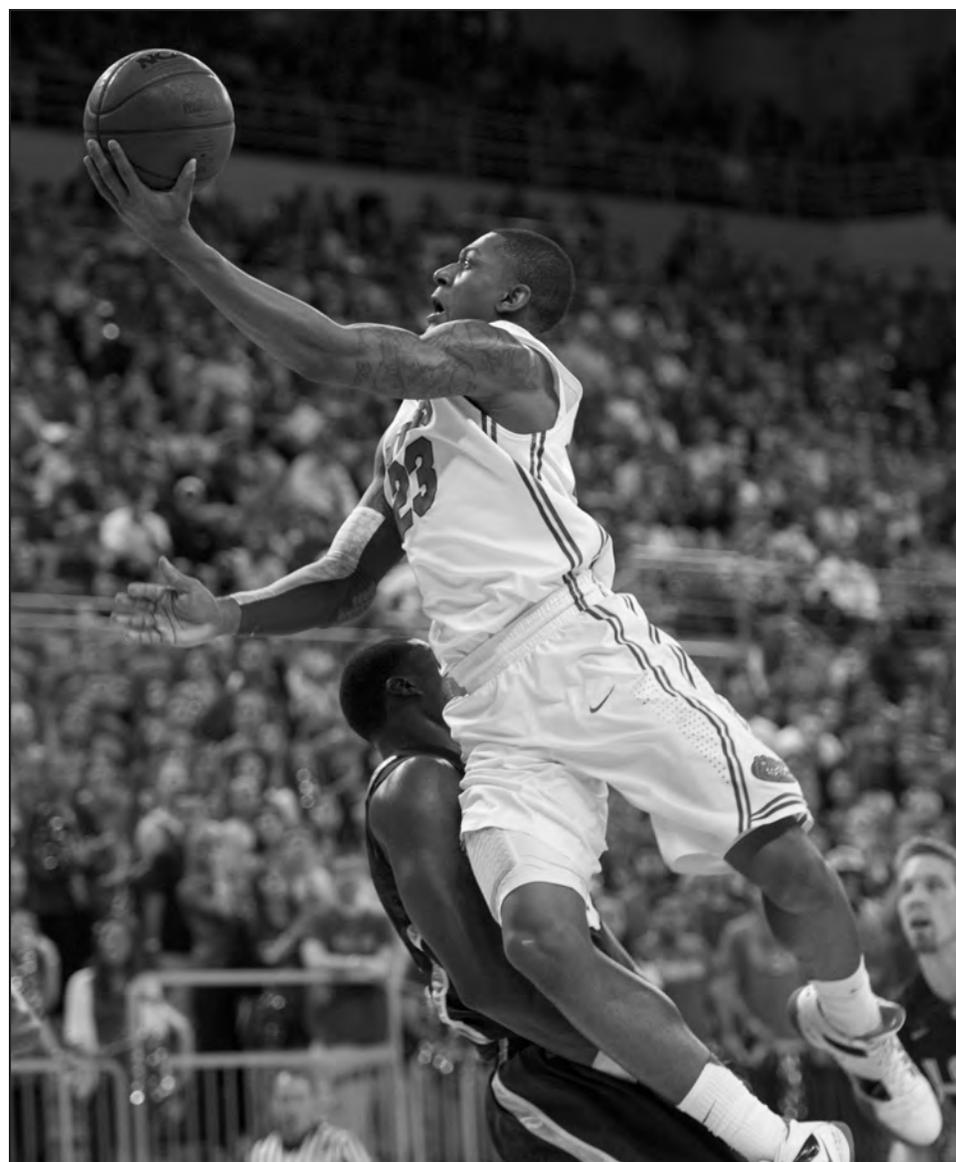
"Basically, and not being able to move past adversity and trying to fight through it."

Heading into January's road trip to Knoxville, Tenn., Beal was mired in a four-game freshman slump that culminated with him going 4 for 12 from the field, 1 of 5 on 3-pointers and committing five turnovers to one assist against Tennessee.

Three days later while hosting Georgia, he bounced back by scoring 17 points on 4-of-8 shooting and hauling in 10 rebounds. Beal also had just one giveaway.

"Yeah, [the Tennessee loss is] in the back of our mind right now," Beal said. "We're going to move on, we have to come out more aggressive than we did. Tennessee really put the throttle on us and just really hurt us down

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Florida freshman guard Brad Beal scored nine points and committed five turnovers in a loss to Tennessee in January and said the Gators must be more aggressive Saturday.

Florida wins third straight

► UF BEAT AUBURN 70-56 IN THE O'CONNELL CENTER ON THURSDAY.

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

Ndidi Madu clenched her fists and screamed as she headed to the charity stripe.

The redshirt senior forward's three-point play put the finishing touch on a 10-0 Gators run in the first three minutes of the second half.

"We just came out with energy and intensity," Madu said. "We just can't get comfortable. We've got to keep wanting more."

UF's post-halftime offensive onslaught buried Auburn (11-14, 3-9 Southeastern Conference) in a 70-56 Florida

(16-8, 6-5) victory Thursday night in the O'Connell Center.

The Tigers were much more competitive in the first half, besting the Gators in field goal percentage, 3-point percentage and rebounding.

However, Florida employed the full-court press to great effect against Auburn.

The Gators forced 13 Tigers turnovers in the game's first 20 minutes, scoring 15 points off those giveaways en route to a 36-31 halftime lead.

Auburn's struggles taking care of the ball continued into the second half and proved to be too much to overcome.

Auburn had 22 giveaways, leading to 26 Florida points.

"It's just so rewarding to see a (statistical) column like that have a big number

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BASEBALL

Gators relying on senior Pigott

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

Daniel Pigott is looking forward to tracking down line drives to left field this season without the threat of clanking into a chain-link fence.

With a new padded outfield wall being one of the offseason renovations to McKethan Stadium, Florida's three senior outfielders will have an added comfort they have seen in other Southeastern Conference parks for years. But after watching Pigott for three seasons, Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan doesn't believe it makes that much of a difference to his left fielder.

"I don't think it's changed his approach," O'Sullivan said. "If it was a brick wall, I think he'd probably give it his best effort."

These comments aren't uncommon for Florida's coach when he talks about Pigott. In 2011, the left fielder from Ormond Beach raised his batting average to .331 from a .268

clip the previous season and stole a team-high 15 bases on 19 attempts. After watching Pigott go undrafted in June, O'Sullivan said he knows how important the senior will be to this season's national championship aspirations.



O'Sullivan

"He's going to have a big year, and he needs to for us to be as good as we want to be," O'Sullivan said.

Offensively, Pigott could be poised to have his best season yet. When discussing this year's batting lineup, Pigott talks about a group of players hardened by experiencing multiple trips to the College World Series. He knows that his own approach has improved by being thrown into an array of big moments, and he sees it in his teammates as well.

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Florida-Tennessee

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LACROSSE

Freshmen earn playing time for season opener against UNC

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Writer

The Gators' lineup did not look like it would have room for newcomers.

Florida returned 11 of 12 starters from a team that made it to the quarterfinals in the NCAA Tournament in 2011, but the Gators' freshmen have found a way to earn minutes on a team with several accomplished upperclassmen.

Midfielders Nicole Graziano, Nora Barry, Shannon Gilroy and defender Sally Jentis are all expected to see significant playing time in Florida's regular-season opener Saturday in Chapel Hill, N.C., against North Carolina.

"Our freshmen, from the moment they stepped on campus, made a name for themselves," Gators coach Amanda O'Leary said. "Having them through the fall, watching them mature, watching them learn, and they just fit in flawlessly with our team."

As the nation's third-best recruiting class according to Inside Lacrosse magazine, the freshmen were aware they were committing to a young program returning all of its key pieces. However, O'Leary assured them the best players would play if they earned it in practice, regardless of class.

"We're going to play the best players," O'Leary said. "If they are all freshmen, then they are all freshmen. If they are all seniors, they're all seniors. It's going to be the 12 people who give us the best opportunities to win lacrosse games."

The freshmen made the most of their first opportunity in UF's 17-2 win exhibi-

tion win against England on Jan. 26, as Graziano scored four goals while Barry added two.

Graziano credits her upperclassman teammates for help adjusting to the speed of the college game and making a seamless transition into the Gators' lineup.

"There is not one person who hasn't helped me," Graziano said. "Either off the field pulled me aside to teach me the plays again or on the field."

While the December transfer of junior midfielder Janine Hillier opened up a spot in the midfield, Florida returned its entire defense from 2011. That has not prevented Jentis, who started against England, from earning her fair share of playing time.



O'Leary

"[Jentis is] really quick," O'Leary said.

"She can cover a large amount of space in a short amount of time. She has great instincts, so she can intercept a lot of balls."

O'Leary said Jentis will also see time in the midfield.

Junior attacker Kitty Cullen, who scored 77 goals in 2011 as part of an already potent attack, said the firepower the freshman class provides will make the Gators' offense impossible to contain.

"They're going to have to try, but they're definitely not going to be able to because each and every single person out there can take it to goal and score."



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Florida freshman midfielder Nicole Graziano scored four goals in an exhibition win against England on Jan. 26, and coach Amanda O'Leary said she will play Saturday against UNC.



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Vols won frontcourt battle in first game

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the stretch, as well."

While the Volunteers have added a new player to their roster since the Gators last played them in freshman forward Jarnell Stokes, who is averaging 8.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game, Donovan said the familiarity with Tennessee's methodical offense and physical defense will help Florida on Saturday.

The Volunteers' frontline dominated the Gators in the

paint with a 32-20 advantage, while also grabbing four more defensive rebounds.

"I don't think that going into the game they're not going to necessarily be ready to play," Donovan said. "I don't feel that way. I think they'll come out and they'll battle and they'll fight and try to make corrections from our last game and try to make corrections from the last time we played Tennessee."

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Pigott motivated by last year

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Pigott went on a tear to end the 2011 season. He batted .389 with 16 runs and 10 RBI in Florida's 16 postseason matchups, including a 2-for-4 mark in the victory against Vanderbilt that sent the Gators to the College World Series finals.

"He epitomizes everything we look for in a player," O'Sullivan said. "He just kind of does his thing."

As a senior, Pigott doesn't jump into leadership bravado as much as others. But he said he has helped freshmen like outfielder Cory Reid adjust to the pressures of playing for No. 1 Florida.

Pigott has admitted he was disappointed when he was not drafted in 2011, and now the opportunity of a final season in Gainesville

has snuck up on him.

"Everybody tells you it goes by real quick, but then all of a sudden it catches up," he said. "So yeah, it's kinda crazy."

"[Pigott] epitomizes everything we look for in a player."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF coach

After seeing the SEC for three years, Pigott's preparation for a new opponent in 2012 reverts back to the padded wall. While it gives McKethan Stadium an added look of professionalism, it also gives UF outfielders something to adjust to.

"It's got a little more bounce to it, but we've been working on that," Pigott said. "By the time the season comes around, we'll know it like the back of our hand."

Bartley leads Gators with 17 points

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in it," coach Amanda Butler said. "Even when things don't go our way, effort is always at the top of our list."

Lanita Bartley led the Gators with 17 points, marking her fourth consecutive game with double-digit scoring.

Deana Allen and Jatterra Bonds ranked right behind Bartley scoring-wise, putting up 14 and 12 points, respectively.

All but one player scored for UF, which nearly had everyone on the active roster score for a third consecutive game.

"We all know each other so well in league play," Butler said. "It just makes it harder to scout Florida if you're not sure who you've really got to clue in on."

The Gators won their third straight game by defeating the Tigers, notching their second consecutive victory by double digits.

Florida has not racked up three wins in a row since downing Charleston Southern, Duquesne and Samford in late December.

"Our seniors are doing a great job of leading and showing how important each one of those moments are," Butler said. "Winning the three games in a row is because we've been preparing with a sense of urgency, not just playing with a sense of urgency."

Thursday's game marked the sixth conference win for the Gators, putting them above .500 in SEC play for the first time this season.

Florida is now four games behind Kentucky in the league stand-

ings with five contests left to play.

"It's February, this is where you have to buckle down and everybody's stepping up their game individually and also collectively

as a team," Allen said. "With all of us being confident, that works in our favor."

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Florida point guard Lanita Bartley (left) scored a team-high 17 points in Thursday's 70-56 win against Auburn in the O'Connell Center.

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Carleton thriving after transfer from Wake Forest to Florida

Junior undefeated in dual matches this season

ELI MARGER

Alligator Writer

After spending his first two years of college at Wake Forest, Frank Carleton wanted the opportunity to play for an elite tennis program. One month into his first dual-match season in Gainesville, he has made the most of that opportunity.

The junior, who is undefeated in singles play during dual matches, has been a major factor in the No. 5 Gators' strong start to the season. He will put his perfect record on the line Saturday when Florida hosts No. 32 Florida State.

"I'm always trying to get better," Carleton said. "I feel like I'm getting better every

time I'm on the court. I can get a lot better."

Carleton joined the Gators in August after struggling through his sophomore year at Wake Forest. When he went 13-20 in singles play, Carleton made the decision to transfer.

He has been ranked as high as 20th nationally in singles, but never quite saw significant success aside from being named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team his freshman year.

When Carleton arrived in Gainesville, he was welcomed with open arms. Coach Andy Jackson made sure Carleton understood he would be playing in a great environment.

"It's good to be a Gator.' That was the first thing [Jackson] said to me, and that was the first thing I remember," Carleton said. "That's been probably the most true statement that I've found out here.



Carleton

Carleton has thrived off the competition thus far. After going 7-3 in singles play during the fall, he has reeled off three straight wins to start the dual-match sea-

son. His latest win came last Saturday against Virginia's Alex Domijan, who has been ranked as high as No. 1 nationally. Carleton has also played well in doubles, as he and partner Spencer Newman are 14-3 since the fall, including 4-0 during the dual-match season.

"Me and Spence complement each other pretty well," he said. "We used to be roommates at the USTA academy a few years back. Our friendship off the court might be carrying over on the court and vice versa."

Almost six months into his career at Florida, Carleton has settled in. He is playing tennis at a high level on an elite team, something he wanted badly when he came to Gainesville.

"It's a big-time program. It's a winning program, not a program that would be satisfied with a 20-in-the-nation spot. So we're trying to win, and that's what I like."

MEN'S GOLF

Underdog Gators confident heading into home tournament

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Writer

Underdog is not often heard when describing Florida, especially with a home-field advantage.

However, when the Gators host the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Saturday, that's exactly what they will be.

The field for this weekend will consist of highly ranked teams such as No. 9 Arkansas, No. 2 Auburn, No. 20 Florida State, No. 19 Central Florida and No. 12 North Florida — none of which will allow Florida to walk away with an easy win like it has done in years past.

"I don't think that there's any

question from a rankings standpoint, we are definitely underdogs," coach Buddy Alexander said.

Although they aren't on top of the rankings, the Gators aren't letting that affect their confidence.

"I'm not too concerned with rankings, I'm just trying to have my team ready to play and we're just trying to get better every day," Alexander said. "I know if we play well, we'll be hard to beat."

Junior T.J. Vogel, who hopes to grab his second win of the season this weekend at the Gators' home course, is also confident in his game and the rest of his team.

Vogel said he views his teammates, specifically junior Tyler

McCumber, as some of his biggest competition in the tournament.

Florida has won the past eight Gator Invitationals, and it has been a while since highly ranked teams like Arkansas have come to play in the tournament.

"I don't think that there's any question from a rankings standpoint, we are definitely underdogs."

Buddy Alexander
UF men's golf coach

"Maybe those guys are here because they knew that this was a rebuilding year and they're anxious to end our streak," Alexander said.

"I'm just happy to have them come to town and (I am) looking forward to this year's invitational, which should be one of our best in quite a while."

Besides facing new competition at the tournament this weekend, the Gators will also be fielding a new player, Zach Lee.

Lee, who was referred to as the team's mystery player by Alexander during a Monday press conference, is a redshirt senior who transferred to Florida from Furman.

According to Alexander, he has been playing well and therefore will be competing as part of the team this weekend.

The newcomer will join Vogel, McCumber and freshman Eric

Banks in Florida's lineup, but the final spot is still up for grabs.

Junior Tommy Mou, freshman Thomas Stewart and senior Michael Furci are playing in practice to determine who will take the fifth spot in the weekend rotation.

The other two will still compete as individuals.

"I have confidence in my team," Alexander said. "I know we have advantages playing here."

"Whether or not our good is good enough to keep up with somebody else's good remains to be seen.

But on our home golf course, I think our good will be pretty competitive."

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