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UNITE WINS IN CLOSE RACE

Highest voter turnout in election since 1983

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Alligator Staff Writers

Capping off an election with historic voter turnout, the Unite Party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates won with 50.27 percent of the vote.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 10,644 students voted — the highest turnout since 1983, when 12,191 students cast ballots.

Unite Party presidential candidate Tj Villamil and vice presidential candidate Sabine Justilien won the president-vice president ticket by 114 votes over Students Party presidential candidate Alex Cornillie and his running mate, Jesse Schmitt.

Juan Rodriguez, Unite Party candidate for treasurer, won with 53.65 percent of total votes over Carly Wilson.

A majority vote is needed to win a position, and the election codes do not list a need for a recount unless no candidate captures a majority of the votes.

Villamil gave a short speech to his supporters.

"This wasn't victory for me," he bellowed. "This wasn't a victory for Juan and Sabine. This was a victory for students."

Supervisor of Elections Toni

Megna announced the results to supporters of both political parties outside the Reitz Union's Orange & Brew around midnight Wednesday.

She had to scream to be heard above the crowd.

"It was really close because you had legit candidates."

Sabine Justilien

Unite Party vice presidential candidate

Megna declined to comment on a reason for the turnout increase.

Students Party vice presidential candidate Schmitt attributed the increase to his party.

"No one has ever done what we've done, and I think all of campus recognizes it," he said.

Justilien applauded the strength of all the candidates.

"It was really close because you had legit candidates," she said. "[Students Party candidates] had a firm backing, and I really support them."

UF students had two days to vote for representatives to the Student Senate and the executive SG offices.

Both parties nominated candidates for Student Body President and Vice President, who are on one joined ticket, as well as candidates for Student Body Treasurer.

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Above (top): Tj Villamil celebrates winning the Student Government presidency early Thursday morning outside the Reitz Union. Above (bottom): Students Party executive ticket candidates Alex Cornillie and Jesse Schmitt react to the announcement of election results.

Man charged with stabbing ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend

Victim was stabbed three times in chest, police said

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

Relationship drama turned violent Wednesday morning when a girl's ex-boyfriend was charged with stabbing her current beau.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office arrested Bruce J. O'Brien, 22, on attempted homicide charges. The victim, Alexander R. Martinez, 20, was treated for minor injuries at Shands at UF.

At about 8 a.m. Wednesday, O'Brien brought some of his ex-girlfriend's belongings to the apartment that she and Martinez share

in the Tower Village complex on Southwest 44th Place. Before O'Brien could get inside, though, Martinez confronted him.

According to an arrest report, O'Brien recently sent threatening text messages to Martinez and wrote that he was going to kill him. But another woman who lives with Martinez and the girlfriend said Martinez does not own a cellphone.

Either way, Martinez asked O'Brien on Wednesday if the two had a problem that needed to be addressed, according to police. O'Brien said that, indeed, they did. Then, he pulled out a knife.

He stabbed Martinez three times in the upper chest before running away.

The sheriff's office responded to a call from the apartment at 8:34 a.m., Sgt. Todd Kelly said. When they arrived, Martinez seemed OK. He was walking around the apartment and talking to officers, but paramedics still drove Martinez to Shands at UF to treat the stab wounds. He was treated and released without surgery Wednesday afternoon.

The sheriff's office dispatched a K-9 unit to find O'Brien, Kelly said. The search was not successful, but officers received a call at 9:48 p.m. from a woman who saw O'Brien in the

Tower Oaks neighborhood, which is about two miles north of Martinez's apartment. The relationship between O'Brien and the woman who called is unclear.

Kelly said officers found O'Brien in the neighborhood about 10 minutes later. He was held at the Alachua County Jail on Wednesday night.

Martinez could not be reached for comment, and the sheriff's office did not release the name of his girlfriend. The woman who lives with Martinez said he was visiting his girlfriend's grandparents' house Wednesday night. The roommate did not know where they lived.

She also said the sheriff's office confiscated the girlfriend's phone.

Today



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Billy Joel tickets sell out in four hours

Joel will speak Thursday, read the story at [alligator.org](#).

Human skeleton found in woods near Newberry Road

The remains are unidentified, read the story at [alligator.org](#)



Bernie Machen to join Board of Trustees of medical research institute

Read the story at [alligator.org](#)



News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Decorated IDF captain & professor to speak on LGBT rights in Israel

Today, 6 p.m.
Hillel, 2020 West University Avenue

Join us at Hillel for an intimate discussion with Capt. Avner Even-Zohar. He will be discussing the Queer Liberation Movement in Israel.

The Last Prophet

Today, 6:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Come out to the last lecture event of Islam Awareness Month featuring Omar Suleiman as we discuss who the Prophet Muhammad was and some common misconceptions about the Islamic faith. Food will be provided.

UF Symphonic Band Concert

Today, 7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium
Conductor and musical director John M. Watkins Jr. and the UF Symphonic Band present a concert of contemporary works for band, including the world premiere of a new piece dedicated to the founding of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies: "A Soliloquy for Solferino." Anna Palsma will also guest conduct. The concert is free for UF students.

Reitz Union Board Presents: "The Muppets"

Today 8 to 10:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
With the help of three fans (Jason Segel, Amy Adams and the voice of Chris Cooper), The Muppets must reunite to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon. All showings are free and open to the public

Fundraiser for the Alachua County Humane Society

Today, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Smokehouse Downtown, 104 S Main St.
Go support the Alachua County Humane Society and help end the euthanasia of companion animals in Alachua County by 2015. There will be a live performer and drink specials.

Cross Examined: The Evidence for Belief

Today to Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.
The Ocora at Pugh Hall
Join Dr. Subodh Pandit as he presents a free lecture series. Pandit, born and raised in India, is a licensed, board-certified physician. His 20-year search for a reason to believe led him through the questions of atheism, postmodernism and pluralism to a unique method of comparing the five great world religions. For more information visit facebook.com/pandituf or email

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University Commons 5K-9

Saturday, 8 a.m.
2601 SW Archer Road
Bring your dogs to the third annual 5K-9 at University Commons. Events include a timed 5K race and a one-mile fun run/walk with donations benefiting local pet charities. Visit facebook.com/uc5k9 for details and to register early for a discount.

Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, 10 a.m.
Lake Wauburg's South Shore
The tournament will have two heats of 18 holes each with men's and women's amateur and advanced divisions. The top three participants in each division will receive a prize. The event is free for students. Faculty, staff and non-UF affiliates with a student sponsor may participate for \$20. For more information, visit recsports.ufl.edu.

UF SASE hosts QuickRace Hunt for E-Week.

Saturday, 11 a.m.
Reitz Union Colonnade
The QuickRace is a race to find a path of QR codes hidden throughout campus. Each team registered will receive an initial QR code hinting to the location of the next code and so on. Prizes will be announced during the event. Participants may have up to four people per team, and there will be a limited number of teams. For more information visit www.facebook.com/events/230992616993435/.

Indian Student Association presents "An Evening With Penn Masala"

Saturday, 7 p.m.
University Auditorium
The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.
Penn Masala is the world's first Hindi a cappella group formed by students at the University of Pennsylvania.

Twenty-fifth Annual Women's Leadership Conference

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Registration is open

at ufwsa.blogspot.com. Registration is \$15 and includes breakfast, a keynote speaker, leadership workshops, lunch, an organization fair, a speaker panel, a gift bag, networking opportunities and more. The keynote speaker will be Karen DeYoung, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and an associate editor for The Washington Post.

Maslenitsa

Sunday, 2 p.m.
Pugh Hall Ocara
The UF Russian Club is celebrating Maslenitsa, which translates to either Pancake Week or Butter Week in English. This holiday in Russia is much like Mardi Gras. Maslenitsa signals the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is also a time of great feast before Lent. People eat Blini, (Russian pancakes), which will be served.

Gainesville Roller Rebels roller derby

Sunday, 7 p.m.
Skate Station Funworks, 1311 NW 76th Blvd.
The Swamp City Sirens will compete against the Millhopper Devils in Gainesville Roller Rebels' intra-league bout and season opener. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets are available at Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, Volta Coffee, Tea and Chocolates or brownpapertickets.com. A halftime raffle will benefit the GRR Injured Skater Fund. Visit gainesvillerollerrebels.com for more information.

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Ash Wednesday

Meredith Rowe, a 19-year-old advertising sophomore and the junior warden of the Episcopal Chapel of the Incarnation, has ash placed on her forehead by the Rev. Rich Clark, 41, of Gainesville, on the Plaza of the Americas on Wednesday afternoon. This was the Episcopal Chapel of the Incarnation's first Ash Wednesday ceremony on campus.

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State fixes published social security numbers

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Contributing Writer

State officials published the social security numbers of 719 individuals who were owed a check or a refund from UF. They discovered the mistake this January, six years after the information was originally published.

The problem began in July

2005, when UF submitted its annual unclaimed property report to the Florida Department of Financial Services. The state disclosed information in the report, which contained individuals' social security numbers, on its Bureau of Unclaimed Property website.

Officials didn't discover the posting until Jan. 12 of

this year and took the information off the website the same day, according to a UF press release. The university was notified Saturday. UF's Privacy Office wrote a letter dated from Monday to those affected.

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said UF met the federal deadline to notify those affected.

"It usually takes time for us to research whose names belong to what," Sikes said. "We have an investigation."

It is not known if the information was used by anyone, but it was web accessible. UF checked information for other submitted annual reports posted online and said no other restricted data was mistakenly disclosed.

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UF students to fast in support of migrants

ABOUT 50 PEOPLE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE FAST.

MEREDITH RUTLAND

Alligator Staff Writer

Three UF students will spend their Spring Break fasting to bring attention to the unfair treatment of tomato pickers.

Victor Yengle, a 23-year-old economics junior, Juliette Barbera, a 20-year-old criminology junior, and Rain Araneda, a 31-year-old environmental engineering senior, will join about 50 others in a weeklong fast to protest Publix's refusal to join a migrant workers rights campaign.

The fast, which will last during UF's Spring Break from March 3 to March 10, is being fueled in part by pent-up disappointment over the failure of two Florida tuition bills — one which would have granted in-state tuition to students whose parents are undocumented and another that could have given in-state tuition to undocumented students.

At the center of some students' frustration is Florida Sen. Steve Oelrich, who voted against one of the bills when it came before his committee and whose constituents include Gainesville residents. But supporters' attentions are now focused on convincing Publix CEO Ed Crenshaw to speak with the activists.

Gainesville religious and po-

litical leaders thanked the activists for their efforts Wednesday afternoon during a press conference.

"I commend and I honor the work of the [supporters] for acting on these words," said City Commissioner Randy Wells. "That is powerful."

Yengle and Barbera will join other supporters in Lakeland to fast. Araneda will fast on her own while she volunteers with Habitat for Humanity in Georgia.

Yengle said he is protesting to make students aware of the issues workers face, particularly those in Immokalee, Fla., who are fighting against below-minimum-wage pay, sexual harassment and a lack of basic human rights.

In addition, he said he hopes the UF administration takes his actions to heart if it chooses to work with Publix in the future. He said he hopes UF will encourage Publix to sign onto the campaign.

"I wouldn't want our academic excellence to be attached to any injustices," he said.

For him, the issue of equal rights for immigrants hits close to home.

He moved from Trujillo, Peru, to Sarasota in the early 2000s. He is still jumping through immigration hoops.

Despite the failure of the tuition bills, activists said they want to channel their anger and frustration into positive energy for other causes.

Unite wins 31 seats in Student Senate

ELECTION, from page 1

Each semester, 50 new senators are elected.

Unite Party nominated 49 candidates for Senate, and the Students Party nominated 34 candidates.

Two students ran independent from either political party.

Unite won 31 Senate seats and the Students Party won 19.

Supporters and candidates from both parties campaigned from Feb. 1 until the end of the elections at 8:30 p.m. Wednes-

day.

Some controversy surrounded the elections.

"I think it was a dirty year with sensationalized media, but students didn't listen to it," said Unite Party spokeswoman Christina Bonarrigo. "They listened to the Unite Party, and they knew what we were about."

Megna said 14 complaints were filed by the deadline, which is before election results are read.

Two complaints were al-



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Supervisor of Elections Toni Megna pauses during the election results announcement as a University Police officer addresses her about people in the crowd standing on tables.

ready handled, and one against the Students Party was postponed. It will be heard by the Supreme Court on Sunday.

Eleven complaints were filed Wednesday, 10 by the Students Party against the Unite Party and one by the Unite Party against the Students Party.

"I think it was a dirty year with sensationalized media, but students didn't listen to it."

Christina Bonarrigo
Unite Party spokeswoman

The Election Commission already recommended the disqualification of the three Students Party engineering Senate candidates.

Any decisions made by the commission can be appealed to the Supreme Court.

It also recommended that engineering students' votes for the Students Party executive ticket not be counted.

The Supreme Court will meet Sunday to make the final ruling on this as well as any other appeals the Students Party makes.

The Election Commission will meet Friday to hear the rest of the complaints.

"We'll have to wait and see on Sunday," Cornillie said.

A referendum to add two justices to the UF Supreme Court passed with 82.49 percent of the vote.

There are currently four justices in addition to the Supreme Justice.

Students were not required to vote on the referendum; they could have chosen to abstain.

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Editorial

Politics Never Sleep National, state elections still ahead

Elections are over.

But they are only finished at UF.

For those who have been caught up in the nasty back-and-forth of this election, it's time to focus your attention on what's really important.

The Republican Party is in the process of selecting a nominee to challenge President Obama in the 2012 election.

There will be 435 elections across the country this November to determine the makeup of the U.S. House of Representatives, 27 of which will be in Florida. There will be 33 U.S. Senate seats up for re-election as well.

In Tallahassee, all 40 seats of the Florida Senate and all 120 seats of the Florida House of Representatives will be contested.

There are going to be sweeping changes all over the country and especially in Florida this year, so it's time to turn our focus to these contests.

After the primaries, the direction of higher education, including things like student loans, will all be part of the national debate, even at the presidential level.

But the real decisions that are going to directly affect the students of Florida will be made in Tallahassee.

While we have been bickering among ourselves on campus about these SG elections, there has been a lot happening in the Florida Legislature.

Earlier this month, a bill that would have given in-state tuition to students who are U.S. citizens but born to illegal immigrants was defeated.

Frankly, UF Student Government does not have any say on a matter that would likely affect hundreds of students in the state of Florida. Your representatives in Tallahassee do.

Last week, the Florida Senate Higher Education Committee approved a measure that would allow Florida universities, including UF, to raise tuition above the current allowed increases, if those universities meet 11 of 14 requirements.

This is a huge issue that deserves a lot of attention from students. If tuition is not increased, the state legislature will likely find areas to cut.

Unless students become actively involved and aware of what decisions are being made in Tallahassee, we will all likely face huge changes in the coming year.

The SG elections are done. It's time to focus on other matters.

Become informed about the issues, the candidates and the upcoming elections. Find out where your state representative, your state senator, your U.S. representative, your U.S. senator and the presidential candidates stand on these important issues.

Find out what bills are going through these governing bodies, and write letters to your representatives in support or opposition.

The past few days have been filled with a mixture of important conversation, civic participation and silly, petty rhetoric. Now, we must keep in mind the importance of the changes occurring this year.

Be informed. Don't let politicians pull a fast one on you.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you surprised by the SG election results?

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Column

Obama should stand up to religious groups

For several people, their opinions about social issues are a gut feeling that they often defend despite the facts, not because of them. As the issues of religion and contraception take center stage in American politics, let's be sure we're making informed decisions, not inflammatory ones.

Here is a little background: In January, President Obama announced that most health insurance plans must cover contraceptives for women free of charge.

"The rule does not apply to church organizations themselves, but rather to affiliated nonprofit corporations, like hospitals," according to an article from The New York Times.

Even though 28 states currently have similar rules, the policy set off a political firestorm between religious organizations and the Obama administration.

Ultimately, it boils down to religious groups not wanting to supply contraception, free of charge, and Obama wanting to mandate that certain organizations supply contraception, with a few sensitive exceptions. Even as a conservative, I believe Obama is correct in his decision.

The Roman Catholic Church requested full exemption from the rule, which means that they would not have to cover contraceptives for Catholic hospitals, colleges or charities. Such an exemption is ridiculous. The Catholic church should have to follow the law just like everyone else.

Republicans — and, mind you, I am Republican — often suffer under the delusion that Obama's policies are an all-or-nothing game, and that we are either forced to partake in the policy or get nothing at all. Indeed, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a statement saying, "Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience."

Well, Mr. Bishop, nobody is forcing individuals to buy and take birth control. The U.S. government is rightly mandating that institutions make it available, which is a completely separate issue. To force women to take

birth control would be wrong. To allow women the choice to take it is right.

Ultimately, government is about the separation of church and state. Religious organizations must follow the same rules as every other organization. Mitt Romney is wrong in saying that the administration is "using Obamacare to impose a secular vision on Americans." No, Obama is rightly maintaining the balance between church and state. While religion must be respected, so too must the law.



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You know, the Bible also says that a disobedient son should be stoned to death, but thankfully our government does not make an exception for this just because it clashes with religious teaching. We cannot function as a society if we create our laws on the basis of any one religion. Our religious organizations cannot shape our laws, and it is unfortunate that the Roman Catholic Church has as much influence over our politics as it currently does.

Obama — being the political milquetoast that he is — sought to ease the tension by creating an "accommodation" with the Catholic bishops over the rule. Unsurprisingly, the zealous United States Conference of Catholic Bishops rejected the compromise. President Obama should not be bowing to the will of these religious organizations merely because he needs them for reelection. While I do support Obama's initial decision, his consistent ability to back down from a fight is stunning.

The fact is that this is the 21st century, and we shouldn't even be debating about the use of contraception. The fact is that 98 percent of Catholic women have used artificial contraception anyway. The fact is that Obama should stand by his initial decision and not be making accommodations for religious groups.

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

Column

Hating doesn't take away from successes of Greek system

When Unite Party males get all up in my business while I'm trying to walk to class, I typically turn to them and say, "Sorry, I don't care what you have to say unless you want to have sex with me." As they stare on — dumbstruck and with mouths hanging agape — I say, "Now you know how it feels." I feel smug and self-satisfied with my cleverness for at least an hour afterward.

Once I'm done feeling smug, two questions always occur to me: Why do members of Greek life rule Student Government and lots of organizations bearing an official UF seal? And why do they dress and act alike?

This is my theory:

First, stereotypes can sometimes favor a group and even going as far as to make certain groups seem more desirable. Example: The stereotype about the legendary black male ... well, you know. The fraternity brothers dress and act like older businessmen, sharing in the preexisting stereotype that these older gentle-

men are great in bed. And what about the sorority sisters, you ask? Whenever I see them around frat guys, their voices shoot up an octave, which seems to be a turn on.

Second, Greeks fit the "modest yet eager to succeed" image that UF projects in order to attract employers and parents while also opening donor checkbooks.

But how does fitting this image lead to positions? That's a little less straightforward.

Whenever the university creates organizations like any of the ambassadors groups, it handpicks marketable students for these positions. The university parades them around in front of employers, parents and wealthy potential donors — further reinforcing the image and giving members networking opportunities. And these kids get hired.

Greeks seem to understand the benefits of joining this system, as do I. Notice how their dress code is the same as the attire of students in most UF promotional pamphlets? The fraternities and sororities offer a constant stream



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of smiling, uncontroversial students for the university to have at its disposal. The university then lets them head Student Government, which determines the groups that will

receive funding. zone? Why do student groups need mission statements reviewed by SG before they can receive any funding?

Though our English department consists of many Marxists, UF embraces those who have money.

And why shouldn't it? Sure, the system might be somewhat conformist, a tad inauthentic and exclusionary to the poor. But how is that any different from the real world? It's easy to hate on, but what, if any, evil has the system executed? In fact, it does a lot of good, benefiting children and charities.

Our world is riddled with inequalities. UF is no different. Greeks have developed a system that promotes their future success and financial security. And it's not like they do evil things, nor do they support causes they don't truly believe in. And honestly, what have the haters done?

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Guest column

Efforts of bus drivers union deserve support of students

Every morning you wake up, rub sleep out of your eyes and walk over to the bus stop. You grumble about the bus being late, and you start worrying whether you'll be on time.

When it arrives, you automatically flash your Gator 1 Card as you walk up the steps and take a seat. If you arrive on time, you bless the heavens; if you arrive to class late, you blame the lousy bus system.

After classes, you head toward the bus stop and curse once more its lateness; you just want to get home.

You repeat this pattern every day.

While many students go through this routine daily, there is one aspect of our predictable schedule that we ignore.

Every morning, the bus arrives and every evening we go home. Despite using the bus system every day, many of us forget who actually gets us to our destination.

They are the silent and present individuals who sit at the front.

Who is there at 7 a.m. for our 7:25 a.m. class? And who is there when we sleepily amble home from Library West at 1 a.m.?

Who sacrifices their Friday and Saturday nights so we can enjoy our nights of debauchery in Midtown and downtown Gainesville?

Michela Martinazzi

Speaking Out

Who, despite our constant complaining, gets us to class without fail and is always ready to take us home?

They are our bus drivers.

Currently, they are facing oppressive changes to their contracts from the city. These changes include cuts to their pension and continuous freeze on their wages.

However, one of the biggest challenges the drivers face are forced overtime hours. Due to the small pool of available drivers, they are constantly forced to work beyond their normal shift.

Their overtime hours often total the ridiculous sum of 19 hours in one day. This affects the well-being and safety of the driver and the riders.

If a driver is tired, he or she is less likely to be aware of his or her surroundings. This current work situation is not conducive to a safe environment.

The Amalgamated Transit Union, the drivers union, is working hard to combat the hazardous work environment by demanding that Regional Transit System hires more

drivers and ends forced overtime.

The students need to come together and support the efforts of the union.

As students, we make up 75 percent of the RTS ridership, and we have the loudest voices. What is happening to the bus drivers is not fair, and we have a duty to stop it.

As students, we have a responsibility to help the individuals we depend on every day. Where would we be if the bus drivers weren't there every morning to greet us?

Where would we be if we couldn't get home at 1 a.m. after an intense study session?

How would our Fridays and Saturdays look if we didn't have a safe ride home?

Our RTS bus drivers are there for us in all aspects of our collegiate life. They continually help us without a word of dissent. It's our turn to help them back.

We can no longer yell out a feeble "thank you" when we get off the bus and hope that brightens the driver's day. We need to go that extra mile as they have constantly done for us.

If you want to get involved with this ongoing campaign, please visit the Gainesville Area Students for a Democratic Society's Facebook page and learn how.

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Key, Peele write “comedy for a 21st century world”

ANTHONY CARDONA

Avenue Writer

Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele liken themselves to a famous duo in order to distinguish their voices from one another.

“I’m the one that sounds like Garfield, and Keegan’s the one that sounds like Odie,” said Peele in a phone interview.

Key, 40, and Peele, 33, debuted their new sketch show, “Key & Peele,” on Jan. 31 at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central. In the show, they write and perform sketches on topics and personalities relevant to today’s society.

The show was described in a news release: “Whether it’s satirizing the president, spoofing Nazis or ordering up some soul food, ‘Key & Peele’ will showcase their chemistry, camaraderie and unique point of view, born from their shared background and experiences growing up biracial in a not quite post-racial world.”

Satirizing the president may seem like a controversial topic to some, especially in the midst of national election campaign season. However, Key and Peele are not worried.

“Our general guideline is how funny is it to us,” Key said. “If everyone is laughing, then something comedically precious is happening. Our job is to try and make everybody laugh.”

They hope college students will like the show and comprehend the duo’s comedic style. “It’s a challenge for us,” Key said. “Our challenge is to entertain you guys.”

“We’re not trying to be cool here,” Peele said. “We’re trying to be funny.”

Key and Peele’s efforts to be funny certainly show in their sketches. One sketch involved President Obama (played by Peele) giving a speech to the American public regarding the election, while his “anger translator” Luther (played by Key) restates everything in a less reserved tone. Peele discussed his support of democracy in foreign countries (Luther: “Hey, all y’all dictators out there, keep messin’ around and see what happens. Just see what happens. Watch!”) and urges certain governments to discontinue nuclear weapons testing (Luther: “Please test me and see what happens!”)

“The biggest challenge [about Obama] is he’s an extremely likable guy,” Key said. “He’s so unflappable.”

“Obama couldn’t allow himself to like it too much,” Peele

said. “He’d have to be extremely discreet about it.”

According to Key and Peele, Luther is a successful character because everything he says is “on the tip of everyone’s tongue.”

In another sketch, Peele’s character sees a doctor (Key) and claims he has leprosy in an attempt to finagle a prescription for medical marijuana.

“In California, you can go in with pretty much anything,” Peele said.

After living in Amsterdam for three years, he called himself a “huge fan.”

“The first thing to know is you can put it off for a while,”

Peele said. “When you’re 20 or 21, it’s OK to start smoking. It’s a powerful drug that can be used for a whole lot of good.”

Key performed improv with Second City in Detroit, and Peele performed with Second City in Chicago. The two had simple advice for budding improv artists.

“You better love it,” Key said, laughing.

“Comedy is like mixed martial arts. There are so many disciplines,” Peele said. “You have to devote something inside yourself to comedy. You have to get obsessed and stay obsessed.”

“We feel like rascals being role models,” he said.



Photo courtesy of Comedy Central

Would you want to parody the president? “Key & Peele” is a new sketch comedy show that fearlessly examines today’s society.

NBC’s “Fashion Star” is coming soon to a TV near you

NATALIA SIEUKARAN

Avenue Writer

NBC’s upcoming fashion TV show “Fashion Star” comes this spring to compete with Lifetime’s fashion shows “Project Runway,” “Project Accessory” and the recent “24 Hour Catwalk” — reminding us why we love watching designers squirm under the glares and criticisms of their idols.

NBC appears to be the rebel of mainstream reality shows with their recent productions being the antithesis of mainstream hits. In a recent article, I wrote about “The Voice” in contrast to “American Idol” and “X Factor.” This time, “Fashion Star” is the bad boy.

The trend is apparent in fashion reality shows as well. Lifetime dominates the genre ever since it acquired “Project Runway” from

Bravo, and it has become the mother ship of fashion reality with the recent spinoff “Project Runway All Stars”, which gathered the best of the best from the first eight seasons, only to be stressed and criticized — all over again.

Last fall, “Project Accessory” debuted after the season 9 finale of “Project Runway,” which used the fool-proof show’s formula of three powerful figures in the fashion industry with a slinky runway-model queen as the host — the difference is that instead of creating high fashion, they create fashion’s toppings: accessories.

So how does “Fashion Star” fair against Lifetime’s couture creations, which are backed up by some of the fashion industry’s most notable figures?

Well, for one, it brings its own powerhouses: singer and lover of all things fashion Jes-

sica Simpson, former Paris Hilton BFF turned fashionable-boho-chick Nicole Richie, and menswear designer who worked with notable lines Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein, in addition to his eponymous line, John Varvatos.

Except, they’re not judges but are rather mentors to the designers.

And of course, what’s a fashion show without its supermodel host? Australian model, actress and businesswoman Elle Macpherson will host the new show.

So if they are the mentors, who’s judging?

The Los Angeles Times states that the judges are buyers from Macy’s, Saks Fifth Avenue and H&M.

Each week these retailers will make an on-

the-spot decision to buy and carry the designers’ looks they like most. Immediately after the show airs, that very look will be available in the stores.

This show is a fresh take on “Project Runway” because this gives the designers an equal chance to have their designs hit retail directly every week, as opposed to only having one or two special challenges in the whole season.

Entertainment Weekly got a first-hand look into 14 contestants.

Let’s just say that this has got to be one of the most wide range group of individuals.

We cannot help but root for these designers — no matter what station they’re on.

“Fashion Star” will premiere March 13 at 9:30 p.m. with a 90-minute episode.

Each new episode will be an hour long on Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on NBC.



Miss mom’s cooking? There’s an undiscovered farmers market to fill that void. Read more on page 11.

Sometimes privacy is the best policy:

Be sure to jot down the helpful list of secluded bathrooms on page 12. You never know when it could come in handy.

Fun. has an album and tour to help you rock out:

If catchy and emotional lyrics are your style, download Fun.’s newest album, “Some Nights.” Check out page 10 to see if it’s right for you.

GloZell talks YouTube, Gator dreams and cinnamon battles



Photo courtesy of GloZell

GloZell certainly knows how to capture audiences on the Internet. Could she do the same thing at Gator Growl?

ALYSSA HOLCOMB

Avenue Writer

"Is you OK? Is you good?" Good, because GloZell would like to know.

The YouTube sensation and UF alumna, class of 1997, is steadily creating a promising career in entertainment, mixing stand-up comedy with her online personality. Her outrageously hilarious videos, including her most-viewed entry, "My Push Up Bra Will Help Me Get My Man" (which has more than 17 million views), have gained continuous notoriety on the Internet thanks to her zeal, enthusiasm and sing-song humor.

The comedienne, who graduated from UF with a B.F.A. in musical theater, began her rise to fame after an unintentional sidetrack from her personal blog.

"I started off with a blog, and then one day I was doing some videos and the blog wouldn't upload, so I started uploading them on YouTube only to copy and paste it onto my blog," she said. "Then one day I looked and I'm like, 'Oh, people are commenting on YouTube, interesting.' And it kept going and I was like 'Oh! YouTube is good!'"

Three years and more than 150 million views later, GloZell found her niche making videos of celebrity impersonations, random musings on life and the occasional Internet fad. Her costumed parodies of Lady Gaga and Nicki Minaj earned responses from the celebrities themselves. GloZell received retweets from Minaj and Bruno

Mars and managed to score an invite to Toby Keith's concert by the artist himself.

"What's good about [the videos] is that the artists themselves are very kind to me. I don't dislike them at all, and I think they're seeing that, that I'm just being funny. When I talk about [the artists], there's more people that go to that video," she said.

More recently, her take on the "Cinnamon Challenge" added another five million views to her rapidly growing video resume, proving that viral success has a price.

"Well, I learned the hard way, because to this day my eyes still burn, my nose hairs are gone. I was hallucinating that day. The headache is still there, but hey, people enjoy watching me almost die! I haven't even watched [the video] but looking at the comments and they're like 'It came through her nose!' Well, that explains a lot. People say 'don't do drugs.' I'm gonna start campaigning 'don't do cinnamon.' This will kill you. Somebody gonna die!"

GloZell recently added "actress" to her growing resume, taking part in the online Web series "Dr. Fubalous" alongside fellow YouTube stars Antoine Dobson and Miranda Sings, as well as actor Danny Trejo and rapper-turned-reality star Flavor Flav. From wigs to makeup, costumes and beyond, her musical theater training helped bring life to Ma Cakes, Dr. Fubalous' ranch dressing-loving secretary.

"When I went to the University of Florida, we had to build the sets. We had to not only sing the songs

and learn the lines, sometimes we had to write the scripts. I was also in [Theatre] Strike Force. That definitely helped set me off to the right start, especially musical theater. You're doing everything. Anything I ever need to know how to do, I can do it all by myself," she said.

GloZell's "bucket list" consists of many comedic milestones, from hosting "Saturday Night Live" to meeting fellow funny-lady Ellen DeGeneres. But the most special goal GloZell holds dear is one closer to The Swamp: performing at Gator Growl.

"One day I want to be the comic to come back, so that is the dream," she said. "In 1997, when I first went, I wanted to do Gator Growl. I couldn't even tell you what that would mean. That is beyond a television show or anything."

With her career taking off, the steady rise to success can be traced back to her Gator roots.

These lessons are some that anyone can use to kick-start their own careers.

"When [you go] off to college, it's up to you to get your lessons done and be responsible. Let me tell you, you can have a whole lot of fun at UF, but the goal is to graduate and have a good time. Gators love being a Gator, and I enjoyed every single moment of it, so I'm very proud to be a graduate of UF."

Check out GloZell's YouTube channel (youtube.com/GloZell1), Facebook and Twitter feeds for constantly updated information on stand-up dates, video uploads and more.

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Find techno-theatricality on "Some Nights"

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Avenue Writer

Beginning with a building, quiet intensity infused with Queen-esque vocals, pop-alternative act Fun.'s latest effort "Some Nights" shrouds modern mindsets with an utterly theatrical background.

The intro, starting soft and growing into a cacophony of pounding piano and stressed vocals, sets a precedent for the emotional variety the album contains. Setting a stage filled with present-day vitriol ("Tea parties and Twitter/I've never been so bitter...") and opening the curtains on a mesh of musical styles, the trio created a mashup of two worlds that form a composite of contemporary culture.

The title track, complete with a capella introduction, sets the overall anthemic tone of the album, using heavy drum beats and the soft yet biting rebel yell of singer Nate Ruess as its driving force.

To reinvent its usual sound on this second record, Fun. added hip-hop producers Jeff Bhasker

(Kanye West, Drake) and Emile Haynie (Kid Cudi, The Roots) who added a technological depth to the indie-pop tunes.

Tracks such as "One Foot" combine big band with simple beats, featuring member Jack Antonoff's repeating trumpet section and singer Nate Ruess' vocals in a more standard, borderline rap tone, fiercer and more biting than some of the other songs. Songs, like the '80s techno-rock-infused "It Gets Better," feature slight autotune and a quickened pace reminiscent of bands like Hello-goodbye.

"We Are Young" (featuring Janelle Monae) is the song that recently sparked the Fun. fan train with radio play and a commercial feature. The combination of its rising chorus and repetitive, simple drum beats and keyboard chords make it the easiest to sing along with the album.

Other rousing songs include the calmer "Carry On," with lyrics like "May your past be the sound/Of your feet upon the ground," as if inspiring listeners in the plights and journeys that life may take them.

Empathize with the depressed thoughts post-breakup (in the acoustic, guitar-heavy "Why Am I The One") and to the apathy after a loss (the hip-hop tinged "All Alone").

The latter is another case of the band's ability to mask dejected feelings with a catchy tune.

With such an appealing combination of musical genres, along with a lyrical repertoire of identifiable sentiments for today's youth, Fun.'s youthful feel, both in song and in spirit, marks it as a truly audience-attentive act.

Fun. is also embarking on a nationwide tour. Florida dates include stops in Tampa and Orlando on March 7 and 8, respectively. Find out more about the band and tickets to their shows by checking them out on their Facebook page or www.ournameisfun.com.



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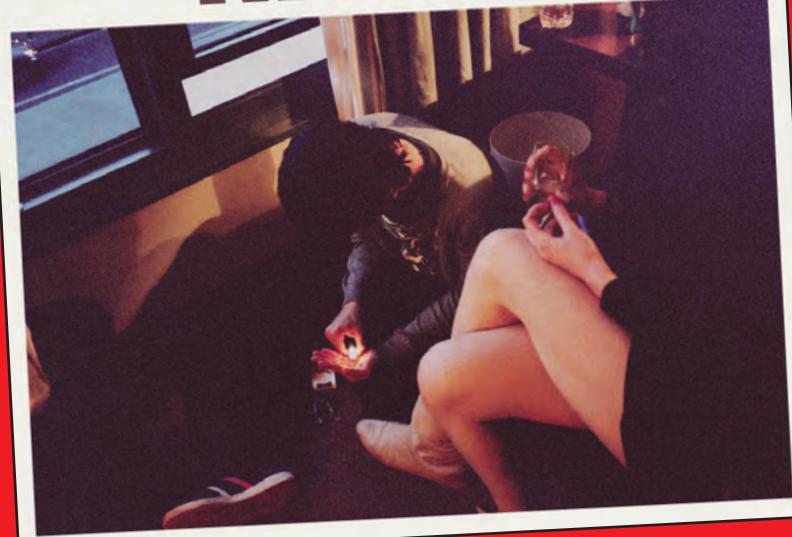


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Fun.'s second album, "Some Nights," experiments with emotional new sounds and beats.

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Hidden farmers market sells former professor's wares

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Avenue Contributing Writer

There is a world outside happy-hour specials and end-of-the-week naps on Friday afternoons.

Every Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., tucked behind the Thornebrook Village shops, there is a quaint farmers market where you can find local, organic produce, homemade pastries, vegetarian Indian food and organic English marmalade that puts to shame anything on the shelves of big, chain grocery stores.

"I love the homey atmosphere, yummy, free samples and the friendly people of this farmers market," said Genni Rubin, a UF freshman and frequent visitor of the Thornebrook Village Farmers Market.

Pete Turner, owner of Pete's Preserves, a line of organic, English-style marmalade, enjoys selling at this farmers market because of its intimate setting.

It takes a lot of self-control not to buy everything you see.

It's not unusual for a single costumer to buy more than \$40 worth of vegetarian Indian food from Nalini Pandey.

She owns the Green Mango, a Gainesville restaurant that also sells its food in local farmers markets.

Turner and Pandey agree that the appeal of farmers markets has to do with the quality of the food they sell.

Pandey smiled as she spoke about her first experiences in the kitchen, as she was taught by her mother, father and grandmother in India.

"I've been cooking since I was 10," she said. "Cooking is an art. It's not just a combination of ingredients you throw together."

After working in genetic and microbiology labs for 33 years, Turner, the Cambridge graduate and former UF research assistant professor decided to dedicate his time to his longtime passion: cooking.

"I've been making marmalade for years and years," Turner said.

He holds his food to high standards. "The food is fresh and has never seen any pesticides or artificial fertilizers," he said.

"I've had people tell me [my marmalade] reminds them of something their grandmother would make."

The Thornebrook Village Farmers Market is in the courtyards of Thornebrook Village shopping center on 2441 NW 43rd St. every Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information about farmers markets around Gainesville, visit gainesvillefarmfresh.com.



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Jamaican

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Farah's

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Mexican

Boca Fiesta

Best Margaritas in Town!
Fresh-squeezed & all-natural!
Tasty tacos, burritos, nachos!
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Now serving brunch!
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potty talk

Cream of the crap: the best places to drop a deuce at UF

KIERA WRIGHT-RUIZ

Avenue Writer

No one likes to talk about it, but we all do it: poop.

This everyday (hopefully) bodily function is no problem when you're at home. You feel the urge, so you go to the nearest bathroom and place your bottom on top of that porcelain throne. No noise, no people and all the toilet paper in the world at your disposal. You're comfortable.

But what about those times when you're on campus and nature calls? You can't hold it for another few hours, so you run to the closest bathroom. You open the door slowly and check all the stalls to make sure you're alone. Most of the time you're not, but you don't have enough time to find another place, so you find the cleanest stall and hope you don't make any

awkward noises. You're uncomfortable.

Here's a well-researched list of spots around campus to make sure your bathroom experience isn't awkward. In fact, it's to make it as pleasant as possible.

Music Building

Layout: Male and female stall bathrooms

Location: Across the street from Turlington Plaza on the first floor

"It's huge, private and you get to listen to the string concert instruments resonating through the walls," said Matthew Paymer, a chemical-engineering sophomore. "Super peaceful."

Rinker Hall

Layout: Male and female stall bathrooms

Location: Next to Rawlings Hall on the first floor

This building is pretty vacant so there's rarely anyone in the bathroom. It has a lot of stalls and seems new. It's super convenient if you're going to or from the bus stop.

Shands Basement

Layout: Unisex private bathrooms

Location: Hallway in the basement of Shands, between the Center for Musculoskeletal Pain Research and the Psychology Clinic

"The rooms are pretty spacious," said Megan Johnson, a nursing senior. "The toilets are located in the back corner of the room so your business can't be heard by people passing by. They're awesome!"

Ustler Hall

Layout: Unisex private bathroom

Location: Next to the Student Recreation & Fitness Center

"The bathrooms are generally very clean," said Taissa Morimoto, an anthropology junior. "It is a private bathroom so you can make as much noise as you want, really."

Pugh Hall

(the gold mine of campus bathrooms)

Layout: Male and female private bathrooms, stalls with a private bathroom

Location: Down the road from the Hub. On the top floor for private bathrooms, bottom floor for the stalls with a private area

This is my personal choice. On the top floor, there are male and female private bathrooms. They're huge, very private and clean. There's also a secret poop chamber located on the bottom floor in the regular stall bathrooms. It is located at the back end of the room. It's just as nice as those on the top floor but saves the steps.

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Classifieds 373-FIND

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 Call Eric at (352) 682-7424
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Carpet, Central H & Air, Carpet
Laundry., Incls Wtr and Swg. \$800/Mo
Can reserve for Summer or Fall now.
Grad II 1236 SW 4th Avenue

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2901 NW 14th Street

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Carpet, Central H & Air, Laundry hkups
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Efficiency across from UF Stadium
2 Rooms, no kitchen, just Frig and sink
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●5/3 house 630 nw 36 st \$1500
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2 For Rent unfurnished

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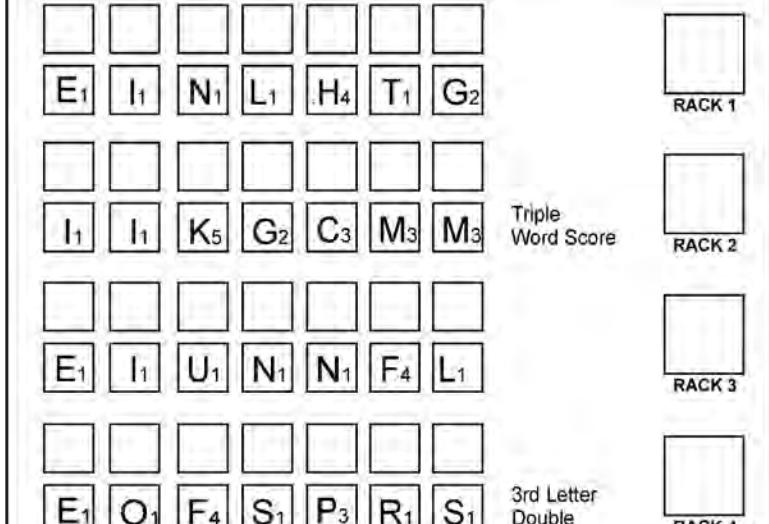
4 Roommates

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Brand new still packaged w/warranty. Must
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bed, dresser w/mirror, 2 nightstands, chests
avail. Dovetail const. New, in boxes. Can de-
liver. Retail \$4500, must sell, sacrifice \$850
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Crawford leads Gators to win against UCF



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In his first start as a Gator, sophomore Jonathon Crawford tossed five scoreless innings while striking out four and allowing just two hits. Florida beat UCF 8-0 on Wednesday.

BRYAN HOLT

Alligator Writer

Jonathon Crawford made people forget Sunday in a hurry.

In his first outing of the season, a loss to Cal State Fullerton, the sophomore right-handed pitcher faced seven batters and allowed four runs on five hits and a walk.

On Tuesday night, Crawford returned to the mound in a starting role against UCF and showed the promise Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan talked about during the preseason.

"He's got too good of an arm, he's too talented and I've seen it enough in practice in the fall and the spring to believe and to know it's going to show up," O'Sullivan said.

Crawford held the No. 19 Knights (3-1) hitless through 4.1 innings and finished a five-inning outing in which he said "everything" was working for him with four strikeouts, two hits and no runs, getting the decision in an eventual 8-0 victory for the No. 1 Gators. Before Tuesday night's game, Crawford had only thrown a total of four innings in his brief career as a Gator. Coming out of Sunday, his ERA was listed at 108.00.

"There were obviously probably some questions coming into it, but he did his job and he did what we expected him to do," senior right fielder Preston Tucker said.

Offensively, runs came early and often for Florida (4-1), which was swept by UCF in a pair of midweek games last season. After getting a rare start in center field, senior Daniel Pigott opened the gates in the first inning with a 1-1 shot to left that bounced in.

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THE TOM GREEN SHOW

No. 1 UF facing unique issue

Kevin O'Sullivan has a slight problem on his hands: Florida has too many big bats.

An abundance of power hitters seems like a luxury any team would cherish. It's a good issue to have, but it's an issue nonetheless.

The Gators can trot out any combination of the following: reigning Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Mike Zunino, two-way prospect Brian Johnson — both of whom are projected first-rounders in June's MLB First-Year Player Draft — Austin Maddox, freshman Taylor Gushue and senior Preston Tucker, who is on the precipice of breaking Florida's all-time RBI record.

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While it's certainly not Murderer's Row, the Gators' lineup has plenty of pop, especially when you factor in the likes of bench players Vickash Ramjit and freshman Justin Shafer.

There's just one small problem with all these sluggers: There aren't enough at-bats to go around because they all field similar positions.

Of those seven players, Zunino, Gushue and Maddox can all play catcher, and two of them have already done so this season, with Zunino at backstop for the weekend series and Gushue earning his

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Florida scrambling to find Yeguete replacements

Forward likely out for season

JOHN BOOTHE

Alligator Staff Writer

Before he knew Will Yeguete's left foot was indeed broken, Billy Donovan rattled through the list of backup point guards and little-used substitutes he could call on to replace Florida's injured power forward.

Some were undersized — even at Yeguete's 6-foot-7 standard — for the job.

Scottie Wilbekin usually comes off the bench for other guards and is just 6-foot-2, while forward Casey Prather checks in an inch shorter than Yeguete.

Others, like redshirt freshman Cody Larson, have seen limited playing time in UF's 13 Southeastern Conference games.

"We're going to have to make some adjustments, like Casey Prather playing the four,"



Yeguete

Donovan said. "Scottie playing the four. Cody Larson needs to step up and provide a little bit more."

When the results from Yeguete's hospital visit came back Tuesday night after UF's 16-point win against Auburn, Donovan learned those players would be his last resource in the final months of the season.

Yeguete, the Gators' leader in both steals and rebounding percentage, broke the fifth metatarsal in his foot, according to a UF report, and is unlikely to return for the rest of the year.

"There's going to be some things that we're going to need to practice," Donovan said. "Because it's not like, OK, how do you get by for

a week or a couple games? Now it's like, OK we're dealing with this for the rest of the season."

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Freshman Andrea Vilaró Aragónés has found a spot on UF's women's basketball team ahead of tonight's matchup with Mississippi State. See story, page 19.

Football spring practice open to public

Florida's football team begins spring practice on March 14, and two days of practice on March 16 and March 17 will be open to both the public and media for the first time under Will Muschamp.

Leonard pleads not guilty

According to the Orlando Sentinel, UF tight end A.C. Leonard pleaded not guilty Monday to a charge of misdemeanor domestic violence through his attorney Huntley Johnson.

UF could face rebounding issues without Yeguete

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here and there."

With Yeguete out for most of the Tennessee and Alabama games, Florida was out-rebounded by a combined margin of eight boards. Though he doesn't lead the Gators in rebounding average on a per-game basis, Yeguete is the lone UF player to haul in a rebound on at least 20 percent of his defensive possessions, according to Kenpom.com.

In Yeguete's absence against Auburn, Florida was able to get quality minutes from Prather, who normally grabs a defensive rebound in 7.7 percent

of his possessions. Prather had two rebounds in six minutes Tuesday and also scored his first field goal since Dec. 9.

"When Will was in the game, he helped us rebound a lot in the first half," junior guard Kenny Boynton said.

"I'm happy for Casey because he's been working hard in practice all season long. For him to get in and do good, I'm happy for him."

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first start behind the plate Tuesday.

Tucker, Maddox, Johnson and Ramjit are all comfortable at first base, and O'Sullivan plans on getting Gushue some time there, as well. Meanwhile, Tucker and Shafer have both been slotted in right field so far this season, and Maddox, Zunino, Gushue and Johnson have all been in the lineup as a designated hitter.

"We have depth and we've got some guys we can plug in," O'Sullivan said during the weekend.

So the challenge for O'Sullivan as the season progresses is to find the right balance of at-bats for all of these hitters — and it will be no easy task, even for a coach who has rebuilt UF's program in four-plus seasons and enjoyed unprecedented success in Gainesville.

With seven legitimate hitters vying for four positions in the order on any given night, who become the odd men out?

It would be criminal to omit Zunino from the lineup, seeing as he is the Gators' highest-rated

draft prospect for this summer's draft (Baseball America lists him as the No. 5 eligible player).

The same goes for Tucker, who will finish his career as the most prolific hitter in Florida history. Johnson only hit during one of Florida's opening-series games so he could focus on pitching Sunday, but he shouldn't be left out considering he hit an impressive .394 in games that he started on the mound last season.

Although it's early in his career, Gushue's hot start makes it tough to sit him. Meanwhile, Florida is better off using Maddox solely out of the bullpen with the way he has been throwing this season.

That leaves Maddox on the outside looking in with Shafer and Ramjit. That's where things get tough for O'Sullivan, because bench-clearing nights like Wednesday aren't going to be the norm.

He faces the unenviable task of figuring out the right distribution of at-bats while trying to keep egos in check, and he needs to do it all without overthinking — or else Florida's apparent luxury will become a taxing issue.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**Aragonés finds niche in February**

UF PLAYS FINAL HOME GAME OF SEASON TONIGHT AT 7 AGAINST MISSISSIPPI STATE.

JOE MORGAN

Alligator Staff Writer

Andrea Vilaró Aragonés' big break came three weeks ago on the road against LSU.

Jordan Jones was ruled out with a concussion, and Florida needed a guard to step up and offset the loss of its second-leading scorer.

Coach Amanda Butler turned to Vilaró Aragonés, who did not disappoint.

She scored five points and recorded career-high numbers in minutes (24) and steals (four), helping the Gators defeat the Tigers 73-64 on Feb. 2.

"For the players that were on the bench, it was a really good opportunity to play a good game and help the team," Vilaró Aragonés said. "My good feelings started in that game."

Vilaró Aragonés has had a breakout month and hopes to continue her February success tonight against Mississippi State at 7 in the O'Connell Center.

Going into the road matchup against LSU, Vilaró Aragonés had averaged just 7.4 minutes per contest against Florida's first eight Southeastern Conference opponents.

With the exception of a two-minute outing in a 62-58 loss to South Carolina Feb. 12, Vilaró Aragonés has logged 16.2 minutes per game this month.

As Vilaró Aragonés' minutes have increased, so has her production.

The Spanish guard has more than doubled her season average of 2.5 points per game, scoring 5.2 per contest in February.

Both Vilaró Aragonés and Butler credit the freshman's increased minutes and production

to her one-on-one work with assistant coach David Lowery.

According to Lowery, he spends anywhere from an hour to an hour-and-a-half with Vilaró Aragonés each week, normally consisting of 30-minute workouts on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Lowery has helped her adjust from the European brand of the basketball to the style played in the United States, including an emphasis on more aggressive offensive play and "finishing strong in the paint," Lowery said.

"One of the things you will notice when you watch her is how she shoots in transition; she's kinda like that olé type of layup," he said.

"In America, you've got to go up strong, otherwise that's going to get blocked."

In the meantime, Vilaró Aragonés has relied on her jump shot for points; 39 of her 62 field-goal attempts this season have come from beyond the arc.

She has scored 18 points in the Gators' last two games, boosted by a 4-of-11 effort from 3-point range.

"One thing I told her on Sunday (after the Georgia game) is, 'You're on people's scouting reports now,'" Lowery said. "That's a good thing."

Lowery said UF needs a boost from bench players like Vilaró Aragonés to clinch a spot in the NCAA Tournament, and he said he believes she could become just as important to Florida as Jones one day.

"There is no ceiling right now," Lowery said. "I hope there's no ceiling and she just keeps getting better and better and just really makes herself an all-around ballplayer for us."

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Will undeterred by No. 1 ranking, seeks improvement

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Allie Will is no stranger to success. It's been a way of life for her.

In three years at Florida, she has lost just three times in singles dual match play. She has won awards ranging from team MVP to Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. Last week, when the Intercollegiate Tennis Association released their updated rankings, Will earned a new distinction.

She is now the top-ranked singles player in the country.

"It's something I'm definitely proud of, but I'm just looking to get better and play my best tennis in May," she said. "It's great, but it doesn't mean that much."

For Will, trying to get better is something that has been ongoing. She came into college as the No. 3 recruit in the country after a stellar youth tennis career. As a freshman, she was All-SEC, All-American and team MVP. Last year, she helped the Gators win a national championship.

In other words, getting better isn't easy. Coach Roland Thornqvist, who recruited Will and has coached her throughout her tenure at Florida, believes the key is to not get caught up in the rankings.

"If you start looking at the numbers, it can really get your head spinning and make you lose focus on the things that can actually have a hand in the outcome," he said. "She's level-headed enough to be proud that she's ranked No. 1, but not overwhelmed by it."

Playing at the No. 1 and No. 2 spot in Florida's singles rotation her entire career, Will has faced the best of the best. She has just 10 losses overall, and only two of them have come to players outside the national top 50. Against players in the top 10, Will is 6-3.

The last player to defeat Will, Stanford's Nicole Gibbs, was also her opponent in the Feb. 12 dual match at Stanford. Will won, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

With fewer than two months to go until postseason play, and with plenty of challenging matches before, Will still doesn't feel like she's playing her best. Mentally, however, she feels as strong as ever.

"If you start looking at the numbers, it can really get your head spinning..."

Roland Thornqvist
UF women's tennis coach

"Normally, you're never really going to play your best tennis. It's more about dealing with what you face that day," she said. "I feel like maybe I'm doing that the best I have in college tennis."

As the top-ranked player on the defending national champions, the adversity that Will faces comes from high expectations and top-notch competition. Undefeated in singles play this year, she has handled that adversity quite well.

"I'm definitely not playing my best tennis," Will said. "Mentally, I'm maturing a little bit more, which is why I've been successful."

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SOFTBALL

Gators face tough test in tournament

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For several Gators, Thursday will be a homecoming.

Freshman Katie Medina, sophomore Cheyenne Coyle and juniors Brittany Schutte and Ensley Gammel all hail from California, the location of the annual Cathedral City Classic in Palm Springs.

Every one of the Golden State natives lived within several hours of the stadium, so this tournament will be their families' best chance to catch the No. 1 Florida squad in action. Even freshman Lauren Haeger, who is from Peoria, Ariz., will have an opportunity to see her family in the stands.

But she, and the rest of her teammates, are most excited to play ranked teams for the first time this season.

"I have a lot of confidence in our team for next week," Haeger said. "I see a lot of things getting better, meshing better, communication is

better. And that's what it takes to play against those teams like that and compete against them."

Florida will head west the only time this regular season to face three Top-25 opponents in No. 16 Texas A&M, No. 8 Texas and No. 5 Washington. Coach Tim Walton's squad will also play BYU and Boise State for the first time in UF softball history.

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Walton doesn't look to change his gameplan. He says he will stick with what got his team off to a 9-0 start.

I don't think we do anything different when we're playing teams that have a number in front of their names," Walton said. "I look at the teams in Boise State and BYU, the teams that aren't ranked. BYU has been to the Super Regionals and Boise State has had some close games this season already. No matter who

Schutte

we play, I don't think you're going to see us do anything different."

Walton has his players singing the same tune as well. Both freshman Sami Fagan and senior Michelle Moultrie emphasized after their game on Sunday that they will continue what they have been doing.

What the Gators have been doing has worked, as they are No. 1 in the nation and undefeated nine games into the season. However, those nine victories have come against teams with a combined record of 23-37. Now, Florida will leave Gainesville in a cross-country trip to play teams with a combined record of 40-8.

Schutte, who will be making her third trip back to her home state in a Gator uniform, isn't concerned with a team's record. Instead, the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I National Player of the Week is just looking to tack on five more W's in the win column.

"Whoever is on the other side doesn't really matter," Schutte said. "Just play ball."