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 Cal State Fullerton  
 on Sunday.  
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**SG ELECTION**

# Muschamp endorses Student Government VP candidate

**SAMANTHA SHAVELL**

Alligator Writer

UF football coach Will Muschamp publicly endorsed the Students Party vice presidential candidate last week for the upcoming Student Government elections.

Gators fullback Jesse Schmitt is the Students Party vice presidential candidate for Tuesday's and Wednesday's elections.

Schmitt walked onto the football team last year.

"I wanted to join his teammates in endorsing Jesse as VP for Student Government," Muschamp wrote in a letter to UF stu-



Muschamp

dents. "I know that his leadership and drive for excellence will make him successful and in turn make campus a better place for every student."

As far as Schmitt knows, this is the first time a coach has endorsed a student. He said he would assume that when an athlete runs, the coach would endorse the candidate.

Schmitt said the last student athlete to be elected as an executive officer was Terry Jackson, who was elected in 1998 as Student Body vice presi-

dent.

Two of Schmitt's teammates, linebacker Graham Stewart and running back Trey Burton, appeared in a Students Party video campaign ad on Thursday. The video showed Stewart tackling Schmitt and Burton staring at a cat. It had about 4,400 views as of press time.

The football team will also campaign on campus with the Students Party, Schmitt said.

He said he is glad to have the team behind him.

"They're all incredible compliments that Muschamp gave," he said. "I hope I can do the football team proud."



Alex M. Sanchez / Alligator

**May the Beats Be With You**

Business freshman Juan Lopez, 18, and sports management senior Joey Bellando, 22, DJ on Turlington Plaza on Friday afternoon. The two, dressed in suits with Clone Trooper masks, were promoting Lazerdisk Party Sex, an electronic music collaboration between DJs Pres and ZJ, for an upcoming show at the Vault Night Club on Feb. 28.

## Local business plagued by car crashes City could look into issue

**ADRIANNA PAIDAS**

Alligator Writer

A curvy road is causing cars to beat up on a Gainesville beanbag business.

On Feb. 11, a vehicle driving down Northwest Eighth Avenue missed a

curve in the road and slammed into Corda-Roy's Originals. This is the sixth time a vehicle has driven onto the business's property during the past decade, according to Gainesville Police Department reports.

The owner of Corda-Roy's Originals,

which is located on the corner of Northwest Eighth Avenue and West Newberry Road, is asking the city to add blinking lights or other markers on the road to warn drivers of the turn, especially because all the accidents have happened in the dark.

Previous accidents have all involved drivers who were in their 20s, and each

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## Men arrested after fighting with box cutter, blade from lawn mower

**TYLER JETT**

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police arrested two homeless men Saturday after a fight involving a box cutter and a lawn mower blade.

Phillip W. Hereford, 54, and Cassino G. Todd, 33, were both charged with aggravated battery, and they told authorities they stay at the St. Francis House homeless shelter.

The fight took place at about 4:30 p.m. at 100 SE 10th St. near the Tent City camp.

A GPD arrest report gave this account:

While arguing with Todd, Hereford picked up a lawn mower blade. One witness said

Hereford chucked it; Todd himself said Hereford swung it at him like a sword.

Either way, the blade cut Todd's left hand, and he needed stitches.

Two bystanders said they broke up the fight, giving Hereford and Todd plenty of time to calm down and walk away. Instead, Todd grabbed a box cutter.

He sliced the left side of Hereford's face, leaving a seven-inch long cut running from his mouth to his ear.

Paramedics took both men to the hospital, and they were booked at Alachua County Jail about two hours later. They were held there in lieu of a \$25,000 bond Saturday night.



Hereford

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Impact Autism @ UF general meeting**  
 Today, 4 p.m.  
 HPNP Bulding, Room 1101  
 At the second general meeting of the year, Dr. Devine will speak about the neurological basis of ASD and his research with self-injurious behaviors. For more information, visit the Facebook group, Impact Autism @ UF.

**Gambler's Anonymous meeting**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
 The meetings are held locally twice a week. For more information, call 1-800-397-9834.

**Minority Pre-Veterinary Students meeting**  
 Today, 7:30 p.m.  
 Rinker Hall, Room 120  
 This organization tries to encourage, retain and empower students pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. This week's speaker will be Dr. Emerson from the UF Small Animal Hospital.

**The Improvised Shakespeare Company free performance**  
 Monday, 8 p.m.  
 Reitz Union, Rion Ballroom B  
 The Improvised Shakespeare Company, an acclaimed Chicago improv troupe, has made its way to UF. This free show, presented by Theatre Strike Force, will feature fully improvised play in Elizabethan style.

## FORECAST

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**Community Health Summit: Health Disparities in North Florida's Underserved Communities**  
 Tuesday, 5:10 p.m.  
 McCarty Hall C, Room 100  
 A panel of speakers will be covering topics including rural and urban health disparities, cultural competence when serving communities and the crucial role that health policy plays when addressing health disparities.

**Chamber Ensemble of the Shanghai Chinese Orchestra**  
 Phillips Center for the Performing Arts  
 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 The first large-scale modern orchestra of traditional instruments in China will perform Tuesday. Represented by a 20-piece chamber ensemble, the members of Shanghai Chinese Orchestra perform string- and wind-instrumental pieces, Cantonese music and plucked-string instrumental ensembles. Student tickets are \$12. Visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

**5K-9 Olympics**  
 Wednesday, 2 p.m.  
 Reitz Union North Lawn

Compete with your dog in the first 5K-9 Olympics. Owners of the winners of the longest fetch, highest jump and most time standing on hind legs will be rewarded with awesome prizes, including cruises, gym memberships and a waived University Commons 5K-9 admission. More event details can be found at facebook.com/uc5k9.

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# BSU hosts 23rd annual step show

## Doug E. Fresh hosted event

JENNA LYONS and  
DAVID A. MURPHY  
Alligator Contributing Writers

About 2,500 people stood solemnly in the O'Connell Center Saturday night listening to the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

A few moments later, the same crowd cheered on competing fraternities and sororities at the largest

student-run invitational step show on the East Coast.

UF's Black Student Union held the 23rd annual Florida Invitational Step Show.

The event was hosted by rapper and boxer Doug E. Fresh.

Executive Director Shaniqua Thompson of FISS estimated the event cost about \$80,000.

All nine National Pan-Hellenic Council sororities and fraternities

competed for the title.

Delta Sigma Theta snagged first place for the sororities with a military-themed routine, and a zombie-themed routine earned Iota Phi Theta first place of the fraternities.

*"For 23 years, FISS has amazed the crowd with talented teams and will continue for many years to come."*

Le'Asia Lundy

Black History Month committee director

The fraternity's brothers handed out 3-D glasses, blindfolded themselves during the routine and used a stepper as a jump rope.

Twenty-year-old electrical and computer engineering sophomore Diamond Overstreet said Iota Phi Theta was most engaging, which worked in the fraternity's favor.

Le'Asia Lundy, director of UF's Black History Month committee, said people anticipate the show because of its quality.

"For 23 years, FISS has amazed the crowd with talented teams and will continue for many years to come," she said.

Each team had a 15-minute time limit, and routines incorporated "new school" and "old school" steps.

This coordinated with the theme of the night, "Back to the Basics."



David Carr / Alligator

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. performs at the 23rd annual Florida Invitational Step Show at the O'Connell Center on Saturday night.

## .. THIS WEEK in GAINESVILLE ..

**Feb. 21, 1969:** Students from the Division of Biological Sciences have the largest percentage of A grades with 46.67 percent, according to grade distributions from the UF Office of Academic Services. Engineering was No. 2 with 42.8 percent. The largest number of low grades — D's and E's — were given in the College of Physical Education.

**Feb. 22, 1973:** A women's co-op dorm is planned to open for the summer. Mallory Hall is being considered as the location, said Interhall President Gary Marlin. The co-op, where residents collaborate as janitors and resident assistants, will charge \$80 a quarter per room.

**Feb. 24, 1983:** Members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation committee said bad course advice stalls graduation. UF Academic Affairs Vice President Robert Bryan said one way to ease the crunch of inadequate advising is to hire retired professors part-time during "peak loads of pre-registration, registration and drop/add," when the advising need is the greatest.

**Feb. 22, 1986:** Beach Party candidates become UF's new Student Body president and vice president. Pamela Bingham and Russ Bergin got the support of 4,887 students. Bingham is UF's first black Student Body president.

**Feb. 21, 1989:** UF is gaining a reputation for sculptures resembling french fries, onion rings and a potato around campus. The structures destroy a beautiful view of Century Tower and trivialize the grand perspective, said UF Provost Robert Bryan. Last month, Miami artist John Henry put up "Alachua," known as the "french fries." The sculpture was constructed as part of a 1979 state law that requires up to half of 1 percent of the cost of all state buildings be displayed as art in a public place.

— RAVEN PRITCHETT

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## Conference brings Browner back to UF

Carol Browner, a Levin College of Law alumna and former director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy, is the keynote speaker for the 18th annual Public Interest Environmental Conference.

"Fishable? Swimmable? 40 Years of Water Law in Florida and the United States," will be held Thursday through Saturday at the college of law and will

celebrate the 40th anniversary of two of the most significant laws guiding water policy in Florida — the federal Clean Water Act and the Florida Water Resources Act. Browner has administered both acts during her career.

She was Florida's Secretary of Environmental Regulation from 1991 to 1993

before serving in President Bill Clinton's cabinet as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from 1993 to 2001, becoming the longest-serving administrator in the agency's history. Browner directed the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy from 2009 to 2011 under President Barack Obama.

Browner has vast experience in developing environmental policies and helped initiate the Food Quality Protection Act, which updated pesticide use standards, and worked with Congress to reauthorize the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The conference also will bring together others who have played a role in shaping

"Americans deserve both clean air and clean water and never one at the expense of the other."

— Carol Browner



Florida's water policy.

A special brown-bag lunch event Friday will feature authors of both recent and forthcoming "water books" discussing the role of writers in focusing attention on water policy in Florida, facilitated by journalist and author Cynthia Barnett, a Gainesville resident. The Friday night banquet will feature Browner as the keynote speaker.

Saturday's sessions will be devoted to the current practice of water law and on the future of Florida's water resources. To register, visit <http://www.law.ufl.edu/piec/registration.shtml>. Registration is free for UF faculty, staff and students.

The conference is sponsored by UF Law's Environmental and Land Use Law Program.

## Peace Corps director to speak

Aaron Williams, Director of the Peace Corps, will be speaking at The Bob Graham Center on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. He will discuss how the Peace Corps fits in today's world and the importance of global citizenship. The event is co-sponsored by the UF International Center and the Center for Leadership & Service.



## Looking for 'green' heroes

The Office of Sustainability seeks nominations for the 4th Annual Sustainable Solutions Awards as part of Campus Earth Day 2012.

Nominations will be accepted until March 1. Awards will be given after UF President Bernie Machen's annual State of Sustainability address April 6.

To nominate an individual or department, visit the Get Involved section of the Office of Sustainability website: [www.sustainable.ufl.edu/awards](http://www.sustainable.ufl.edu/awards).

## UF Peace Corps ranks 2nd

University of Florida's Peace Corps program ranked second overall in the nation for the second year in a row.

In 2009 the program ranked 15th, jumping 10 spots to No. 5 in 2010. In 2011, UF had 101 undergraduates and 30 graduate students volunteer.

## Pushing boundaries in art

A new exhibition at the Harn Museum of Art, "Vanishing Points: Paint and Paintings from the Debra and Dennis Scholl Collection," showcases contemporary artists.

Twenty-seven international artists defy the limits of painting by applying it to large-scale canvases, sculptures and found objects. It will be on view through April 29.

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## UF Calendar of Events

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# About 8,000 attend East Gainesville flea market grand opening

► THE MARKET IS OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.

**KELSEY GRENTZER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Surrounded by a small mountain of VHS tapes, Yakitah Jones beckoned for passersby to try some boiled treats.

"I've been told that my peanuts are addictive," she told a woman, offering her one to try.

Jones was one of 157 vendors at the grand opening of Den & Ken's Indoor and Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday.

The flea market opened its doors on Dec. 1, but Saturday's grand opening served as an official welcoming to the community, said Dennis Murray, the vice president of the flea market. About 8,000 people attended.

Erin Baum, a 33-year-old Gainesville resident, wandered around the market near stands that sold everything from handbags to hardware.

"You've got a little variety of everything and everybody," she said.

She munched on a boiled peanut from Jones' stand and chatted with Jones.

"Everybody's been pretty friendly, nice and helpful," Baum said. "Not bad for first impressions."

Linda Greene, 62, sold African- and Caribbean-themed T-shirts and accessories, including a book called "Sayings and Psalms of Bob Marley."

"My stuff is authentic," Greene said, pointing to carved wooden masks she was selling. "Those heads are not carved in Indonesia. They're made in Africa."

Patrick Lynn, a 26-year-old UF medical student, said he likes the market because it provides more of a community feeling.

"It feels like it's an individual selling, rather than a big company," he said.

At noon, a crowd in front of the building counted to three before Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe, alongside District 1 City Commissioner Scherwin Henry and former Alachua County Commissioner Rodney Long, cut a gold ribbon in the doorway of the building, symbolizing the official opening.

"This is going to be a great asset for our community," Lowe said in a speech.

He said the market represents a step in the right direction for businesses in East Gainesville.

The flea market is open Tuesday through Sunday. About 100 people a day typically visit the market on weekdays, and between 1,000 and 3,000 people a day visit on weekends, Murray said.

He said the market has grown exponentially since its initial opening.

The market started with about eight vendors and is now at capacity with a waiting list of between 40 and 80 vendors, he said.

Murray said he and his partners hope to open another flea market on the west side of the city.

"This is just the beginning," he said. "We plan on doing a lot more here for the people."



Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

Regina Lynn, 45, owner of Simply Lynn's Treats, and her aunt Charlotte Freetine, 65, talk with Mayor Craig Lowe at the opening day of Den and Ken's Indoor and Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday afternoon.

## Sharp curve, darkness at intersection factors in six accidents

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was charged with reckless or careless driving. Two drivers were also charged with driving under the influence. The previous accidents happened late at night or early in the morning, according to police reports.

As cars go west on Northwest Eighth Avenue, the road curves sharply south as it approaches West Newberry Road. If drivers keep going straight, the beanbag shop is dead ahead, said Byron Young, owner of the store.

"The bottom line here is safety for the

people inside the building and safety for the drivers," Young said.

The most recent accident was a hit-and-run on Feb. 11. Young came into work that day to find a chipped wall and destroyed bushes.

If the car had slammed harder into the wall, it would have broken into the room where Young stores \$20,000 worth of beanbag covers.

"The common denominator here is darkness," Young said. "I don't feel comfortable having anyone here the minute it gets dark because who knows what will happen."

There are four yellow signs with black arrows along Northwest Eighth Avenue right before the curve. Young said no one can see those signs at night.

*"I don't feel comfortable having anyone here the minute it gets dark because who knows what will happen."*

Byron Young  
owner

In an email to City Commissioner Todd Chase, Young asked the city to fix the problem and add something more visible along

the road. Young said he is waiting for a response.

"Thank God this hasn't happened during the day," said Andrea Smith, an employee at the store. "Obviously, I would hear if a car was about to crash into us, but I'm not sure if I would have time to jump over my desk and get out of the way."

City Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa said the commission could look into the issue, but she believes the state, not the city, has control of adding road markers.

"We don't design the roads, and we don't control them," she said.

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# IRHA hosts 20-vendor farmers market on North Lawn

► THE MARKET COULD RETURN AGAIN THIS SEMESTER IF IRHA GETS POSITIVE FEEDBACK.

**MARISA ROSS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students flocked to the North Lawn on Friday afternoon for homemade food and locally made crafts at a farmers market.

About 20 vendors from Alachua County sold fresh produce, pastries and meat at the event hosted by UF's Inter-Residence Hall Association. Homemade preserves, \$10 orchids and free henna were also available.

IRHA partnered with the High Springs Farmers Market, the Office of Sustainability, Department of Housing, Recreational Sports and Gator Dining Services.

About 420 people were members of the "UF Farmers Market" Facebook event, but IRHA Farmers Market director and 19-year-old environmental science sophomore Laura McCann said she didn't know how many people actually attended.

The farmers market could return several times each semester if students

give positive feedback, said IRHA president and 20-year-old public relations junior Severin Walstad.

UF's Office of Sustainability will host the next farmers market, scheduled for April 6.

It will feature about 40 vendors, Walstad said, and IRHA will help with the event. UF is recognizing April 6 as Earth Day because April 22 falls during exams.

Jackie Pedota, a 20-year-old wild-life ecology and conservation junior, enjoyed the convenience of having the market on campus.

"I always wanted to go to the one in Bo Diddley, but it's too far," she said, referring to the Wednesday afternoon market in the downtown plaza. "I have class and no way of getting there."

She said she plans to take advantage of the next market.

Pedota purchased portobello mushrooms, oranges, carrots, green onions and jam for \$19. She said she had never tried fresh jam and couldn't resist once she tasted Graham Farm's strawberry-mango flavor.

"The quality of the produce is so much better," she said. "[The farmers] make ties with people, so they keep coming back."



Lauren Adamson / Alligator

Robin Stahr sets up her table for the farmers market on the North Lawn near the Reitz Union on Friday. Stahr's business sells scones, jams, pickled vegetables, local honey and more.

## CITY COMMISSION

# Early voting for City Commission runoff election starts today

**CHRIS ALCANTARA**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville residents can start casting early ballots today for the Gainesville City Commission at-large 1 runoff election.

Early voting will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Registered voters can cast their ballots at the Supervisor of Elections County Administration Building at 12 SE First St., according to the Supervisor of Elections website.

Election day is Feb. 28.

Lauren Poe, a former District 2 city commissioner, and Nathan Skop, a former commissioner on the Florida Public

Service Commission, will compete for the seat.

Pam Carpenter, Alachua County supervisor of elections, said early voting in runoff elections has historically brought a 15 to 17 percent voter turnout.



Carpenter

In the April City Commission run-off, 16.5 percent of voters registered in District 2 and District 3 cast ballots.

She hopes that percentage will be higher in this year's runoff election.

"A lot of people seem to be engaged in the city elections issues right now," she said. "So perhaps we will see a stronger turnout."

Carpenter said voters are required to bring a photo and signature identification in order to cast early or absentee ballots under Florida law.

Voters also need to have their addresses updated prior to early voting, which can be done by contacting the Supervisor of Elections office, she said.

Frank Plageman, 19-year-old political science sophomore, said students should use the early voting period if they can't vote on election day.

Plageman said he knew students who planned to vote in previous elections but didn't because they did not have time.

"With a week of early voting, there really isn't an excuse not to vote," he said.

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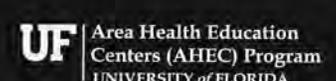
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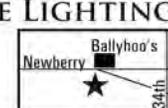
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## Editorial

### Every Breath You Take Surveillance of Muslim students wrong

Do you ever wonder if Big Brother is watching you? Well, depending on your religious affiliation, he might be.

A new report from The Associated Press found that the New York City Police Department monitored Muslim student associations at colleges around the Northeast.

Paul Browne, spokesman for the NYPD, said that from 2006 to 2007, the department monitored and collected publicly available information from Muslim student websites and forums.

But the NYPD also partnered with the CIA to create a secret program that monitored the activities of Muslims from shopping to eating to worshipping. The police also had undercover officers at Muslim student associations in multiple colleges within city limits.

One officer went undercover on a whitewater rafting trip in April of 2008 with 18 Muslim students, some of whom were officers of the MSA from City College in New York. In the report, the officer described everything from subjects of conversation to how many times they prayed each day.

According to the AP, undercover officers were placed in MSAs at colleges within the New York City limits. Another report from 2006 indicates that the NYPD's Cyber Intelligence unit monitored the online activity of MSA students from Yale, Columbia, the University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse, New York University and the Newark and New Brunswick campuses of Rutgers, among many others.

When asked about the surveillance, Browne gave reporters a list of 12 people that were former members of MSAs who were arrested or convicted on terrorism charges.

Given the long list of colleges that were part of this monitoring program, one has to wonder whether the arrests of 12 people constitutes such a blatant violation of privacy.

People should not have to worry that joining a belief-based organization will put them on a "watch list." If the mission statements of these organizations promoted violent behavior or ideas, then there might be probable cause to investigate their activities.

However, these MSAs are likely based on shared religious beliefs only. Now, students who hold any minority religious or political beliefs might be afraid to join groups with like-minded individuals for fear they will be monitored by authorities.

Yes, radical Islam does present a threat to the security of the United States. But the constant surveillance of anyone involved in Muslim organizations goes way beyond any rational attempt to keep us safe.

If anything, these actions make authorities look like they are actively seeking to discriminate against Muslims, giving radicals even more tools for recruitment.

We should all be able to peacefully assemble without the fear of being watched.

## Reader response

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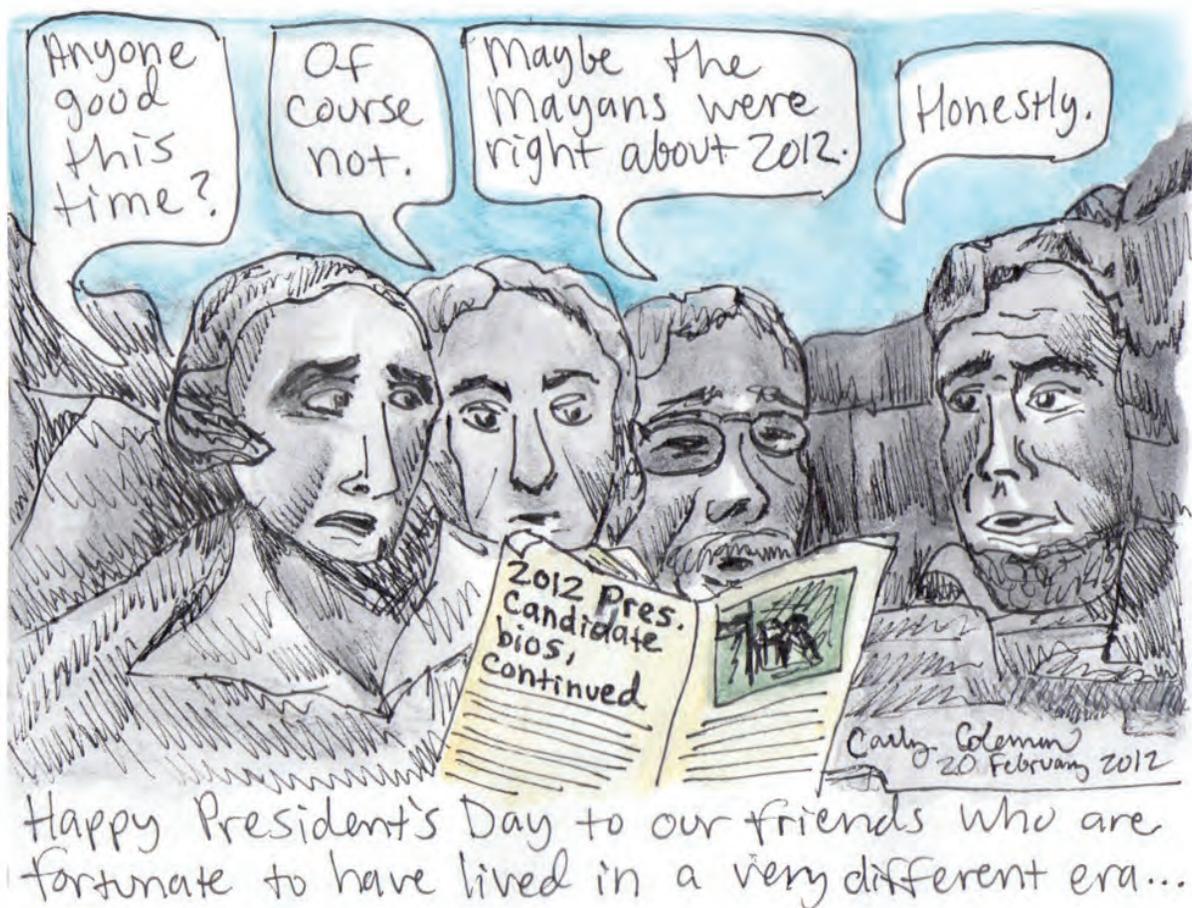
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## Column

### Students Party VP candidate deserves vote

In my four years here at UF, I've gotten to see a lot of Student Government candidates come and go. The ritual is always the same. Some iteration of a Greek-backed party runs against an eclectic group of students seeking to break "the system" and the way certain organizations dominate student politics.

Though SG elections are annoying and usually pointless, Alex Cornillie and Jesse Schmitt, this year's candidates for Student Body president and vice president for the Students Party, have the best chance to win in the four years I've been here.

Both the executive tickets for the Unite and Students parties have student leaders who have achieved a lot, but I have to single out Jesse Schmitt, who represents the best candidate for Student Body VP in at least a decade, and I've known several of them personally.

Jesse founded Gators Humans vs Zombies, which grew until there were so many walking undead on campus that I feared for my safety. It even led to the administration writing a disaster preparedness plan for what to do in case of a zombie attack.

Schmitt is also a part of the Platoon Leaders Course and plans to join the armed forces after graduation as an officer in the Marine Corps. If that's not enough for you, he stuffs backpacks with food to feed homeless children in Gainesville through a charity he runs.

Most people would rest on their laurels after achieving at that level. Not Jesse. He decided he had too much free time and tried out for the UF football team and got picked up as scout team running back.

He sacrifices his body so that Sharrif Floyd and Dominique Easley can have some practice destroying somebody for the good of our university. He never quits, and he has more energy than anyone I've ever seen, as evidenced when he beat Chris Rainey at the push-up contest this summer with a count of more than 200.

The only experience I've had with any of the other



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candidates for SG is Unite Party presidential candidate Tj Villamil. Though I've been impressed with his commendable efforts to raise money for non-profits, I've been frustrated in my limited dealings with him while he served as SG treasurer for the past year.

I wanted to talk with Tj about a huge cut in food money that he proposed for all student organizations. Unfortunately, his staff told me he did not show up for appointments and I would probably have no luck getting in touch with him.

I had no problem meeting with the prior Student Body treasurer, and I was frustrated at Tj's lack of availability to talk with his constituents.

Though the winning ticket for this SG election won't affect me much, I would be ecstatic if I could graduate knowing that our Student Body is being led by dynamic leaders who have a passion for people, The Gator Nation and student life in general.

You should vote for people you know will do a good job. With Jesse Schmitt, UF would finally be getting a leader it deserves. I can't wait to see what he will do for the good of the university if you give him a chance as Student Body vice president.

This time, your vote really does matter. You're not just throwing it away as usual in SG elections. The Students Party ticket has a legitimate shot at winning, and you can make that happen.

Go vote Feb. 21 and 22 for the zombie-killing Marine and football player Jesse Schmidt as your Student Body vice president.

*Travis Hornsby is a statistics and economics senior at UF. His column appears on Mondays.*

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Should the Student Body Article V, Section 3 be amended so that "The Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice and [six] Justices", [as opposed to the current number of four justices]?

Changing this Amendment (as described in the brackets above) would mean that 5 members, as opposed to the current number of 4, would constitute a quorum. Additionally, the concurrence of judgment, which is necessary for any decision, would then consist of 4 members, as opposed to the current amount of 3.

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# Faces in the Race

## Unite Party candidates promote student experience

**SAMANTHA SHAVELL**

Alligator Writer

### TJ Villamil

Tj Villamil has already been a mayor, and now he's going for president.

Villamil was elected town mayor by his third grade class. Now, as a senior at UF, he hopes his peers vote him Student Body president.

The 22-year-old telecommunication senior was born Jose Antonio Villamil IV. But everyone calls his dad Tony, so he's Tony Jr, or Tj.

In Spring 2009, Villamil was assistant director of the graduate affairs cabinet, and in Fall 2009 he won the District B Student Senate seat with the Unite Party. He eventually chaired the Budget Committee, and now he is Student Body treasurer.

"SG Finance took my heart," he said. He's also a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Villamil said his goal is to leave a substantial legacy. He also wants students to leave the university with less debt.

He said he wants to build upon his party's foundation.

He wants to use open-source e-textbooks, which are professor-generated. He said they are free online and \$20 to print.

"I don't want finances to get in the way of the college experience," he said.

Current Study Body President Anthony Reynolds met Villamil about three years ago through SG.

Reynolds said he has successfully worked with Villamil on budgets.

"Tj has done a phenomenal job stretching money and making it work," Reynolds said.

Villamil said he's a Florida boy at heart, and when he graduates, he would like to start

his own Internet company in Florida.

"I think I feed off the energy of sunlight," he said.

### Sabine Justilien

Sabine Justilien, Unite Party candidate for Student Body vice president, supports the little guy.

The 21-year-old English junior from Miami said she wants to allow smaller organizations to have more of a presence in Student Government. She also said she wants them to become self-sufficient.

"Justilien is the current Division Chair for Campus Life in the SG Cabinet. Her job consists of overseeing and giving advice to the four cabinets under her — Orange and Blue,

Student Organization Outreach, Housing and Greek Affairs.

She's also a sister of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

Justilien said her best experience in SG was FestivUs, a cultural art fair with about 12 organizations, last spring when she was in the Multicultural Affairs cabinet.

"It helped promote unity and the ability for people to go beyond their normal culture," she said.

After college, Justilien wants to write children's literature that is relevant to minorities.

Lorena Silva, a 19-year-old hospitality and tourism management freshman, went to high school with Justilien.

She said Justilien encouraged her to apply

for the Leadership Development Institute with the Black Student Union.

"If there's one person on this campus I look up to, it's Sabine," she said.

### Juan Rodriguez

Juan Rodriguez loves finance, but he is a political science and criminology major. His mom often asks him why.

The 20-year-old junior started college as an economics major. But he wasn't passionate about the classes, and he switched fall of his freshman year.

"When I think of finance, I don't think of numbers," he said. "I think about helping students and being economically responsible."

Rodriguez, the current Student Body vice president, is also the Unite Party candidate for Student Body treasurer.

Before Rodriguez was appointed VP, he was a Student Senator on the Budget Committee.

He also served as president of the Hispanic Student Association and is a brother of Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity.

He said that as treasurer, he would put every SG-funded organization online and increase communication with a monthly treasurer meeting.

Rodriguez accepted the vice president position because it was a great opportunity, he said, but he grew up in the finance office.

"I feel like the treasurer's office was always my thing," he said.

Virlany Taboada, former Student Body treasurer, took Rodriguez under her wing, she said.

"He was just a really active freshman," she said.

She said now he has the VP and financial expertise.

Rodriguez said his biggest dream is to live in South Beach and work at a "big fancy law firm."



Courtesy to the Alligator

Unite Party executive candidates, Tj Villamil, Sabine Justilien and Juan Rodriguez, pose for a campaign photo.

## Students Party candidates encourage SG reform

**SAMANTHA SHAVELL**

Alligator Writer

### Alex Cornillie

Student Body presidential candidate Alex Cornillie said he realized about two years ago that Student Government is broken.

He was press secretary for former Student Body President Ashton Charles at that time, and a lack of communication with an SG agency director's voting project led to Cornillie taking it on himself.

"It's not one person's fault," he said. "It's a very broken system."

Cornillie, a 21-year-old economics senior, is hoping to fix this as the Students Party presidential candidate.

He said he wants to make SG positions merit-based, and he hopes to downsize SG, especially the cabinet.

He first worked with SG during his sophomore year, when he was on the Reitz Union Board of Managers. He became spokesman for the Renew Your Reitz campaign.

Parts of the campaign got distorted, he said. He said it went from focusing on building structure to a new, grander union.

Charles saw him at a Renew Your Reitz presentation and asked him to be her press secretary.

Although she was a member of the Unite Party, Cornillie wasn't concerned because he never sided with any party.

He said his No. 1 goal if he gets elected is to see students get involved in SG.

"When ideas come from a handful of people, you get a handful of ideas," he said.

He opposes tuition increases. He also said he wants to cut down on what he sees as wasteful spending in SG.

Cornillie has also been a Cicerone since his freshman year. He is an inactive brother of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Brooklyn Cravens, a 22-year-old advertising senior, has known Cornillie since high school.

He said when Cornillie has a vision, he gets it done.

"He's just a really awesome guy," he said.

### Jesse Schmitt

Every semester, the zombie apocalypse comes upon UF, thanks to Jesse Schmitt.

The 20-year-old political science and economics junior is not only the founder of Gators Humans vs. Zombies. He's also the Students Party Student Body vice presidential candidate.

Schmitt has since moved on to tackling opponents on the football field.

Schmitt walked on to the UF football team in Spring 2011 and plays fullback for the practice team.

His main goal is to change students' views of Student Government.

He has never held an SG position, but he has previously run for Senate seats.

Schmitt will be a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps when he graduates. He trains as part of the Platoon Leaders Course in the summer.

He also runs a charity called the Backpack Club of Gainesville.

Each month he fills about 60 backpacks with food and sends them out to elementary school kids. He took over in April 2011 from Stephanie Covey, a 22-year-old public relations senior.

"He has a high level of energy that's highly

contagious," she said.

### Carly Wilson

UF Student Senator Carly Wilson started college as a biology major, but someone told her, "If you want to help people, do politics."

She switched to political science that year, and that mentality pushed her toward Student Government. She served as a replacement senator for two summers before she was elected to the Senate her junior year.

Wilson is now the Students Party treasurer candidate. She is a senator for District C and a member of the Budget Committee. Last semester, she was the chairwoman of a temporary transparency committee, and she has served

as an assistant director in the Community Political Affairs cabinet.

However, Wilson said her greatest moment in SG was leaving the Unite Party, which she ran with in Fall 2010. She said she didn't like being told how to vote, so she left in the summer.

Former Students Party President Andrew Hart met Wilson through Senate. She was still in the Unite Party, and he was in the Student Alliance Party.

"Carly is the one person always leading the fights," he said.

She said she wants to make it easier for student organizations to get and keep money for their events.

Hart said she was always making sure Senate budgets were balanced.

"Friendship aside, she does have a good head on her shoulders," he said.



Courtesy to the Alligator

Students Party executive candidates, Alex Cornillie, Jesse Schmitt and Carly Wilson, pose for a campaign photo.

ON CAMPUS

# Wednesday last day to register for Miss UF competition

**KATHERINE HAHN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

For women who want to compete for the Miss UF crown, the registration deadline is Wednesday. The Miss UF pageant will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Phillips Center for the Performing

Arts. Miss UF is an official pageant of the Miss America Organization, according to the pageant's website. The winner will receive a scholarship and advance to compete in the Miss Florida pageant in July — a stepping-stone to the Miss America competition.

The student-run pageant is sponsored by Florida Blue Key, according to its website. The pageant was founded in 1956. This year's competition has 11 contestants so far, said pageant Executive Director Becca Divine. The number of contestants usually ranges from 10 to 14.

She said her biggest goal is to increase diversity among contestants. Each contestant's score will be based on a private interview, an on-stage interview, a talent competition and evening-wear, lifestyle and swimsuit competitions, according to the Florida Blue Key website. The titleholder will receive a

\$1,000 scholarship, Divine said. The three runners-up will also receive scholarships. The pageant is partnering with Dance Marathon at UF and the Children's Miracle Network, according to the Florida Blue Key website. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.

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AeroShot, a zero-calorie shot of inhalable caffeine, has caused controversy in the month since its release because of its potential for abuse by college students. AeroShot comes in a lipstick-sized tube and sprays caffeine and B vitamins into the mouth. In December, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-NY, asked the Food and Drug Administration to review AeroShot's safety because it could be used as a club drug, ABC News reported. "It has a high degree of potential for abuse," said Bruce Goldberger, professor and director of toxicology at UF's College of Medicine.

AeroShot isn't available in Florida stores yet, but it can be purchased online. Each AeroShot tube contains 100 milligrams of caffeine — as much as one cup of coffee. AeroShot's website doesn't recommend consumption of more than three tubes per day. AeroShot is cheap at \$2.99 a tube, and it is marketed to young people in social settings, Goldberger said. He said he's worried young people will use AeroShot and alcohol together with potentially severe health risks. "All you have to do is look at Four Loko and its niche among young people," Goldberger said. Paul Stanley, a 22-year-old architecture senior and admitted caffeine addict, said he is curious about AeroShot, but he would never replace coffee with it.

## Male engineering students vie for Xbox, Wii in pageant

**OLIVIA BUBRI**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Twenty of UF's most eligible male engineers competed at the second annual Mr. Engineer pageant on Friday night at the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. The engineers competed for a PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 or Wii gaming console in front of an audience of about 90. The pageant, hosted by the Society of Women Engineers, consisted of four rounds: engineering wear, formal wear, a talent show and a Q&A. After dressing up in engineering costumes, which included an aluminum foil

robot, a Super Mario brother and Albert Einstein, the men returned to the stage dressed in suits and ties. Nineteen-year-old engineering sophomore Amanda Eifert's favorite part was the talent round. "These are people you see in a professional setting all the time, and then you see them up on stage singing and dancing," Eifert said. "It's so funny." Engineering freshman Evan Iler, 19, won the competition by one point. Iler said he spent plenty of time practicing for his vocal performance of "Hallelujah." "Shower time counts, right?"



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# Stars and Bars, Smoke and Glory

## The Battle of Olustee reenactment rages for its 36th year

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General Truman A. Seymour lost the Battle of Olustee in 1864. Gen. James Permane has lost it 26 times since.

Every year since 1986, for one weekend in February, Permane leaves his job at a sports bar in Sarasota, dons the uniform of the United States Army, and leads his troops to defeat.

Permane, a 52-year-old Civil War reenactor, plays Seymour's part at the annual Olustee reenactment — Florida's largest Civil War battle.

The battle was part of an attempt by troops to restore Florida to the Union. Seymour, a

Westpoint art teacher-turned-general, was unsuccessful in his efforts, though the Confederacy would surrender little more than a year after the decisive battle.

Permane, who said he reads Seymour's letters from the battlefield to get into character, studied history at UF until dropping out in the '80s. A soft-spoken man with blue eyes and red-gold curls that hang to his shoulders, he says he never gets tired of losing — it's all about the experience.

"You get a buzz being out there," he said.

He's not alone. About 600 men, women and children put on the wool uniforms of the Confederacy and the Union last weekend to face

off on a battlefield about three football fields long.

Armed with muskets, bayonets, sabres and cannons, the troops recreated the meeting of 5,500 Union men and 5,200 Confederates that ended in a decisive Confederate victory, leaving 2,807 men dead or wounded.

The reenactment, now in its 36th year, is a three-day event that started Friday and lasted through Sunday afternoon at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. Participants set up camp and held public demonstrations of wartime life, music and medicine, all leading up to the main event: the hour-long reenactment Sunday afternoon.

At about 12:30 p.m., about 250 men fighting for the Union fell into formation to be inspected by their units' commanding officers.

As the men went through basic drills — left face, right face, present arms — a sergeant raised the call, "The Rebels are marching!"

Under a tattered American flag bearing four big holes, the troops marched into the woods. As they neared the battlefield, lined with overflowing bleachers, the men executed what Permane describes as a "choreographed dance" where they precisely followed the original battle's progression.

Riding Jenny, a dark brown mare from Alabama, Permane sent his cavalry into battle first, charging the lines of Rebel infantrymen.

As the infantry fell back, the Union artillery fired its six cannons at once, sending smoke over the battlefield.

Jenny never faltered. Strong gusts of wind blew sand, smoke and gunpowder into the men's eyes, and Permane sent the infantry marching out to meet the Confederate Army in the center of the field.

Permane and Jenny cantered out to the right flank, shouting encouragement and direction to the units including the Third Battalion, under the command of 1st Lt. Jeff Grzelak.

Under heavy fire, the right flank fell back. As it did, Edgar McCray, a 40-year-old urban tree remover from Orlando, was shot and killed.

McCray is in his second year of Civil War reenactments. It was his love of history that drew him in.

His commanding officer, Grzelak, made it out of the battle alive but said he's died many times in his 36 years of reenactments.

Soldiers on the field range from 16-year-old boys to men in their 70s. Though it doesn't happen often, Grzelak said he has seen some men actually die in battle, mostly from heat exhaustion.

"That's the way I wanna go," he said, "on the battlefield."

As Grzelak and his unit retreated to the treeline, Permane steered Jenny around to the other side of the field as the left flank fell.

Permane and his officers shot deserters as they tried to flee the battle, and the outlook grew dimmer.

Confederate reinforcements rode out onto the field, bringing artillery and waving the flag of the Confederate State of Florida. Whooping and hollering, the rebels pressed harder, pushing the Union troops back.

Finally, after watching man after man fall to the ground, Permane took off his wide-brimmed hat and waved it, leading his troops off the field.

The Confederate Army chased after them, firing at their backs and taking captives.

As the Confederate victory was assured, men helped each other up off the ground, brushing grass and sand off each others' uniforms.

The Confederate bugles played "Taps" as men crossed the field, rejoining their units to march back to camp and pack up their tents.

Permane dismounted and walked alone to the Union headquarters where his tent, the largest in camp, snapped in the breeze.

The formalities of battle over, he was no longer a general of the Union Army, just a guy from Sarasota who has a cellphone and eats cheeseburgers.

As tractors towed cannons away from the battlefield and men loaded their muskets into the beds of red Ford F-150s, Permane packed up his belongings.

Weekend generals have to take down their own tents.



A wounded Union soldier lies on the ground as the Confederate Army advances at the 36th annual reenactment of the Battle of Olustee on Sunday.



An artilleryman wearing gloves with the markings of the Union Army's 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery prepares for reenactment of the Battle of Olustee.



James Permane, portraying a Union general, watches the battle unfold during the 36th annual reenactment of the Battle of Olustee.



Above: Lee Bledsoe, portraying a corporal in the 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, watches for Confederate States Army infantry as the 36th annual reenactment of the Battle of Olustee begins. Below: A sign calling for recruits rests on the side of a wagon in the Confederate States Army camp at the Olustee Battlefield Historic Park during the reenactment of the Battle of Olustee on Saturday.



Above: Edgar McCray, representing the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, stands in formation during an afternoon inspection Saturday. Below: A line of Union Army soldiers fire their rifles at advancing Confederate States Army troops during a mock Civil War engagement Saturday at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park.



Edgar McCray, representing the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, rests in the U.S. Colored Troops encampment before participating in the reenactment of the Battle of Olustee on Sunday.



# Moultrie, Fagan swap lineup spots in sweep of Michigan State

► NO. 1 UF WON 15-4 ON SUNDAY.

**JONATHAN CZUPRYN**

Alligator Writer

Nothing is permanent. Ask Michelle Moultrie.

Before the season started, the lone Florida senior told coach Tim Walton she wanted to bat first. Walton obliged. But just six games into the year, Moultrie moved down to the No. 2 hole while freshman Sami Fagan has taken the role of leadoff hitter for the previous three games.

With seven hits against Michigan State, Moultrie has shined in her new role.

"I don't know if anything is ever permanent," Walton said. "Michelle wasn't quite in her groove. But she found her groove now in the No. 2 spot."

In the Gators' 15-4 win Sunday against the Spartans, Moultrie went 3 for 3, scored four times and stole three bases. Before this weekend, she collected only four hits in six games and was not as productive as Walton wanted his leadoff hitter to be.

"It's better for the team," Moultrie said. "Sami is really good at getting on base, and I think it's better for me. The type of hitter she is and the hitter I am, I think it's better for her to hit first and me second."

Moultrie certainly has experience at the No. 1 spot after hitting at the top of the lineup all of last season. As a junior, she led Florida with a .443 batting average, 101 hits and a .519

on-base-percentage.

However, both Moultrie and Walton agree that Fagan has every quality of a good leadoff hitter as well. Moultrie went as far to say Fagan may perform better than herself in the top spot of the lineup.

"She's really good at slapping [and] she's really good at bunting," Moultrie said. "She can do a lot of different things, a lot more things probably than I can. Getting on base is what you're trying to do as a slapper, so she's really good at that and she has a lot of tools she can use."

One of seven true freshmen, Fagan has started the season hot, winning the first Southeastern Conference Freshman Player of the Week award this year. Hitting .500 with four runs and three RBI this weekend, she has shown she is not afraid to take the challenge of leading off for the Gators.

"It helps that coach has confidence in me to get on base and start off the game good," Fagan said. "I'm pretty confident there right now. (Walton) saw my speed and my ground bunts. I put the ball on the ground most of the time."

Walton has already made several lineup changes this season, and there will likely be several more over the course of the year. However, he said he likes the production so far from the early switch-up.

"I like (Moultrie) hitting in front of those power hitters, which really changes the pitches they get," Walton said. "I'm happy with the move. It obviously scored a lot of runs on the weekend so I'm very pleased with that."



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Florida freshman Sami Fagan (51) took over the leadoff spot from senior Michelle Moultrie for the Gators' series against Michigan State after Moultrie slumped to start the year.

## LACROSSE

# Cullen rebounds from ejection to lead Florida to road win

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Kitty Cullen was not going to be a non-factor for long.

A game after being ejected in the first half with just one point, the junior attacker scored four goals and assisted on two more to lead No. 4 Florida (2-1) to an 18-6 win over Maryland-Baltimore County (0-1) on Sunday.

"Not only was she a threat offensively with the ball, but also she was able to be smart and take good quality shots," coach Amanda O'Leary said.

In UF's 14-5 win against Jacksonville on Wednesday, Cullen received her second yellow

card with 35 seconds remaining in the first half and had to leave the game.

"I was definitely frustrated after Jacksonville," Cullen, a native of Rockville, Md., who had several family and friends in attendance, said. "No one likes getting two yellow cards."

Following a slow start in which the Retrievers took a 1-0 lead, the Gators got three straight goals from midfielder Brittany Dashiell and attackers Ashley Bruns and Gabi Wiegand.

Then, at the 14:31 mark, Cullen began to put the game out of reach when she extended UF's lead to 4-1 by fighting through traffic and putting a shot past goalkeeper Kendall Mason.

Both O'Leary and Cullen said the Gators

were able to capitalize on numerous Retrievers double teams and find the open player.

Cullen also had a hand in UF's sixth and seventh goals when she assisted on a Dashiell goal and the first of freshman Nicole Graziano's five goals.

Seven minutes into the second half, Cullen scored UF's first ever man-down goal. She had the ball outside of the 12-meter fan, split defenders, temporarily lost control of the ball, scooped it up just outside the crease and put a shot past Mason just inside left post with two defenders col-

lapsing on her.

"I was a little flustered," Cullen said of the goal. "I just kind of went for it and it ended up going in, which was pretty lucky."

After the Gators went up 6-1, the Retrievers were not able to cut the deficit to less than five and did not score consecutive goals.

Graziano's five goals were a career-high, and freshman Shannon Gilroy recorded her first goal with 4:42 remaining in the game. Gilroy also got her first assist on the last goal of the game, Graziano's fifth, in the last minute.

"The more we can get them into games and feeling comfortable out there, that is what we are looking to do," O'Leary said of the freshmen. "They're the future of this team."



Cullen

## Yeguete makes return from concussion

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12 SEC contests. Only once this season has a team limited itself to single-digit giveaways against the Razorbacks, who came in averaging a league-high 17.1 forced turnovers per game.

"I thought the key in the game was how we handled their pressure," Donovan said. "We were alert. The thing about it is you got to be a step ahead. So when you're in your offense and all of a sudden the ball starts moving and they run a trap, you got to be in position to make the next pass."

While the Gators' scoring effort was fueled by the re-emergence of senior point guard Erving Walker, who scored a career-high 31 points, Florida was also reinvigorated defensively from the return of a key player.

Sophomore forward Will Yeguete, who regularly plays at the front of UF's press, played his first minutes since suffering his second concussion of the season Feb. 11 against Tennessee. Though Florida only forced seven Arkansas turnovers, Yeguete helped

the Gators hold an SEC opponent below 40 percent shooting both from the field and beyond the arc for the first time in 10 games.

"With Patric and Murphy in foul trouble, I thought we got a great rebounding effort from Brad Beal and Will Yeguete," Donovan said. "They had 20 rebounds between them."

Donovan lauded the decision-making of his guards as the game progressed. Walker, who had five assists, went without a turnover for the fourth time this season.

Arkansas was only able to convert four of Florida's turnovers into points and never trailed by less than 22 in the second half.

"We had a couple of things there, Erv get a technical foul, we lost our composure a couple times but they were playing hard," Donovan said.

"The way they were playing us defensively, we had to make good decisions because they turn people over."

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## GREG, from page 17

and-down season in an up-and-down career, proved that Walker will never be more than a minute away from flipping the switch, transforming himself into an All-American and raising Florida's caliber to a Final-Four level.

When Arkansas missed again, Walker waved his right hand to call for the ball before UF even crossed half court. The pass found him in the same right-wing spot he caught the ball off the baseline screen, only this time he showed no hesitation. His release was instantaneous, and the shot was pure.

When Arkansas threw the ball away just a few seconds later, Scottie Wilbekin and Walker had a two-on-one from half court. As the defender shaded to Wilbekin and the ball, Walker had a chance to run to the basket for a layup. Instead, he sprinted directly to the corner, waving his right hand to ask for another chance at a

three. Again, Walker's shot was pure.

For the rest of the game, he never put his hand down. Still, despite the apparent confidence surge, he never took bad shots. He drove the lane looking to pass, including a beautiful look-off to Murphy for another open three.

Even when tempers flared and Walker may or may not have thrown the ball at and given a forearm shove to Devonta Abron, who happens to be a foot taller and 78 pounds heavier, Walker kept his game in check.

He's a liability at his worst and a true game changer at his best. Stringing together six great games in March is probably too much to ask, but he gives the Gators a chance.

And if he can turn the corner and bring his distribution even when his shot is off, then he'll be precisely the point guard Florida needs.

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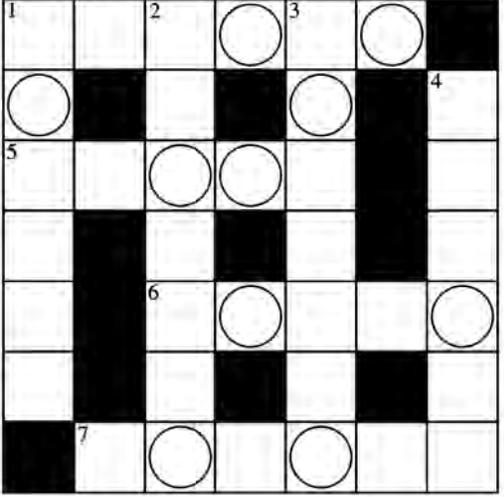
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**BONUS CLUE:** This president launched the U.S. Interstate Highway System.

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3. Name the last 11-win team to not make the NFL playoffs.

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6. Name the first Major League Soccer team to win consecutive U.S. Open Cups?

7. In 2011, Joseph O'Brien became the youngest jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race. How old was he?

**Answers**

1. The New York Yankees' Lou Piniella, in 1986.

2. The 1974 Pittsburgh Pirates and the 1995 Cincinnati Reds.

3. The New England Patriots, in 2008.

4. Milt (1981) and Dajuan (2001) Wagner.

5. Never since the division was formed before the 1993-94 season.

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7. Eighteen.

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1 Like Eastwood's Harry	1 Expels from the country	39 Humiliated	50 In ... harmonious
6 Aromatic resin	2 "Should I deal you a hand?"	40 Like many rural roads	52 Twin Cities suburb
11 Emeril catchword	3 Abundantly supplied (with)	41 Thousand thousand	53 Subatomic particle
14 Start of an año	4 Helen of ...	44 "Papa Don't Preach" singer	54 Oohed and ...
15 Add to the mix	5 Partner of hither	45 Radiated	58 Face-off with ...
16 Freudian subject	6 ... saits	46 Flights leaving around midnight, usually	61 Squealer
17 "Get really angry	7 "Filthy" dough	48 iPhone, e.g., briefly	62 Nonprofit's URL ending
19 Cocktail cooler, in Coblentz	8 Preppy collars		
20 Paris airport	9 Downed Russian space station		
21 Having trouble deciding	10 Mushroom with a black-edged top		
22 Hindu social division	11 Secretion used in hives		
24 Fish eggs	12 Stir up		
25 "Belfast-born flutist	13 Strolled, as to the saloon		
27 "For shame!"	18 French state		
29 Sedative	23 "Float like a butterfly" boxer		
30 Suffix with bed or home	25 Karate relative		
31 Arthur of tennis	26 Habitué		
34 Selected on a ballot, with "in"	28 ... Mahal		
35 "2004 loser to George Bush	31 Landers or Lee		
39 Source of quick cash, briefly	32 Enjoy the slopes		
42 Operating system since the '60s	33 Put a spell on		
43 Ball hit over the wall	36 Awed crowd reaction		
47 Steals	37 Stat start		
50 Title street of kids' TV			
51 "Sandwich request			
55 Accomplished			
56 Islamic deity			
57 College head			
58 Shower affection (on)			
59 ... tai; cocktail			
60 One of the four that end this puzzle's starred answers			
63 Rock producer Brian			
64 Stealthy craft			
65 Zellweger of "Chicago"			
66 Room with bookcases			
67 Tolerate			
68 Flowers with swordlike leaves, briefly			

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## Florida drops chippy series finale to Cal State Fullerton

► UF LOST 8-5 SUNDAY BUT WON SERIES, 2-1.

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Steven Rodriguez threw five pitches on Sunday.

The third pitch was an RBI single to center field, the fourth a three-run homer into the left-field bleachers, which was celebrated by Cal State Fullerton in near walk-off fashion.

On his fifth pitch, Rodriguez snapped.

He threw behind Titans left fielder Austin Kingsolver and was immediately ejected, walking toward Kingsolver with plenty to say before coach Kevin O'Sullivan pulled him away by his jersey.

"Nothing good comes out of a situation like that for either team," O'Sullivan said.

"Emotions were running high and we've got to show a little better poise in that situation."

No. 1 Florida (2-1) was already in danger before the sixth-inning appearance by Rodriguez, but the four runs made an eventual 8-5 loss at the hands of No. 25 Cal State Fullerton (1-2) a reality.

After rallying from behind in the first two games of the weekend series, the Gators jumped on the Titans early on Sunday. Thanks to a wild college debut by Fullerton freshman starter Kenny Mathews, the Gators went up 3-0 in the second on three hit batters, a walk and a Daniel Pigott RBI single.

But in both the third and fifth innings, Florida had runners in scoring position with no outs but failed to extend its lead. At one point, the Gators got the leadoff man on four

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Florida manager Kevin O'Sullivan (right) tugs the jersey of pitcher Steven Rodriguez after umpire Rob Healy ejected Rodriguez from the game for throwing behind Cal State Fullerton batter Austin Kingsolver. UF lost 8-5 on Sunday.

## Arkansas' press proves to be no problem for Florida

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Before the first half ended in Bud Walton Arena, it was clear Florida was not going to play like any of Arkansas' previous guests.

Sporting a perfect 17-0 record at home prior to Saturday night, the Razorbacks had made a habit of hassling their visitors with an unrelenting pressure defense that led the Southeastern Conference in steals, turnovers forced and turnover margin.

Normally, Arkansas would be pushing double-digit takeaways at halftime. Instead, Florida was more than midway to breaking the century mark.

The truth is, the Gators' scouting report on the Razorbacks' press began weeks ago.

After beating Vanderbilt on Feb. 4, freshman guard Brad Beal said Flori-

da's 17-forced turnover performance in that game was inspired by Arkansas' own use of a trap defense in an eight-point home win against the Commodores on Jan. 31.

That preparation continued into last week, as UF coach Billy Donovan made breaking the Razorback's pressure a top priority.

"We worked on that in practice; we did a V-cut (passing) drill every day," junior guard Kenny Boynton said. "[Saturday] in shoot-around that was the main focus: Take care of the ball."

The 11 turnovers Florida committed in its 30-point win Saturday were tied for the fewest Arkansas has forced in

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Donovan

## END OF GREGULATION

## Walker's career night displays just how good he can be for UF

For the first eight minutes of Saturday's game, Erving Walker was still struggling to break free of his offensive funk.

On Florida's fourth possession, the senior point guard dribbled inside the arc, pulled up from 3 feet behind the free throw line and missed badly on a midrange jumper.

On UF's next try, Walker came running off of a pair of baseline screens and caught the ball on the right wing, where he passed up a wide-open shot.

"I think that's a good decision," ESPN analyst Jimmy Dykes said on the broadcast. "Walker has really struggled shooting the basketball. He's a facilitator right now more than anything."

And for eight minutes, that was Walker's role. Pass, pass, pass.

Florida's lead kept growing, but it was as if the offense was running around him, not through him. He racked up a pair of assists, but other than that he was mostly uninvolved. Whether standing on the wing or alone in the corner, it looked as if Walker didn't even want the ball.



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Then, a highlight-reel layup sparked change.

Walker took an inbounds pass with 11:38 left in the opening half and dribbled to the left wing. From there, Walker drove across the perimeter and hesitated slightly at the right elbow before finding a lane and forcing his way to the basket. He extended his right arm and put a lay-up high off the glass, apparently lighting a fire in his play.

Although his return to defense was nonchalant, his offensive game was never the same.

He made smart passes and even smarter shots, racking up five assists and a career-high 31 points on only 12 attempts.

It was the perfect Erving Walker performance. One we've never seen before, and one we may never see again.

But a showing like Saturday's, after an up-

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Florida swimmers Marcin Cieslak and Elizabeth Beisel won three gold medals and Southeastern Conference Swimmer of the Year honors at the SEC Championships in Knoxville, Tenn. ... Also, the men's tennis team dropped two straight matches at the ITA Indoor Championships this weekend. See stories at [alligatorSports.org](http://alligatorSports.org).

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Gators pull upset of No. 16 Bulldogs to improve tourney resume

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The Gators finally got over the close-game hump.

After losing nine games by six points or fewer, Florida (17-10, 7-7 Southeastern Conference) upset No. 18 Georgia (20-7, 9-5 SEC) 61-57 Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

The win over UGA marks UF's third victory in a game decided by six points or fewer this season and its first since defeating LSU at home Jan. 15.

"[Playing close games] is what we've been doing all year long," Jones said. "We've faced so much adversity, so many close losses, and each time, we've bounced back and given someone more than they gave us the night before."

By knocking off the Bulldogs, the Gators remain in contention for their first bid to the

NCAA Tournament since the 2008-09 season.

Going into Sunday's contest, UF ranked 39th in RPI and 15th in strength of schedule.

Should Florida place fourth or better in conference at season's end, it would clinch a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament.

"Obviously, (we're) improving where we stand in the league and continuing to improve our NCAA resume," Butler said.

Jennifer George led Florida's upset bid despite playing just eight minutes in the first half due to foul trouble. The junior logged 17 second-half minutes, scoring nine of her 15 points and grabbing five of her six rebounds after halftime.

"We're one of the hardest-working teams in the SEC and just for us to get the reward, it feels good," George said. "We've had so much challenges in the past in our close losses, and we're just at a point where we refuse to lose."

The Gators, led by George's six boards, outrebounded the Bulldogs 42-32. But UF's success on the glass was a shared effort.

Ndidi Madu finished right behind George with five rebounds, while Deana Allen, Andrea Vilaro Aragonas, Lanita Bartley and Azania Stewart each had four.

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Jennifer George

UF forward

"Our first effort was good, but our second effort was always better," Butler said. "We were really tenacious on the boards, and persistent. We didn't just go away when someone had us boxed out."

In addition to her rebounding, Aragonas made her mark offensively.

The Spanish guard set a career-high with 10 points on 4-of-9 shooting, besting her previous mark of eight points against Vanderbilt on Thursday.

"If we were able to measure basketball IQ, [Aragonas'] may be the highest on our team," Butler said. "I don't think that her teammates and her coaches are surprised at all by such a great offensive outpouring."

Florida went into halftime leading 27-25 after outrebounding Georgia 6-0 during an 8-0 run in the last 3:33 of the first 20 minutes.

By holding on for the win, UF's record when leading at the half improved to 15-1.

"My prayer was before the game was that they would get what they deserve and that is absolutely what happened," Butler said. "They made that happen. A lesser team would have folded under what we've experienced."

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## Florida struggles to drive in runs despite ample opportunities

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innings in a row but failed to capitalize.

"We did have some trouble with that early, not scoring runners," senior right fielder Preston Tucker said. "We had a lot of lost opportunities and unfortunately that cost us the game."

Florida went 2 for 12 on the day with runners in scoring position, including three strikeouts, a walk and a hit batter.

The troubles seeped over to defense when starter Brian Johnson departed the game after four innings.

The lefty threw 75 pitches, but was taken out for sophomore Jonathon Crawford (0-1) due to an early-season pitch-count limit. Relievers Crawford, Rodriguez and Greg

Larson combined to give up eight runs on eight hits in 2.1 innings.

"[The Titans'] relief was better than our middle relief, and they took advantage of some pitching there in the middle of the game," O'Sullivan said.



O'Sullivan

Fullerton reliever Koby Gauna (1-0) got the victory, going five innings and allowing just one run.

Sunday had two main bright spots for UF. Tucker, who went 6-for-11 on the weekend with four RBI and two homers, had three hits and is now two RBI away from tying the school record of 214 set by Brad Wilkerson.

Freshman Bobby Poyner made his collegiate debut after missing most of his senior season of high school. He pitched the final 1.2 innings of the game, giving up one hit and no runs.

Overall, O'Sullivan called the weekend a success. UF won Friday, 8-3, behind a four-run explosion in the seventh inning and rode the right arm of Austin Maddox through four innings of one-hit relief Saturday for a 5-2 decision.

But for a team billed as the nation's best, everything will be dissected. Manufacturing runs and middle relief were questions coming into the season, and the Gators didn't change that on Sunday.

"I know that we're better than we played," Pigott said. "It's early, so we've got some time."



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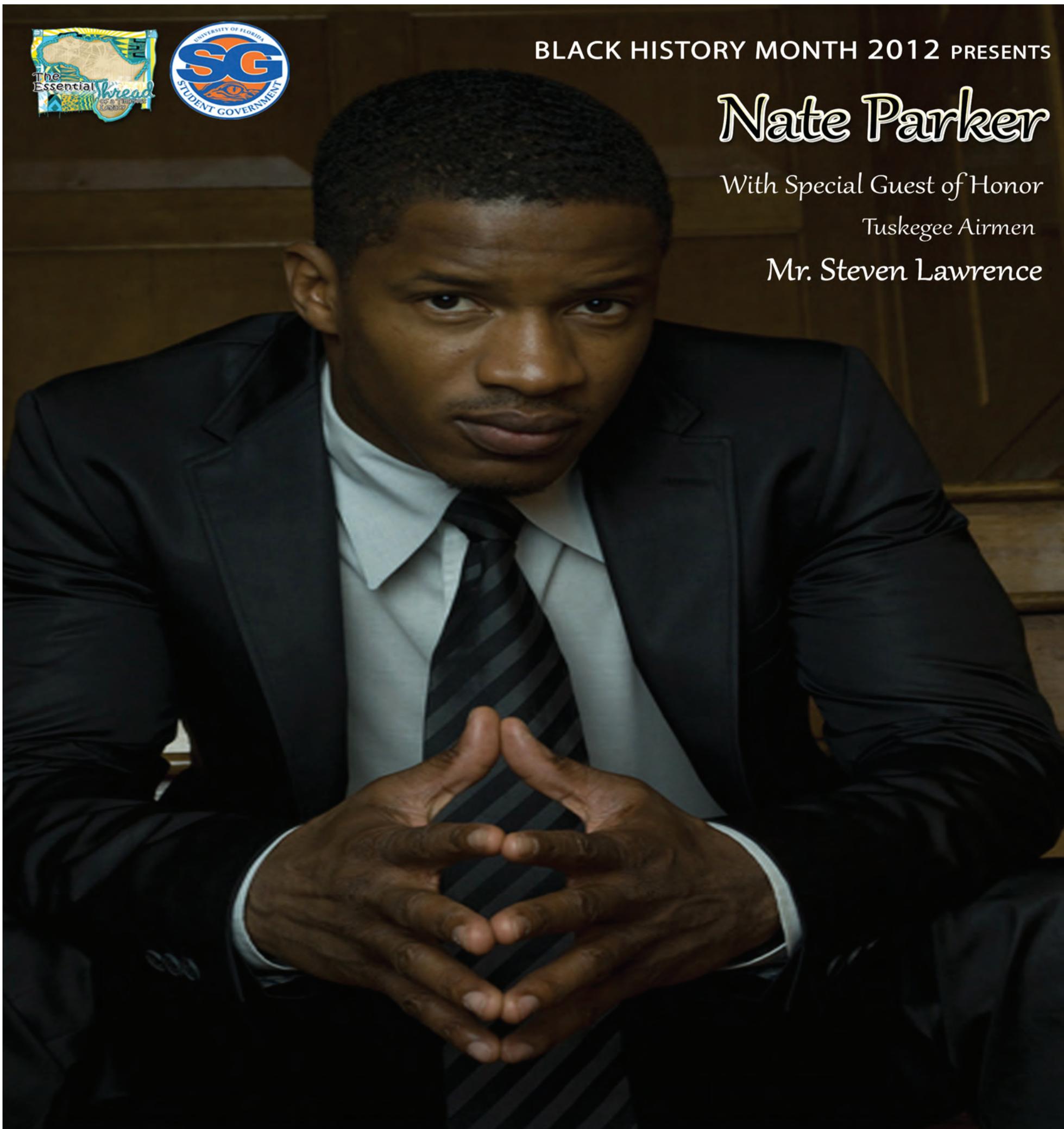
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