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Talking Points

Students for Democratic Society representative Skye Schmelzer, 19, speaks with Jamal Sowell, executive assistant to President Machen about fair wages for RTS bus drivers. Schmelzer's key point was for drivers to no longer have forced overtime. Read the story on page 4.

Campus fight leads to arrests

► TWO WERE ARRESTED IN THE MURPHREE PARKING LOT.

TYLER JETT

Alligator Staff Writer

Ahmad Salam doesn't know exactly what sparked violence in the Murphree parking lot Thursday morning, but he has a guess.

Two students were assaulted by four men shortly after 2 a.m.

The attackers were arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. The instigator was

familiar: alcohol.

Salam and his friend, Vishal Singh, were waiting to be picked up in the parking lot after spending the night at Grog House Bar and Grill.



Winston Frye Aranda

Four strangers approached, one yelling at Salam and Singh for no apparent reason. Then the strangers attacked.

Erick J. Medina, 21; Frederick V. Medina, 22; Winston M. Frye Aranda, 22; and Michael L. Frye Aranda, 23, were charged

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STUDENT LIFE

Adderall no substitute for good study habits, experts say

MAUREEN MARIANO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Like other college students facing midterms, Santa Fe junior Laura Putlek has a project and paper due this week, two exams and two lab practicals.

While there's no cure for her stress overload, Putlek, 21, focuses with the help of an amphetamine called Adderall, which treats attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

But unlike many students who abuse the drug as a study aid, Putlek has a prescription for it.

Although Adderall has become a popular recreational drug for college students, there are healthier ways to cope with exam stress, said E. Maureen Miller, coordinator for alcohol and other drug prevention at GatorWell Health Promotion Services.

This includes having a planner to keep track of assignments, getting enough sleep, exercising, eating healthy food and knowing the syllabus to prevent cramming, she said.

"It's the basic things, but I know a lot of times it's easy to forget when students are caught up on having so much to do," she said. "Planning can help when they get to that point."

If students have no choice but to cram during crunch time, Miller suggests following this rule: For every 50 minutes spent studying or writing, take a 10-minute break.

These habits can't be replaced by any drug.

"[Students] go on to graduate school, get a job and still there will be those things they have to deal with," she said. "That's why it's really important to develop these healthy coping strategies now instead of relying on something like this."

Lawsuit sparks discussion of legality of unpaid internships

Former Harper's Bazaar intern sues for payment

KELSEY MEANY

Alligator Contributing Writer

A former intern at Harper's Bazaar filed a class-action lawsuit in regard to her unpaid work from August to December 2011.

The New York Times reported that the former intern, Xuedan Wang, said the women's magazine violated federal and state wage laws by not paying her. Wang, 28, worked full-time for the company during her internship.

Adrienne Wells, assistant director for experiential education at UF's Career Resource Center, said she recommends that companies offering internships follow wage and hour guidelines when hiring students.

"If there is an immediate benefit to the company, then they should pay their interns," she said.

An immediate benefit is one the company could profit from, Wells said.

For example, if students intern at a mar-

"As far as internships go, you are not supposed to derive benefit from having your interns there."

Michelle Bedoya-Barnett

partner at the Jacksonville labor and employment law firm

keting company and work with clients, then they should be paid for their work because the company could eventually profit from the client's business.

"As far as internships go, you are not supposed to derive benefit from having your interns there," said Michelle Bedoya-Barnett, partner at the Jacksonville labor and employment law firm Alexander Degance Barnett. "If you are deriving benefit, you have to be paying them. It is not free labor."

She said a major red flag in the case of the Harper's intern would be if the intern worked extensive hours. That would indicate that the intern had become indispensable.

"If you have a supervisor or are getting credit for the internship, there is a lot more le-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Switch the Chip Day

Today, noon to 2 p.m.
 Reitz Union Colonnade
 Join the 2012 UF Bateman Team in a celebration of a new holiday, Switch the Chip Day. They'll be giving away free banana chips to encourage Gators to "switch the chip" on National Tortilla Chip Day. Switch the Chip Day is a free celebration and all are welcome to have fun and stay fit.

Institute of Black Culture presents "Conversations with Black Faculty and Staff"

Today, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Orange & Brew at the Reitz Union
 "Conversations with Black Faculty and Staff" is a semi-annual event that provides all students an opportunity to meet with some of UF's African-American, Caribbean, and African-descent faculty and staff. This event provides students with an opportunity to build networks of support, identify campus and community resources and develop mentoring relationships with faculty and staff from across the campus. The event is free and open to the public.

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 1-mile fun run 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 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/

FORECAST

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Beast Feast

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
 Whitehurst Lodge, 9820 SW CR346
 There will be wild and exotic buffet-style game dinner with raffles and silent auctions, live music and dancing, games and activity booths, face painting and live animals. Tickets are \$15 at the door and proceeds benefit the Wildlife Society on campus. Come out for a delicious, educational and entertaining time. Directions can be found at: www.facebook.com/events/262331750502468/.

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 www.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 Ocar
 The UF Russian Club is celebrating Maslenitsa, which translates to either Pancake Week or Butter Week in English. This holiday in Russia is similar to Mardi Gras. Maslenitsa signals the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is also a time of great feast before Lent.

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' intraleague bout and season opener. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at Sweet Dreams Ice Cream, Volta Coffee, Tea and Chocolates or www.brownpapertickets.com. A halftime raffle will benefit the GRR Injured Skater Fund. Visit www.gainesvillerollerrebels.com for more information.

HEAL's Spring Health Panel

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Pugh Hall
 The Spring Health Panel provides an opportunity for everyone to learn more about various health care fields. The panel consists of medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy, physician assistant and psychology professionals and will be broken up into a small group setting to provide attendees with a customized experience. Food and drinks will be served after the Q & A.

Startup Bus

March 6 to 11
 Startup Bus is a competition/hackathon/roadtrip. Participants create businesses en route to SXSW where they pitch them to a panel of experts.

5K to HEAL

March 25, 8:30 a.m. (arrive by 7:45 a.m.)
 Park-n-ride lot across from SW Rec Center
 Put your New Year's resolutions to the test in this 5K fundraiser to benefit the VetMed chapter of Project HEAL. Register in advance online at www.active.com for \$15 or register on race day for \$20. Walkers are welcome.

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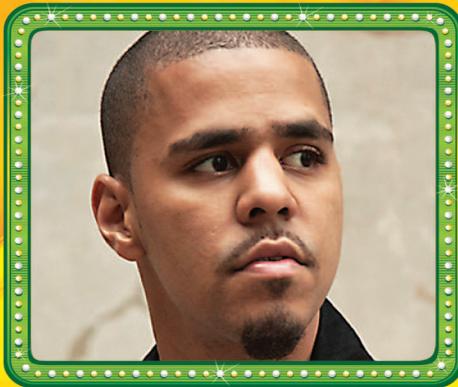
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Organization campaigns to better bus drivers' contracts

► **STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IS SEEKING MACHEN'S SUPPORT ON THE ISSUE.**

JULIA GLUM
Alligator Writer

One Regional Transit System mechanic joined eight members of Students for a Demo-

cratic Society in Tigert Hall on Thursday as they asked the UF administration to support bus drivers' contract negotiations.

Because UF students make up about 75 percent of RTS ridership, UF President Bernie Machen's support could influence negotiations, said Students for a Democratic Society lead organizer Conor Munro.

Jamal Sowell, Machen's executive assistant, took the 900-signature petition and information about roughly 200 call-ins to the presi-

dent's office.

"It's a labor rights issue, and more importantly, it's a student safety issue that we want the university to address," Munro said.

He said drivers' pensions are being cut, and wages are stagnant. They're forced to work overtime, which can present a safety issue, he said.

Sowell promised to contact the group.

Contracts are negotiated every three years and negotiations start March 1, said Chip

Skinner, RTS marketing and communications supervisor.

Skinner said it is illegal for employees to drive more than 12 hours in a 24-hour period. They also must have at least eight hours of rest.

UF pays about 51 percent of RTS's total operating budget, said Students for a Democratic Society member Skye Schmelzer. That is about \$11 million, according to the RTS Revenue Budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Gov. Scott appoints Alachua County Commissioner's replacement

ADRIANNA PAIDAS
Alligator Writer

After about three months of searching for a replacement for former Commissioner Rodney Long, who resigned in December, the Alachua County Commission no longer has an empty seat.

The newest member of the commission is moving from a pulpit to another kind of platform.

Winston Bradley, 71, who is a pastor at a church he formed six years ago, was appointed to the commission by Gov. Rick Scott on Feb. 17.

He will serve until November when three seats on the County Commission, including his, will be filled through an election.

Bradley is a Gainesville native. He is married and has two grown children who have since moved away.

Born and raised in Gainesville, he played basketball and football on the dirt roads in his neighborhood in northwest Gainesville and loved doing handy work around the house.

He went to college at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach. He taught eighth grade social studies for a year, then joined the Air Force for four years. He served in Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

Bradley then worked as a technological supervisor for NASA's space program at the Kennedy Space Center. After, he worked as an insurance agent for Allstate Insurance for 20 years. He retired from selling

insurance in 2000.

Bradley started a nondenominational church called Kingdom Life Ministries in southeast Gainesville. He has been the pastor since its inception and will continue his work there while serving on the commission.

Three years ago, Bradley cut off

the top of his index finger while he was sawing a piece of wood. He said he stayed calm, drove himself to the hospital and sat in the waiting room until a doctor saw him.

"I am a very relaxed guy," he said. "People think I am really serious because I don't smile too much, but once you get to know me, you'll

see that I keep an open mind."

Most of his easygoing nature comes from his spirituality, he said.

Bridgette Lewis, a 46-year-old Gainesville resident and member of Bradley's church, said she is proud her pastor gets to sit on the commission. She said he will bring a voice to the voiceless.

"He is very helpful and very insightful," Lewis said. "And he will talk to absolutely anybody and help them with their problems."

County Commissioner Paula DeLaney said Bradley's financial background will be helpful to the commission, especially while it's planning the budget.

"He dealt with lot of numbers when he sold insurance, and a lot of times that's the hard stuff to wrap your arms around," DeLaney said.

She has known Bradley for 20 years. She said she supported him when he ran unsuccessfully for the Alachua County School Board in 1992 and 1996.

Along with his professional duties, Bradley has served on public committees. For the last 13 years, he has served on the Santa Fe College Board of Trustees. Bradley also served on the Gainesville Housing Authority board for 12 years.

"No matter where I am, I pride myself on honesty and integrity," he said.

Though he came onto the commission with no specific agenda, Bradley said he hopes to work to create more opportunity for businesses to set up shop in Gainesville.

By sifting through county codes and ordinances, he said he wants to find what is stifling businesses from thriving in the city and the county.

"I appreciate this honor that has been put in front of me," he said. "I want things to run smoothly, and I want to protect citizens. We've got to be good stewards for the county."



Hayley Stratcher / Alligator Staff

Newly appointed County Commissioner Winston Bradley speaks at a commission meeting Tuesday. Gov. Rick Scott appointed Bradley to replace Rodney Long after Long resigned in December.

Miami couple donates \$5 million to UF gene therapy research program

MATT BOLES
Alligator Contributing Writer

A Miami couple donated \$5 million to a UF gene therapy program.

Earl and Christy Powell's donation will create the Earl and Christy Powell University Chair in Gene Therapy and Genetics Research at the UF Health Science Center, UF announced Tuesday.

The center was named for them in 2000 after they donated \$2 million.

The therapy center helps patients of genetic disorders by developing newer and safer ways to fight genetic diseases, according to its website.

The lead position of the center will be filled by an "internationally recognized leader in gene therapy" who will work on developing safe ways to treat patients, the release stated.

"Earl and Christy Powell's past generosity has had a significant impact on gene

therapy and its translation to patient care," UF President Bernie Machen said in a release.

"Through strong endowments, such as those created by the Powells, the university and the Health Science Center are able to recruit and retain the best minds in medicine — scientists and physicians who shape the future of health care."

One of its newest programs is using a harmless virus, known as adeno-associated virus, which will help scientists study genetic diseases such as Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, a rare inherited eye disease.

Earl Powell is a co-founder and partner in Trivest Partners, an equity firm in Miami. According to a secretary at the firm, Powell attended UF and graduated from the University of Miami.



Machen

UF finalist in Twitter contest

► **WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MARCH 26.**

BRITTANY ANN MORRISEY
Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gator Nation recently showed its social media presence to the judges of an online contest.

UF was announced Thursday as a finalist for the 2012 #College Shorty Award. The announcement came after 243 people tweeted why UF should win the fourth annual social media contest. One tweet per person counted as a vote.

The Shorty Awards Academy members will review finalists' social media along with tweeted votes. Winners will be announced March 26.

UF had the third-highest number of votes. Butler University's mascot won

the popular vote with 412 votes. Queens University of Charlotte was second with 393 votes.

The #College Shorty Award is given to an accredited college that uses social media to engage students and demonstrate spirit, according to its website.

Katherine Madrid, 19, tweeted a vote for UF "because the Gator Nation is EVERYWHERE ... including Twitter!"

Madrid, a criminology and psychology sophomore, said UF's social media keeps students informed easily.

UF has Facebook, Google+, Four-square, YouTube and Instagram accounts managed by Bruce Floyd, social media specialist in UF's marketing and communications department.

"I feel like our social media accounts reflect our fans," he said. "It's not necessarily about what I'm doing but the conversations we have with our fans."

UF warns students about scam versions of Angry Birds apps

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH
Alligator Writer

Scam versions of Angry Birds have been flooding the Android application market, prompting UF to warn students about the potential danger.

UF's Office of Information Security and Compliance issued a warning Feb. 14 to let students know that fake apps could steal banking, shopping and contact information from the user's phone.

The fake apps have the same name as Angry Birds and are released under the name "Rovio Mobile Ltd."

Zeljka Zorz, managing editor of Help Net Security, an information security website, said a constant stream of pop-up advertisements give away scam apps.

In an article Zorz wrote for Help Net Security, she stated the scam company used a capital "I" instead of a lowercase "l" in the word "Mobile" to register in the Android market with what appears to be the same name as the Angry Birds creators.

"Fake applications usually have one primary goal: make money for attackers," she said.

Fake applications are especially prevalent in China and Russia, she said.

She thinks the fake applications entered the Android Market in late 2010.

People are using their smartphones instead of laptops for banking and shop-

ping, said Derrius Marlin, an information security engineer at the UF Office of Information Security and Compliance. He said spyware can find out where you go, who you talk to the most and your bank account information.

Apple apps are reviewed and tested to ensure they are safe, but Android apps aren't reviewed and take less time to get on the market, he said.

"People should install apps they need and use," Marlin said. "People should reduce their footprint and decrease vulnerability."

Keeping apps updated will help them resist new viruses, he said.

"If you never update your computer, you are open to viruses, and it is the same thing on your phone," Marlin said.

"If you do update your phone, you decrease your vulnerability."

When computers started to hold more personal information, programmers made software to steal email addresses, passwords and personal documents from the devices, he said. The same thing is happening with smartphones now.

"Any time you have a target-rich environment, you are going to have malicious activity," Marlin said.



Marlin



AP Photo

Bear Sleepy

Palle-Jooseppi, a male brown bear, wakes up after winter hibernation at Ranua Zoo in Ranua, Finland, in Lapland on Thursday. After a short stroll, he decided to continue a nap in a soft snow bank.

Cinema Verde Film Festival aims to raise awareness of social, environmental issues

SARA DRUMM

Alligator Contributing Writer

A 13-year-old's short documentary about a homeless family will kick off the third annual Cinema Verde Film Festival today.

The eight-day festival aims to promote awareness of social and environmental issues through films and events.

Events will include screenings, fairs and a thrift-store fashion show. The festival begins Feb. 24 and lasts through March 2.

Trish Riley, festival co-founder and director, said the festival's goal is to bring another element to Gainesville's environmental community.

Friday's reception costs \$25 for the public and is located at Villa East, 301 N Main St. It will showcase artwork and play student films. Those who attend will be able to judge the films, one of which was

written and directed by Tara-Nicole Azarian, 13, of Charlotte, N.C.

Azarian's film, "Cardboard," is about a family who finds itself homeless with no shelter from the winter weather except scraps of cardboard.

"Some people think 'save the trees' or 'save the whales,' but they don't really think, 'Save the people.'"

Tara-Nicole Azarian
director

She said she wanted to focus her film on human experiences, particularly those of children, because she feels they are often overlooked.

"Some people think 'save the trees' or 'save the whales,' but they don't really think, 'Save the people,'" she said. "We end up with millions of kids that are homeless, and I think that needs to change."

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Editorial

What a week.

While we have probably made a few enemies this week, we hope that we've provided some well-rounded coverage of the Student Government elections.

Things are not quite over yet, so be sure to stay tuned as more develops.

That bring us to our man-isn't-it-crazy-that-those-opinion-pages-of-the-Alligator-are-just-so-full-of-opinions edition of...

Darts & Laurels

To start, we throw an I'm-not-as-think-as-you-drunk-I-am **DART** at **Georgia Thomas**, a Newberry woman who decided that drinking a few rum and cokes at a bar and then driving home intoxicated was more important than picking up her children from church.

Classy.

In good news, we give a change-for-the-better **LAUREL** to the **Maryland legislature** for voting to legalize same-sex marriage.

We hope the governor keeps his pledge to sign this bill into law.

Now, to the good stuff.

For throwing away 268 of our newspapers on Monday, we throw a you-need-to-apologize-and-step-down-from-office **DART** at **Senate President Pro Tempore Jason Tiemeier**.

Contrary to the beliefs of some, we did not report on these actions for "sensationalism." We found our papers had been thrown away. We investigated the situation and found evidence. We told the truth.

Were we supposed to ignore the act and go about our business?

That's ridiculous.

Next, we would like to give a standing-up-for-what's-right **LAUREL** to the the **brave sorority women** who came forward this week to expose some of the pressures they face every SG election season. Let us hope that more will come forward and shed light on these disturbing practices.

For his accusatory video about the Alligator this week, we throw an at-least-we-had-sources-for-our-accusations **DART** at **Tj Villamil**, whom we would also like to congratulate on winning Student Body president.

The premise of the video was hard to follow, but it seemed to imply that the Alligator had ulterior motives in its coverage of this week's events, namely that we are greedy, racist liars. Members (likely rogue) of the Unite Party threw away our paper, and we are the bad guys?

These accusations are just silly.

We hope that Villamil will choose to rise to a higher level of discourse during his term as Student Body president.

Finally, we give a way-to-be-involved **LAUREL** to the **Student Body** for record turnout in the elections this week. Keep it up!

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

Reader response

Today's question: Are you on Twitter?

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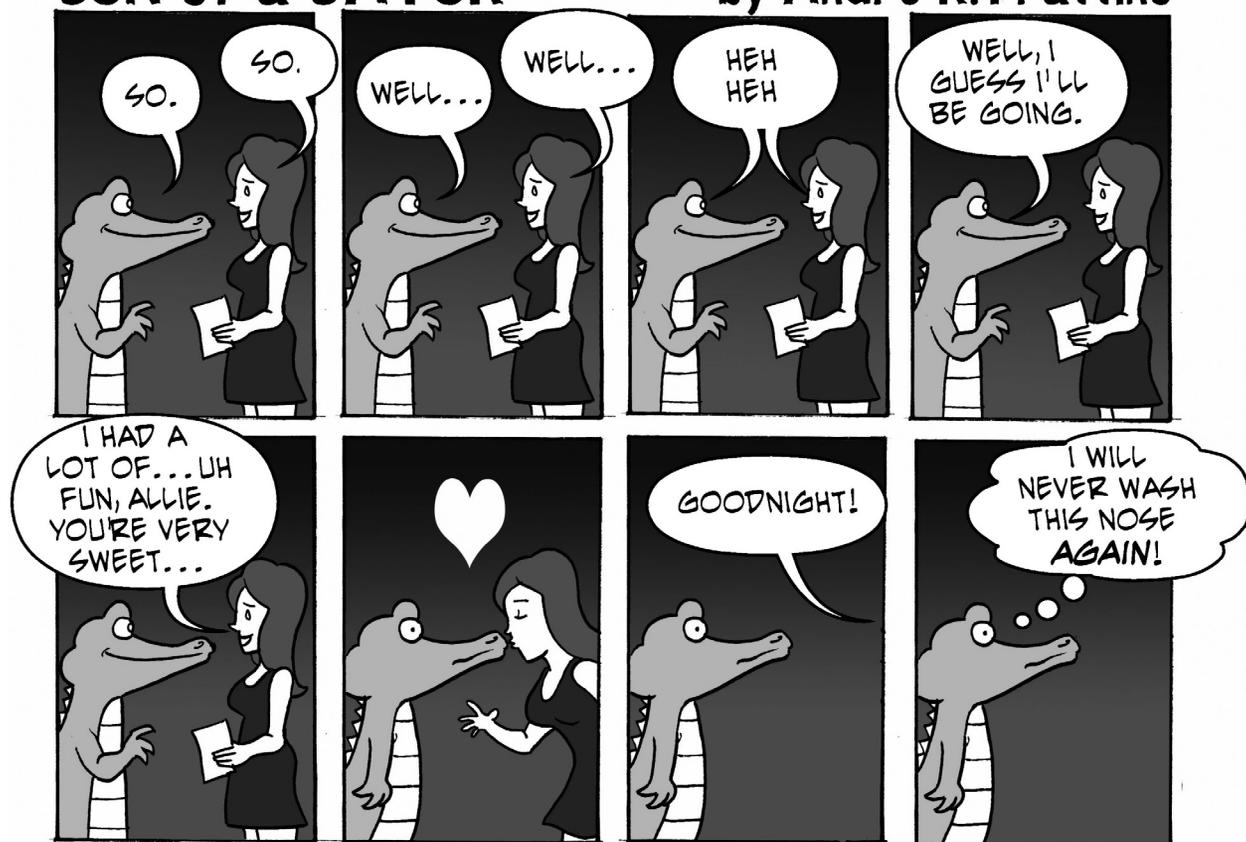
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Column

A modest proposal: Turn heat up on smokers

Two summers ago, UF declared its campus completely tobacco-free, meaning no cigarettes (including electronic ones), no cigars and no chewing tobacco.

I was a freshman then, and I was ecstatic to hear the news. I was sick and tired of the constant wall of smoke permeating the Turlington area. I wished the university had provided gas masks to everyone walking through that area.

I hated when smokers would walk around and blow smoke directly in my face. My eyes would water and my nose would burn. From my building at Springs, I would use Turlington's billowing smoke as a landmark for navigation. The smoke even blocked out Century Tower.

There were already many pollutants in the air from car and bus exhaust, people's farts, harsh cleaning supplies, cooking fumes, outside barbecues and gases emitted by chemistry department research, and I didn't know if my poor lungs could handle one more pollutant. I was so worried about my health that I considered transferring to a university that implemented a tobacco ban.

When the ban was originally put in place, UF spokesman Steve Orlando said, "We're not trying to punish people. We're trying to help people live healthier lives."

When I saw Orlando's statement, it hit me: UF is the knight in shining armor who would swoop in and rescue the idiots who started smoking.

UF is trying to make everyone healthier because it's the administration's responsibility. After all, they have degrees, and we're only students. They should tell us what to do and what not to do for our own health and safety.

"Nobody wants to be looked at as an outcast," Orlando said. "It will be a cultural shift over time." Orlando is completely right, but my only wish is that UF would speed up the healthy culture shift. Mandatory weekly gym hours, replacing all access to soda on campus with mineral water and low-fat milk would be a great start to accelerate the culture shift we so desperately need.



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In addition, the director for community outreach said UF was not turning a cold shoulder on smokers. GatorWell and UF's Health Education Center provide smoking cessation classes.

My wish is for UF to really tackle this issue and force people to stop smoking. The admission application should include a

smoker check-box, and when a student who checks that box is admitted, he or she should automatically be enrolled in these cessation classes.

Of course, if the student doesn't show up for the classes, UF should fine him or her for non-attendance. That way, the student will have less money to spend on death sticks. UF should also hire spies to find the smokers who lied on their applications and then deal with them justly.

The tobacco ban ought to be more strictly enforced. University Police should issue fines to those caught smoking on campus, and if that doesn't work, a SWAT team should be dispatched to tackle those who dare to whip out a lighter.

I am so glad the tobacco ban is in place because my family will be coming up from south Florida to visit later in the semester. Both my father and grandfather are smokers.

My father has been smoking for more than 30 years, and my grandfather started smoking more than 70 years ago as a child in Italy. When they come into town, UF should use its full force to coerce them into quitting their lifelong, voluntary habit. They cannot smoke on public property that their taxes support.

I only hope the administration takes my modest proposals to heart in order to extinguish this cancerous health concern.

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

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

Letter to the Editor

All engineering votes should count

My name is Michael Andrews and I am president of the Benton Engineering Council, the umbrella organization that serves as the official point of contact for all engineering involvement. This statement was also created with the help of Amanda Scotto, BEC vice president of communications, and countless other leaders within BEC.

The Benton Engineering Council would like to officially note that no student organization or individual violated any BEC constitutional guidelines or bylaws. Furthermore, BEC officially condemns any resolution of the submitted party violation that would result in not counting engineering votes, regardless of political party choice.

To summarize the events that took place before the violation: The issue began on Feb. 16 when a Students Party candidate submitted an email to the Institute of Industrial Engi-

neers for distribution.

According to BEC guidelines, any organization of BEC waives its right to endorse a political party.

The email sent out, however, contained only facts and information and featured no IIE endorsement.

The IIE student leaders have access to the Industrial and Systems Engineering listserv, which is the channel on which the email was sent.

Some students were not pleased with the political information, which is when this issue came to my attention.

I contacted both parties (both candidates and leaders) and sent them the contact information of the presidents and treasurers of all BEC societies.

I had both groups of candidates submit a platform blurb to me for approval.

I waited until both blurbs were submitted before approving and authorizing the distribution.

The Students Party team decided to contact all societies, whereas the Unite Party team did not decide to follow through with the blurb.

We are not exactly sure why IIE was contacted in the first place or exactly how many organizations actually distributed the Students Party message to their listservs.

The approval and distribution of these blurbs occurred over the weekend, at the same time that the Unite Party submitted a party violation against the ISE email.

I was not notified about this violation at all and did not learn about it until Tuesday night.

BEC understands that much of the ruling lies with Student Government, but we wanted to weigh in on the issue to defend our fellow engineers.

This campaign, the College of Engineering slated the best candidates that it has ever seen for both parties, and I have noticed an increased interest in SG affairs over the last few weeks.

Engineering has always been isolated from Student Government in the past, and I am excited that we are contributing to the political discussion; however, I want to ensure that our classmates aren't more disengaged from SG than before.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact us at any time. Also, please stop by our Engineers Week 2012 events that have been occurring every day since Feb. 15 and will end on Feb. 27.

Go Gator Engineering!

Michael Andrews and Amanda Scotto
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Senior
and Chemical Engineering Junior

Guest column

Sorority member says expressing opinion not 'unsisterly'

This is a response to the article, "Sorority member speaks out about election."

Let me just express that I, a member of a Greek organization, a fellow Panhellenic woman and a UF student, endorse Beatrice Diehl in her actions 100 percent. To my dismay, when I expressed this sentiment to members of my Greek organization, I was met with disgust and was disregarded.

First, I would like to point out that in her opinions on the issue, Diehl used no slang and did not defame any members of her organization. For this, I respect her and her right to express her opinion (though it may be contrary to her organization's interests).

Second, Diehl has been a paying member of her sorority during her entire four years of college. She has been financially dedicated to this organization and its upkeep, so it would be an interesting assertion that she has been

Olivia Newan
Speaking Out

"unsisterly" after expressing her own opinion, on her own time and of her own accord.

Was the act "unsisterly," or was it an act that asserted her status as a human being — one who has every right to express her opinion? At what point do we stop and ask ourselves: To what extent does an organization have to enforce its beliefs on its members?

Let me respond by saying that the extent to which any organization exerts itself over an individual, particularly in cases where that expression is not offensive to any specific facet of another (as pertaining to race, creed or color) should be nonexistent in nongovernmental entities.

Yes, the bureaucracy is a necessity for its capacity to deal with many people and organize different issues necessary for modern-day living, but what position or right does an organization that caters to the social needs (at

best) and the core values (at its most detrimental) of its members have?

Absolutely none.

Thus, the crime here is not one of being "unsisterly." The offense committed far surpasses any kind of value that has been morphed by the members of Panhellenic organizations to serve their own special interests.

The greatest offense committed won't be by any one organization. It will be by its members, who accept this demonstration of absurdity and turn their heads away in a refusal to acknowledge, with the compensation of acceptance from their "sisters," the most gross and public infraction of justice that any respectable group of organizations could be witness to — a restriction of the right to express oneself.

Olivia Newan is a philosophy sophomore at UF. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

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ON CAMPUS

Speaker talks media bias against Islam at Reitz Union



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Matthew Tayon, 20, a junior biochemistry major, debates with a protester outside the UF Bookstore on Thursday evening.

JAVIER EDWARDS

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 236 people attended Shaykh Omar Suleiman's speech about American media bias toward Islam on Thursday night as part of Islam Awareness Month.

"Islam Explained: The Last Prophet" was held in the Reitz Union Ballroom.

Islam On Campus president Abidah Ali said the group wanted to explain the root of the religion with this event.

"We want people to understand why Muslims act the way they act," she said. "We follow the example of the prophet; therefore, understanding the prophet is important."

Suleiman, who teaches at the Al-Maghrib Institute and Islamic Learning Foundation in Atlanta, spoke against the bias in American media against Muslims and dispelled common rumors and misconceptions about the faith.

He emphasized on the importance of human interaction among people of differing faiths.

"If we don't protect the unifying aspects of our faith, the next generation will reject faith altogether," he said. "Ask Muslims

how they feel about Islam. Give us a chance."

Students had the opportunity to ask Suleiman questions after his speech.

"I learned a lot tonight," said health science junior Vinnie Pierino, 21. "It helped put a lot of ideas I had about Islam in context."

Twenty-one protesters from Dove World Outreach Center wearing "Terry Jones for President" T-shirts stood outside the UF Bookstore before the event, each holding a sign denouncing the Islamic faith.

"We are here to give the true picture of Islam," pastor Terry Jones said. "They're going to keep telling the same peace stories that do not exist."

Suleiman indirectly addressed the protesters during his talk.

Referencing people who profess to follow Jesus but hold signs with hateful words toward the Muslim faith, he asked, would Jesus behave that way or say those same words?

Zulkar Khan, a 19-year-old microbiology sophomore, said Islam On Campus would move forward from the action of the protesters.

"Islam as a whole will move on," he said. "Islam goes beyond the bounds of religion."

Woman charged with neglecting children

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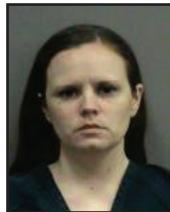
A Newberry woman was arrested midnight Thursday on charges of child neglect for being too drunk to pick up her children from church.

Georgia Sue Thomas, 29, was supposed to pick up her three children from child care at Pentecostals of Gainesville on Wednesday night, but she didn't show up, according to an Alachua County Sheriff's Office report.

The report gave this account:

Church staff called and texted her. She texted back that she was drunk downtown and wouldn't pick up her kids.

An Alachua County Sheriff's Office deputy called Thomas, who told the deputy she had been drinking and was going home.



Thomas

The officer found Thomas at her home. She was clearly drunk. She said she'd had three rum and cokes at a bar before she drove home.

The officer gave her a breathalyzer test to see how much she'd been drinking. She blew a 0.109.

The officer arrested Thomas and took her to Alachua County Jail. She was charged with child neglect — a third-degree felony.

Harn employs paid and unpaid interns

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niency. It is okay to be working for free," Barnett said.

The Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art relies on endowed funding and does not have the financial backing to pay all its interns.

"There are all sorts of ways in which internships can be beneficial, even if they are not paid," said Eric Segal, education curator of academic programs at the museum.

As a nonprofit organization, the Harn Museum can only pay about six or seven of its 90 summer interns based on merit and skill. However, the duties of paid and unpaid interns are seemingly identical, Segal said.

However, he said, there are nonmonetary benefits that come with internships, such as networking opportunities and real-world experience.

In a report by The New York Times, one of Wang's lawyers, Adam Klein, said unpaid interns are becoming the equivalent of entry-level employees.

Barnett said, "The problem occurs when students see it as a way to get their foot in the door, and employers see it as free labor."

Tioga Town Center art fair opens today

► THE FAIR BEGINS AT 5 P.M.

JESSICA SHELDON

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 100 artists will showcase their work this weekend at the fifth annual Winter Fine Arts Fair at the Tioga Town Center.

The fair is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Roz Miller, fair spokeswoman, said

artists were selected by a jury.

Their works include photography, ceramics, glass, jewelry and oil and acrylic paintings.

Miller is on the board of the Gainesville Fine Arts Association and was on the original planning committee for the fair. Her mixed-media art is displayed for public viewing.

"I try to create things that are what I call a visual symphony," she said. "Things that are dramatic, interesting, eye-catching and have texture."

Mandy Macias, committee mem-

ber and painter, said about 90 percent of the artists are local, but some come from as far away as Texas, Michigan and Georgia.

Miller said it's good to have so much art in a small geographical area because people don't have to go from city to city to enjoy it.

Several artists have returning customers, Miller said.

"People have an 'a-ha' moment where they walk by and see a piece and realize they have to have it," she said.

One man also charged with attempting to punch an officer

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with disorderly conduct. Aranda screamed at Salam and Singh and was also charged with battery on an officer and resisting with violence.

"One of them was super, super intoxicated," said Salam, an accounting graduate student. "He was trying to start something. We had never seen him in our lives. We weren't sure what was going on."

The three other men with Aranda initially tried to hold him back, Salam said. Eventually, though, something

switched. He doesn't know why, but all four started fighting Salam and Singh.



Michael Frye Aranda

Two University Police officers were around the corner when they heard that a fight broke out in the parking lot.

When they arrived, police saw four men kicking Salam and Singh as the victims lay on the asphalt, Maj. Brad Barber said.

When officer Britney Combs attempted to drag Aranda down by his arm, he pulled away and

tried to punch her, according to an arrest report. Combs then sprayed Aranda with pepper spray and handcuffed him.

Salam and Singh both said the incident was not a big deal. Neither went to the hospital and both were unable to remember how long the fight lasted.

"The cops were on it pretty much immediately," Salam said.

He and Singh couldn't have stopped it. They couldn't reason with their attackers.

"It was one of those drunk things," he said.

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Off SW 34th St b/t Archer & Williston Rd.

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Updated units, private courtyards, RTS stop

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8 Electronics

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by Linda Thistle

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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CARRSMITH AUTO SALES 373-1150
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CARS, TRUCKS, SUVs, & VANS
30 DAY WARRANTY
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01 TOYOTA SOLARA \$7999
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Westside Park Rec. Center
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Chapel of the Incarnation
All are welcome! 1522 W University Ave. Communion: 5:30pm Thur. & Sun. ufchapelhouse.com for more info. A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida.

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Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Student Center
Your home away from home Friday Night Live! Services & Shabbat Dinner. 7:30pm Fall/Spring, 8:30pm Summer 352-336-5877 2021 NW 5th Ave (5 blocks north of the stadium) www.JewishGator.com

Lutheran

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church
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Phone: 352-376-9940
Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. You are always welcome!

Methodist

Gator Wesley Center
United Methodist Campus Min. www.gatorwesley.com
Worship - Sundays @ 11:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesdays @ 7pm 1380 W. University Ave.
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
"Commit thy way unto the Lord"
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Non-Denominational

University City Church of Christ
Gators for Christ campus ministry college group meets at University City church on Sundays at 9am and Wednesdays at 7pm - practical application from God's word, plus service projects, large group events, free meals, and much more... (directions and events calendar at www.gatorsforchrist.org) For rides please call: 352-514-8261

Non-Denominational

The Chapel
Sundays: 10:00am Coffee/donuts, 10:30am Worship. Pastor Teacher: Dr. Richard Parker A church committed to enabling believers to mature in Christ and to make Him known to all peoples...with a focus on expository Bible teaching. Small group studies for college students. Check out our website for directions and events: www.thechapelgainesville.com

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First Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:55am
College Ministry
Trajectory Wednesday Nights: 7:30pm - Discipleship Studies, recreational activities, Missions and Evangelism! "Set the Trajectory of Your Life on Christ." College Cafe: Free Homecooked meal after 10:55am Service.

For more information, contact Kristen Strobel, Alligator Advertising, 376.4482

13 **Wanted**



St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville and we are looking for help from volunteers like you. St. Francis House is in need of donations such as personal hygiene items and household cleaners such as bleach and liquid Lysol. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephanie Breval at (352) 378-9079 or by e-mail at sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfoxmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
I AM BLIND & WOULD LIKE HELP WITH:
● Rides to church: Mass at Queen of Peace.
● Learning to rake knit hats to send to Haiti & other places. Call 352-219-6948 2-24-12-8-13

DONOR WANTED:
African-American undergoing IVF treatment with leading IVF Center seeking dark complexion African-American female egg donor between 21-28 years old. Must be able to pass background screening: personal health history, family health history, psychological, drug and genetic testing. Past or current smokers do not apply. Except for birth control pills, egg donor cannot be on ANY medication. Will pay \$4,000 plus all IVF expenses including legal counseling. Please send full length color photo to: 2614 North Tamiami Trail #311, Naples, FL 34103. Include: Name, D.O.B., mailing address, e-mail address, and PH#. Thank you in advance for your consideration. 2-27-2-13

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14 **Help Wanted**

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● \$2400
● Co-ed camp
● Room and Board included

Get Paid to Play!
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\$100/night Guaranteed.
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● Tech Support Rep
● Software Developer
● Linux Administrator
● Admin Asst
● ACT/SAT Coordinator
● Video Tech
● Aviation Sales
● Accounting Editor
Please complete an online application at www.gleim.com/employment. 3-2-12-15-14

Receptionist needed for professional supportive office environment FT 8-5 M-F 10.00 per hour Please Email resume to Corey@mssgainesville.com 2-24-12-7-14

Sales Asst/Customer Svc Rep
Apply in person at Tomlinson Motor Company, 3580 N Main St \$10/hr, part time 15-20 hrs/wk - flexible. 3-15-12-16-14

SOLUTIONS BRIDAL DESIGNER HOUSE
Part-time Stylist Position
Call 352-367-0070 for details
E-mail resume in .pdf format to cherish@solutionsbridal.com 3-2-7-14

LA FIESTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT
Servers wanted, Experience required. Apply in person between 1:30 pm and 6 pm at 7038 NW 10th place near I-75 and Newberry Rd or 9513 NW 39th Ave & I-75 3-1-12-10-14

14 **Help Wanted**

Oak Hall School is seeking energetic, creative, and enthusiastic individuals with a love for children to staff its summer day camp program. Positions in the camp are available in our Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and our elementary school age day camps offered at Oak Hall. A total of 8 FT and PT counselor positions plus 2 FT Head Counselor positions are available for the summer. Individuals for the day camp should be available to work daily from June 11-July 27. Interested applicants should submit a resume to Maggie Martin via e-mail at mmartin@oakhall.org by March 16th. Interview information regarding group interview on March 17th will be sent out upon receipt. 3-16-12-15-14

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Woolly grazers
- 5 It follows John
- 9 Defunct Olympic sport
- 13 Dieter's snack?
- 16 On ___ with
- 17 Crop production toast?
- 18 5'7" Spud who won an NBA Slam Dunk contest
- 19 Words before coming or out
- 20 Telegraph sound
- 21 Lover of Psyche
- 22 Artist's pad
- 25 Ability to detect a certain orientation
- 27 Not like at all
- 30 PLO part
- 32 Boxing statistic
- 33 Actress Thurman
- 34 Saint in red
- 36 Raised entrance area
- 38 Ave. paralleling Park
- 39 Useless footwear
- 41 Switz. neighbor
- 42 Soul
- 44 Waist-length jackets
- 45 Gray gp.
- 46 Stray chasers
- 48 Not own outright, with "on"
- 49 Pique
- 50 Debate choices
- 52 Piano sonatas, usually
- 54 It covers all the bases
- 55 Tuna of the Pacific
- 57 Golden ___
- 61 Rice from New Orleans
- 62 Buckaroo at sea?
- 65 It has banks in Germany and Poland
- 66 Dance and theater in Texas?
- 67 Red areas, once: Abbr.
- 68 Case workers, briefly
- 69 The greater part

DOWN

- 1 Do some glass cutting, perhaps

- 2 "Take it easy!"
- 3 Goes astray
- 4 Declining from old age
- 5 Bavarian carp?
- 6 Friend of Fidel
- 7 Knotted
- 8 Mistletoe piece
- 9 Played with, in a way
- 10 One giving pep talks between acts of "Carmen"?
- 11 Maternity ward?
- 12 Balls
- 14 ___-1: "Ghostbusters" auto
- 15 Relatively cool red giant
- 23 Fail in business
- 24 With 35-Down, fails, and a hint to making sense of this puzzle's pairs of adjacent 10-letter answers
- 26 Acknowledgments
- 27 Pacific dance
- 28 Pews, at times?
- 29 Intersection where cabs hang out?

- 31 Joie de vivre
- 34 Tropical ring-tailed critter
- 35 See 24-Down
- 37 H.S. sophs may take it
- 40 Basie's "___ 'Clock Jump"
- 43 Auto club employees
- 47 Hot tea hazard
- 49 Ojibwa home
- 51 Young pig
- 53 Thailand neighbor
- 54 New Mexico ski resort
- 56 Buried treasure site, often
- 58 Iberian river
- 59 Disintegrates
- 60 Part of MS-DOS: Abbr.
- 63 Dr. Mom's forte
- 64 ___ in Charlie

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Jones, Gators dominate Bulldogs at home

UF secures 18th win, improves NCAA Tournament resume

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

Jordan Jones has finally returned to form.

After shooting just 25.7 percent from beyond the arc in her last seven games, Jones made 6 of 12 from three in the Gators' final home game of the regular season.

Jones' 50-percent clip is her best mark with three or more attempts since a 57.1-percent outing in a 58-53 road win against Ole Miss on Jan. 5.

"If I had to pick a time (to break out of my shooting slump), it would be now," Jones said.

The redshirt senior guard used her long-range success to score a game-high 18 points, boosting Florida (18-10, 8-7 Southeastern Conference) past Mississippi State (14-14, 4-11 SEC) 79-45 Thursday night in the O'Connell Center.

Jones' scoring effort paced the UF offense, which had three players score in double digits.

Azania Stewart tallied 13 points while Jennifer George scored 12, helping the Gators outscore the Bulldogs 34-20 in the paint.

Florida also held a 51-29 rebounding advantage thanks to a game-high 11 boards from Stewart, nine from Ndidi Madu and eight from George.

Stewart's 13-point, 11-rebound effort marked her second double-double of the season.

"(I was) just trying to help George [Thursday]," Stewart said. "George is doing such a great job drawing such good defense, so I really just tried to help her."

The Gators committed 17 turnovers compared to 21 by the Bulldogs, but what each squad did with each other's giveaways proved to be the difference.

Florida scored 28 points off turnovers compared to just eight by Mississippi State.

"We needed to lock them up and keep them from getting out of the gates early," coach Amanda Butler said. "I don't think we came out and scored right away,

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David Carr / Alligator

Florida senior guard Jordan Jones scored 18 points on 6-of-12 shooting from three in Thursday's 79-45 win against Mississippi State.

THE BOOTHE REVIEW

UF's post-season hopes cooling after losing Yeguete

In the coming weeks, there might be a game when you forget he is gone.

It'll happen on one of those nights when Florida — the Southeastern Conference's leader in six offensive categories — is pushing 84 points. The Gators will live up to their run-and-gun billing to shoot over 40 percent from three like they have done in half of their 28 games this season.

You probably won't even look down at the boxscore to see which team had more rebounds or steals. Why bother? Florida wins by an average of 20 points when it shoots that well.

Those are the moments and results UF fans can cling to.

Because in the nine wins and five losses the Gators have shot below 40 percent on 3-pointers, they have needed Will Yeguete.



John Boothe
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In those 14 games, eight times Yeguete has come off the bench and either led Florida in rebounding or had the second-most

boards.

But he won't be running out onto the court anytime soon. Yeguete, who hauls in a team-high 6.3 rebounds per game, had season-ending surgery on his broken left foot this morning, which will require at least six weeks to heal.

The injury is as tragic for Yeguete's season as it is untimely for the Gators'.

When the NCAA Tournament rolls around — now just three weeks away — UF will be playing the kind of opponents that historically hassle shooters. Instead of simply out-shooting its competition, Florida will have to win a low-scoring game through rebounding and sound defense.

In 11 games this year against tournament-caliber, RPI top-100 teams, the Gators have shot well below their sea-

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Tucker on verge of breaking school RBI record

UF OPENS SERIES WITH WILLIAM & MARY TONIGHT AT 7.

BRYAN HOLT
Alligator Writer

Preston Tucker's room is littered with souvenirs from games he has played over the years. Some of them are more memorable than others.

"Oh geez, I have a ton of baseballs," Florida's senior right fielder said. "I probably don't remember what they're for. It's

just a bunch of baseballs sitting around in my room."

When No. 1 Florida (4-1) takes on William & Mary (2-2) tonight at 7 at McKethan Stadium, Tucker will have an opportunity to add a ball that he just might remember to his collection.

He is tied with former Gator Brad Wilkerson for the school RBI record of 214. Five games into the season, Tucker is batting .450 (9 for 20) with a team-high three home runs and six RBI,



Tucker

which is tied with Daniel Pigott for the team lead.

UF coach Kevin O'Sullivan can empathize with opposing teams that are trying to limit Tucker. Before he could free his own pitchers from the daily struggle of facing one of the nation's most powerful lineups in intrasquad scrimmages, Tucker was their problem.

"We couldn't get him out," O'Sullivan said. "For three weeks, we couldn't get him out. Pitchers were falling behind, and next thing you know he gets on a tear. ... You

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Gators postseason chances

How far can Florida advance in the NCAA Tournament without forward Will Yeguete? Vote online at alligatorSports.org.

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Which UF basketball result is more likely, women reach NCAA Tournament or men make the Final Four?

60% WOMEN
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Hannah Rogers picked up the win in No. 1 Florida's first game at the Cathedral City Classic in California, but the Gators dropped the second game to Washington. See story at alligatorSports.org.

TRACK AND FIELD

Gators primed for SECs

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Writer

Last year, the men's track and field team won its first Southeastern Conference Indoor Championship since 2004. The women and men combined to win 10 SEC individual event titles and set four school records.

But for coach Mike Holloway, past success doesn't matter anymore.

"That was last year. We don't really talk about last year, and we don't really talk about defending things," Holloway said. "We talk about being the champion this year and what's going on right now."

As the Gators travel to Lexington, Ky., for this year's SEC Indoor Championship, they will be returning with seven SEC individual champions, including Gray Horn (heptathlon), Jeff Demps (60m), Eddie Lovett (60m hurdles), Tony McQuay (200m), Cory McGee (mile), Fidela James (weight throw) and Kemal Mesic (shot put).

"I know that those athletes have been there before and done it again," Holloway said. "They understand the process of what it takes to be an SEC champion and that's not an easy task."

But instead of thinking about last year's performance, Florida focused on getting ready for this weekend. According to Holloway, he's excited about

the improvement he has seen from the women's program and is looking forward to watching them compete.

Two weeks ago in New Mexico, the women's team automatically qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championship in the 4x400-meter relay.

Ebony Eutsey, Bria Goodson, Lanie Whittaker and Alishea Usery ran a 3:33.22, allowing them to win first place and become the only team to automatically qualify.



Holloway

"We strive and have a lot of pride in being prepared for what we call the championship season and that begins this weekend with the SEC Championship," Holloway said. "When I took over this program, it was important for me that the men and women both stayed at a high level."

Holloway has high expectations for the team at the championship. He believes that the Gators have a chance to score in every event they're entered in this weekend.

"There isn't one group that's going to carry the team," Holloway said. "It's a broad-based team, and we're really excited about seeing everyone help us win a championship."

LACROSSE

UF defenders jelling in pair of wins

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Writer

Florida's defense has improved each game this season thanks to a simple action: talking.

Improvements in communication within the defense have been key in No. 4 Florida's two straight wins as it prepares to host Siena tonight at Donald R. Dizney Stadium.

In UF's regular-season opener, an 11-9 loss at North Carolina, the Gators' defense struggled in one-on-one situations and had trouble getting the ball to the attackers.

"I don't think we did well on the high 1 v. 1 drives," coach Amanda O'Leary said. "Kara Cannizzaro scored almost four times on that same exact drive and we didn't adjust to it."

Florida followed the North Carolina loss with a 14-5 home win against Jacksonville and an 18-6 win at Maryland-Baltimore County, the first game of the season in which UF did not allow consecutive goals. O'Leary said improved play of the defense, specifically the help defense, is a big reason for the wins.

She said UF has seen success in the same one-on-one situations because the defenders have done a good job telling each other when to shift over if a teammate gets beaten by an attacker.

"When you are not communicating you just kind of feel alone out there," junior defender Sam Farrell said. "You don't hear your help. You

don't know if you do get beat, if someone is going to be there slide over to your girl."

Junior Jamie Reeg said that it is vital for the Florida defenders to be talking to each other not only when there is heavy traffic, but at all times.

"A lot of times teams just pass around and are just standing there not making any moves," Reeg said. "But just keeping the talk up when things are not crazy is important so when they do start moving around we are not caught off guard and ready to move."

The Gators' defenders have experience playing together as Farrell and Reeg have started for the last three years with juniors Kayla Stolins and Emily Dohony. But, O'Leary said, the defense is finding new levels of cohesiveness with every game.

"As they play together more and more that communication becomes better and more direct," she said.

While the four juniors were well established, O'Leary has also thrown freshman Sally Jentis into the mix. O'Leary said that Jentis and the juniors have improved their communication, but there are still times the correct play is not made.

"We haven't quite gotten to where we need to be at this point," O'Leary said. "But we are certainly on our way."



O'Leary

No. 1 Florida to put top gymnasts in action against No. 3 UGA



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Florida junior gymnast Marissa King said the Gators are not concentrating on their newfound No. 1 ranking, instead choosing to use that as motivation to continue improving.

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LONDON WATNICK

Alligator Writer

For coach Rhonda Faehn's team, the pivotal stretch of 2012 begins tonight.

Florida (8-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) will put its new No. 1 ranking to the test when it hosts No. 3 Georgia (5-2, 4-1 SEC) in the O'Connell Center at 7 p.m. to finish its SEC slate.

After facing the Bulldogs, UF will close out its regular season at No. 9 Nebraska and then at home against No. 5 Utah.

"Our athletes are very excited for this, but it's all about getting better and hitting cleaner routines," Faehn said. "In our conference, everybody is so strong, so you really have to be on your 'A' game."

Florida is 1-1 against top-10 opponents after defeating then-No. 1 Arkansas on Jan. 27 and falling to then-No. 6 Alabama a week later.

After cruising past Auburn 197.500-196.875 last Friday, UF jumped a spot in this week's GymInfo rankings to become the top-ranked team for the first time this season.

The Gators are familiar with being No. 1, but the honor didn't convert to any postseason success last year, and hasn't translated to national championships historically.

Florida held the top spot in the rankings in 11 of the 12 weeks of the 2011 regular season. Though, UF eventually failed to live up to its pre-

vious production, placing second at the SEC Championships and missing the cut to make the NCAA Super Six by .75 points.

Since 2006, the Gators have been ranked No. 1 a total of 29 times. But they haven't won a national title since claiming the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championship in 1982.

"That's kind of the mistake we made last year; we were stuck at the top and had nowhere to go," junior Marissa King said. "But being ranked (No. 1) now, we're going to be using that as motivation, knowing that we're here and we need to stay here."

While UF's top ranking is based on its 196.929 season average, Georgia isn't too far off.

The Bulldogs average a team total of 196.725, which ties for third in the country with defending national champion Alabama. Georgia is coming off a dominant 197.225-193.125 victory against Kentucky last Saturday afternoon.

Also, UGA's top all-around competitor, Kat Ding, is tied for the No. 1 all-around average in the nation (39.55).

While Faehn's prime concern is her gymnasts' long-term health, she said she would likely showcase her strongest lineup against the Bulldogs.

"Looking at the big picture, this is one step in the process of what our goal is, which is to win SECs and put ourselves in the position to possibly win a national title," Faehn said.

"When they come running out of the Gator head [tonight], it's just game on."

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son average at 37.5 percent from behind the arc.

While a concussion kept Yeguete out of one RPI top-100 matchup, he led the Gators in rebounding four times during the remaining 10 games.

Florida has emerged from those big games with just three losses in large part because of what Yeguete brings on the defensive side of the ball and at the front of UF's press.

His 6-foot-7 frame provided the perfect trap to slow down opposing guards, leading to 31 steals this season — the second-most of any Florida player.

Though Yeguete is primarily Florida's sixth man and an underwhelming offensive player at 4.4 points per game, he's a far cry from being the foreign guy who played the fewest minutes of any scholarship player last

season.

His importance to the team can't be overstated

With just three regular-season games and the SEC Tournament left before The Big Dance, the Gators will have to find a way to guard elite big men like Kentucky's Anthony Davis and Vanderbilt's Festus Ezeli without Yeguete in the rotation.

While those players have the opportunity to punish Florida on the court, missing Yeguete should also hurt the Gators in the eyes of the NCAA Tournament committee.

UF is a lock for the tournament but will be a different team without Yeguete's toughness off the bench down the stretch.

This doesn't necessarily mean the Gators' season is lost, but Florida fans need to be prepared to re-adjust expectations of what this team can do going forward.

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Tucker credits teammates for success

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might as well make a quality pitch early in the count and play defense."

Tucker is one of three Gators to record a hit in every game this season. He has also knocked in at least one run in each of the five games. Still, he underplays the record that he will almost certainly break at some point this weekend instead focusing on the few aspects of his game in which he is not excelling.

He credits Nolan Fontana and Pigott, the two batters ahead of him in the lineup, for giving him RBI opportunities while praising Mike Zunino and Brian Johnson, two batters typically behind him in the lineup, for forcing pitchers to give him pitches to hit. But even with that, Tucker has been disappointed in his ability to drive in runs, highlighted by a groundout to first on Wednesday night with two runners in scoring position and the record in reach.

"I got a little too aggressive with it, I rolled over," Tucker said. "It was just a bad at-bat. ... There's been several times in the past couple games where I just can't either put the ball in play or get a hit to drive runners in."

With runners in scoring position

this season, Tucker is 2 for 7 with three RBI and a sacrifice fly, but it is nitpicking to overlook all he has done recently because of a few at-bats. He has consistently held down the three-hole for the Gators and is carrying a swagger and sense of confidence that is fueling the Florida

batting order.

"He's got presence and he's got a belief that he can hit," O'Sullivan said. "That's half of the battle in this game. He hates to give away at-bats. ... That's what makes really good hitters great hitters, and he's one of those guys."



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Florida senior right fielder Preston Tucker needs just one RBI to pass Brad Wilkerson for the all-time school record in the category.

Florida posts highest regular-season win total since 2008-09

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but we came right out and disrupted."

UF's win against MSU was its 18th, the highest regular-season total since the 23 games won by the 2008-09 team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Jones believes this season's squad has done enough to advance to The Big Dance with an at-large bid should the Gators fall short in next weekend's SEC Tournament.

"Obviously, there's still work to do and there's still



Butler

chances to get work done," Jones said. "If I'm another team, Florida is not a team I would want to play. I think we're a scary team with how good we can be and how we've shown we can be."

The Gators went into Thursday's game ranked No. 33 in RPI and No. 12 in strength of schedule.

Florida's next opportunity to boost its NCAA Tournament resume will come against No. 10 Ten-

nessee in Knoxville, Tenn., on Sunday.

The Gators have beaten the Volunteers on the road just once, a 95-93 overtime win on Feb. 26, 2006 — exactly six years prior to this season's matchup. Butler is 1-8 against Tennessee, and UF is 3-43 all-time against UT.

"If it's an at-large selection, there's no question in my mind that we should be there," Butler said. "There's still opportunities and there's still games to play, and that's what we have got to be focused on."

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