

Forward Jennifer George and Florida are looking to avenge last season's loss to Michigan today at 2 in Ann Arbor. Read the story on page 19.



Kelly Logan / Alligator

Trees of Life

Travis Mitchell, community food project coordinator of Porter's Community Farm, 26, examines a new shipment of fruit and nut trees. The trees were donated from Chestnut Hill Tree Farm and will be planted next week. See the story on page 11.

iPads to become available for checkout in Spring

► THE IPADS WILL BE ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF THE LIBRARY.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
 Alligator Staff Writer

Starting in Spring, students will be able to check out iPads from Library West. The library will have 30 iPads available and two backups, said Anne Allen, assistant

director of UF Information Technology. The program is an extension of the netbooks for checkout at Library West. Unlike the netbooks, which have a two-hour circulation time and must stay within the library, the iPads will be allowed out of library doors. Diane Bruxvoort, the senior associate dean for scholarly resources and research services, said the library hasn't decided how long students will be able to check out the

iPads. She said the overdue policy has also not been decided yet, but it will be similar to the netbook overdue charge system. The netbook program has a \$10 charge for every hour it is overdue. After 10 hours, it is considered lost, and users must pay a \$2,000 replacement fee, according to the library website.

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IN MEMORIAM

Gainesville artist remembered for his passion

SHELBY WEBB
 Alligator Staff Writer

Lennie Kesl could find art in almost anything. He would often scoop up rusted bolts or rocks on his way to John Tilton's studio and present them to his friend with unfettered enthusiasm.



Kesl

well-known Gainesville artist

"He painted these little faces on rocks he found," Tilton said. "They would be treasures to him."

and former art teacher at UF and Santa Fe College, died this weekend after falling down a flight of stairs.

Friends remember the 86-year-old as energetic, friendly and passionate about his work.

Tilton would sculpt ceramics and pottery that would be

painted by Kesl, who often included oddly colored women with large, triangular noses.

Tilton said Kesl never needed to wait for inspiration.

"When he got here, he was ready to work," Tilton said. "It was just go, go, go."

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Ice rink opening delayed again

MEREDITH RUTLAND
 Alligator Staff Writer

The plans to open an ice rink downtown have been delayed again. But the city hopes to appease any frustrated patrons by offering some holiday fun for free.

The ice rink, previously scheduled to open today, will open Monday in the Bo Diddley Community Plaza. The rink will offer free entry — skates included — until Wednesday.

The rink will stay open until Jan. 13. After Wednesday, skating will cost \$10 an hour. If a patron brings his or her own ice skates, the price is \$7 an hour.

"Everybody is very excited about it opening and returning to Gainesville."

Russell Etling
 city cultural affairs programs coordinator

Midwest Display Inc., the holiday-display company managing the rink, had technical difficulties installing the tent that will house the Plaza Ice Palace.

Russell Etling, city cultural affairs programs coordinator, said there were some issues getting the 35-foot-tall tent installed. The tent houses the custom-made ice rink, and the rink can't be frozen until the tent is finished.

The finished project will include lighting displays across the plaza and holiday-themed murals on the plywood walls surrounding the ice.

The downtown plaza has been without an annual ice rink since the city-funded ice rink shut down in 2007 due to budget issues, according to Alligator archives. Midwest Display Inc. brought the rink back this year and is setting up the ice rink at its own expense as a vendor.

"Everybody is very excited about it opening and returning to Gainesville," Etling said. "It's a great opportunity for family fun and celebrating the holiday season."

Contact Meredith Rutland at mrutland@alligator.org.

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Video store celebrates eighth birthday, opens book corner
 The Book Nook at Video Rodeo will open on Dec. 7, pg 4.
Community garden receives gift of peach, apple trees
 Chestnut Hill Nursery donated \$500, pg 11.



Thomas Center tree lighting ceremony
 A decorated tree sits inside the Thomas Center's lobby for the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration, which will be on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Gay Movie Night: "Christopher and his Kind"

Based on writer Christopher Isherwood's critically acclaimed memoir, "Christopher and His Kind," this landmark BBC adaptation gives a fascinating glimpse into the decadent and politically unstable world of 1930s Berlin. The film will play at 7:30 p.m. today at Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. A young, wide-eyed Christopher (Matt Smith — "Doctor Who") escapes repressive English society and arrives in Berlin at a time when the cabaret scene is in full swing. Launched into the thriving gay subculture, Christopher embarks on a potent journey of self-discovery amid the vibrant atmosphere of Berlin's cabaret nightlife and the dark rise of Nazi politics. Gay Movie Night is the last Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and is a free service of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida. The organization requests a \$2 donation to cover the cost of snacks.

Generation Sketch Comedy Presents: "Risky Business"

It's that time again! Laugh away the stress of exam week and the sorrows of no football championship games with Generation Sketch Comedy's 15th original sketch comedy production, "Risky Business." (No, it's not the Tom Cruise movie.) Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday in Reitz Union, Room 285, and Saturday in Reitz Union, Room 282. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Leave your wallets at home — both shows are free. For more details, visit www.facebook.com/generationsketch.

Dog wash/Car wash — VetMed Project HEAL

Come have your car washed or have your dog washed, its nails trimmed and get it a free preventative exam by vet students on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Academic Building. Car washes and dog washes are only \$6 or \$10 for both. (SUVs/trucks are \$8 or \$13 combined with dog wash.) All funds raised will support a trip to Ecuador to provide free veterinary care. If you have any questions, please email dickersonerin@ufl.edu.

Tom Walker Memorial Half Marathon

The Florida Track Club presents the annual Tom Walker Memorial Half Marathon sponsored by UF Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute and LifeSouth Community Blood Centers on Saturday. It will take place on the beautiful Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail starting at Boulware Springs Park, at 3300 SE 15th St. Challenge yourself to run or walk more than 13 miles, a perfect tune-up for your fall or winter marathon. This computer chip-timed USATF-

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certified course is an out-and-back loop on a wide, paved path with plenty of shade. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the race starts at 8 a.m. Awards will be given for first place overall male/female, masters (age 40 and up) male/female and three deep in age groups. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Friends of Paynes Prairie and Florida Track Club nonprofit groups. Please visit our Facebook page for more information: www.facebook.com/events/293846574065449.

Floridance Presents: You'll Find a Way

Floridance, UF's original student-run dance company, will put on its Fall showcase at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The show is free and open to the public. Dance styles include: jazz, tap, ballet, modern and hip-hop. Flower sales will benefit Arts in Medicine through Shands at UF. For more information, please like the group's Facebook page.

Literary Carnival

Come join the Student National Pharmaceutical Association and UF College of Pharmacy for a day filled with exciting reading and writing carnival style games at the Literacy Carnival. Sponsored by Target, the free event will have food, games, prizes and a bounce house, in order to promote children's literacy and learning. Free health screenings will be available for the adults. The Literacy Carnival will take place at Eastside Community Center, 2841 E. University Ave., on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Dancin' Gators Presents: Viva Dance!

Dancin' Gators, UF's largest dance organization, will be holding their semi-annual dance show Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The show is free and open to the public. Styles of dance showcased include: jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, modern, musical theater, swing, Irish and Bollywood. Guests are encouraged to bring juice boxes and snacks, such as granola bars and fruit gummies, to be donated to the Child Advocacy Center. For more information, please visit www.dancinggators.weebly.com.

Sing For Life to perform at the Hippodrome

To accompany a showing of "A Late Quartet," the Hippodrome Cinema has enlisted the vocal talents of Sing For Life, an initiative from UF's Center for Arts in Medicine, which strives to improve the quality of life for Parkinson's patients through voice lessons. The group will perform after the film's 5:30 p.m. screening on Wednesday at the Hippodrome State Theatre, located at 25 SE Second Place. For more details, visit thehipp.org/cinema, and call 352-375-HIPP for movie tickets.

"A Taste of Europe"

Get your copies of the award-winning "A Taste of Europe" cookbook through Dec. 12. Looking for the perfect, inexpensive gift for many people on your list? Just page through the spiral-bound recipe book to see the 56 recipes from 32 countries along with cultural information about culinary customs. Each recipe is in English and the language of the country of origin. You'll see recipes for halushky, pilau, mazurek, shopska, karjalanpaisti and more. Come to the Center for European Studies office in Turlington Room 3324 to buy your copies for only \$5 each.

Midnight Madness Alachua

Have you ever wanted to stay up all night with your best group of friends while driving around doing a ridiculous scavenger hunt for fun and possibly profit? You could possibly win some cash prizes in the process of exploring Alachua County. If all of this sounds like fun then you might like to know that Midnight Madness Alachua is hosting its fourth game on Dec. 7 and wants you to come partake in the pleasure. If you're interested, visit bit.ly/MMAlachua, or see our Facebook page for more info/registration information.

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UF kickboxing club hopes to come out swinging at competition

The conference will be held on Saturday in Tallahassee

RACHEL JONES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Between the weight training, jump roping, sprinting and sparring, members of UF's Kickboxing Club have been training for months, some even years.

On Saturday, the competing members will show it at the Florida Collegiate Boxing Conference in Tallahassee.

About 2,000 people are expected to attend the conference this week-

end.

UF is one of seven schools competing and will send four UF students — Antonio Benitez, Hunter Clonts, Nico Sanchez and Robbie Young — and one Santa Fe College student, Cornelius White.

They'll compete with Florida International University, the University of Miami and Florida State University.

"At UF, we consider ourselves winners in everything, and that's what we're gonna do," said Young,

president of the kickboxing club and a 22-year-old industrial and systems engineering senior.

"Once that bell rings, they're like an astronaut, they're in orbit."

J.C. Papaleo Giron
head coach

This is the club's first year as a sports club registered with the Southwest Recreation Center, though it has been around as a student orga-

nization since 2008, said head coach J.C. Papaleo Giron.

It holds practice at Southwest Rec on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

"Once that bell rings, they're like an astronaut, they're in orbit," said Giron, 41.

There are boxing proverbs that say when two fighters meet in the ring, their souls touch, he said.

One moment they're trying to attack each other, and then the bout will end, and they'll embrace.

Papaleo Giron would know: The former New Yorker even boxed under coach Hector Roca, who trained Hilary Swank for her role in "Million Dollar Baby."

"If [a boxer] gets hit, gets hurt — fear kicks in," Giron said. "It's a very psychological game."

The club members are anxiously awaiting Saturday.

Megan Oliva, a 20-year-old political science and telecommunication sophomore, isn't competing but will go to Tallahassee to support the team.

"I'm really excited about seeing all the guys' hard work pay off," she said.

Video rental store to celebrate birthday by opening book corner

► THE BOOK NOOK WILL OPEN ON DEC. 7.

COLLEEN WRIGHT

Alligator Contributing Writer

In the days of instant downloads and electronic pages, Roger Beebe finds peace in a bound book.

Beebe, the owner of Video Rodeo, at 1119 W. University Ave., will celebrate his store's eighth birthday with the unveiling of the Book Nook, a micro-store for used books. The opening will be at Video Rodeo on Dec. 7.

"It seems like a good time to go in the other direction," Beebe said. "It's a different viewing from reading books on a page."

Video Rodeo, an independent DVD and Blu-ray rental store, will open the Book Nook in the front of the store near the register.

With 32 feet of shelving, Beebe said there are about 500 books so far, and there's room for more. Customers will soon be able to trade used books for ones on the shelf.

In the Spring, a friend approached Beebe with the idea to open a bookstore in down-

town Gainesville. After the pair looked over the expenses, which racked up to \$1,500 a month, Beebe thought the idea wasn't possible.

Beebe said he was inspired to have a used book corner in his store after visiting an English-language bookstore in Berlin while he was teaching in the summer.

"It really gets your juices flowing," he said.

Beebe began to think of having a small, used bookstore in his store because the real estate was paid and the store was staffed. When his friend became too busy, Beebe started stocking books.

He began collecting titles about three months ago. Many are donations from friends, including Beebe's colleagues in the UF's English department.

Padgett Powell, a UF creative writing professor, is donating a few books he wrote to Beebe's Book Nook.

"We can always use a bookstore, particularly in the days of Netflix," he said.

Beebe said he's not in this venture to make money. He's just in it for the books.

"We want to make an argument for why we still love books," he said.



Andrea Sarcos / Alligator

Kerry Oliver-Smith, the curator at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, browses through the DVD rentals at Video Rodeo on Thursday evening. The bookshelves of Video Rodeo's new bookstore, left, are currently occupied by VHS rentals but will soon feature novels.

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Equality index ranks Orlando, Miami as best Florida cities for LGBTQ rights

► ELEVEN FLORIDA CITIES WERE SURVEYED.

ANDREA CARROZ
Alligator Contributing Writer

When it comes to LGBTQ treatment, Florida's cities show a full spectrum of equality.

The Human Rights Campaign, a civil rights organization, published its first Municipal Equality Index on Tuesday. The study evaluates city laws and policies related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, said Jeremy Pittman, deputy field director at the Human Rights Campaign.

Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Tallahassee and Jacksonville were among the 11 Florida cities surveyed. Of those, Orlando did the best, and Jacksonville did the worst.

Orlando scored 77 out of 100 points. Miami came in second

with 72 points. Miami Shores and Jacksonville came in last, with 34 and 15 points, respectively.

The study focused on whether a city has a law that prohibits discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. It also looked at laws that apply to private-sector employers that prohibit discrimination, he said.

The study surveyed 137 cities around the country. The selected cities included the 50 state capitals, the 50 largest cities by population and 75 additional cities based on size.

Twenty-five large, 25 mid-size and 25 small cities with the highest proportion of same-sex couples were picked by the campaign based on the 2010 census data, Pittman said.

Eleven cities in the U.S., including Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle, New York City and Philadelphia, received the full 100 points.

Three cities received zero points: Montgomery, Ala., Frankfort, Ky., and Jefferson City, Mo.

"I think the results show us that there's been tremendous work done at the municipal level all across the country to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender citizens and residents," Pittman said. "But there's still work to be done."

The city of Gainesville was not included in this year's Municipal Equality Index because the survey didn't cover every city in the U.S.

"There's been a lot of work done in Gainesville on LGBT equality, and we'd love to be able to highlight the good work that's been done there," he said.

Terry Fleming, co-president of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, said the scores for the cities in Florida were predictable. If Gainesville were on the list, he said, "I'm sure it would rate very high."

Astronomy program will light up the stars tonight

SARAH BRAND
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Starry Night could give Vincent van Gogh a run for his money.

UF is hosting its yearly astronomy program, Starry Night, at the Florida Museum of Natural History on Friday at 6 p.m.

The one-night event will allow guests to explore the universe through multiple telescopes.

"It's definitely fun for the whole family," said Paul Ramey, assistant director for marketing and public relations for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

This is the sixth year for the program.

Jen Black is excited to go see the stars again.

"I've been to something like

this before, and it was really cool. It was when I was younger, but I think when you enjoy something educational like that when you're young, it's cool when you're older, too," said Black, a 22-year-old UF criminology and psychology senior.

"It's definitely fun for the whole family."

Paul Ramey

assistant director for marketing and public relations

There will be speeches by leaders in the fields and a display of space art.

"This is definitely an opportunity to speak with professionals in the field and interact with equipment they otherwise wouldn't have a chance," Harvey said.

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That brings us to the last-edition-of-Darts-&-Laurels-of-the-semester-wow-time-flies edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Ever think about animals and their best friends? Well, a zebra and a pony went running around Staten Island earlier this week. "There was basically a stampede in front of my store," said Zachary Osher, according to the New York Daily News, who taped the bizarre occurrence. They were returned to a petting zoo in the area, but man, that adventure must have been awesome. We give a good-for-you-and-we-hope-you-had-fun **LAUREL** to those animal buddies.

A sheriff's deputy in St. Lucie County used the Precision Immobilization Technique on Sandra Silasavage, a 62-year-old with a "chronic spinal condition that barely allows her to walk," to push her off the road, according to the TCPalm. Her car, which was traveling at the posted speed limit, was totaled in the exchange with the deputy. We give a this-definitely-seems-like-a-ton-of-unnecessary-force **DART** to that St. Lucie County sheriff's deputy. Next time use your siren and lights, bro.

On Thursday afternoon, President Obama had lunch with Mitt Romney at the White House. Now, there are a ton of jokes we could make about this. No, really. But instead, we'll let a Gawker headline regarding the story do all the work for us. We give a "Barack-Obama-Ate-Some-White-Turkey-With-a-White-Turkey-Today" **LAUREL** to Obama. Also, he totally treated Romney like that girl who invites you over, and you think it's a date, but really she just wants to hear your opinion on her outfits for her date with someone else. It's just like that.

Hey, Lindsay Lohan. Wanna chill out? In case the rest of you haven't heard, she was arrested early Thursday morning for punching some girl out. She was also charged on the same day for a car crash, which occurred in June, in California. We give a SIT-DOWN-AND-STOP-DOING-THINGS **DART** to Lindsay Lohan. Plus, did any of you watch "Liz and Dick"? Because that was also an arrestable offense on all of humanity.

FYI, there's an iTunes 11 out, so now you can stop ignoring the update/download window that pops up whenever you open the program. It's supposed to be more intuitive to help us all out, which is quite lovely. We give a let's-count-this-as-the-first-Christmas-present **LAUREL** to Apple. It's supposed to be fast! And fun! Thank goodness.

Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker is about to take the food stamp challenge; he'll use the monetary equivalent of food stamps for seven days in December. When politicians or celebrities do the food stamp challenge, it almost seems offensive to Americans who actually rely on food stamps as a means of survival. However, he seems to be doing it for all the right reasons. Perhaps he can use the knowledge he learns from the experience to better advocate governmental assistance. We give a you're-probably-setting-a-good-example-but-also-food-stamps-aren't-something-to-use-for-attention **FLART** to Mayor Cory Booker.

Study hard, everybody, and we'll see you back next semester!

Reader response

Today's question: Will you rent an iPad next semester?

Thursday's question: Will you eat at the new Red Robin?

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Column

We should form a society built on love

For many of us, myself included, this semester has been probably one of the most stressful times of our lives.

For incoming freshmen, the coursework is often much more rigorous than they initially expected.

For sophomores and juniors, doing well enough to simply stay in school can sometimes be a day-to-day odyssey.

For seniors, the need to keep their grades up in their last year tempers the excitement about graduation.

For graduate students, balancing the often obscene course load with research, teaching, work, families and whatever sliver of a social life they may still manage to have can feel too overwhelming to bear.

We can add world events that the media forces us to keep in mind every day to all of this, and it becomes no wonder that life can be a struggle.

I have literally never experienced a more stressful time in my almost 24 years. In the course of four months, which have flown by at an alarmingly rapid pace, I have driven myself to near insanity managing my coursework, my assistantship and my relationships.

Before this semester began, the last thing I expected — or desired — was to find romance, and yet that is what happened only a week or two before the first day of school.

Then, in what seemed like almost the same short amount of time, that relationship crashed and burned a few weeks ago. In short, this hasn't been an easy few months.

Luckily, most of you probably haven't felt as overwhelmed as others. This semester was probably a breeze for many of you.

If that's the case, cherish it! It's good to start an academic year on a positive note.

But no matter how your semester has gone or how you expect the next one to go, it's important to remember that love will always be on your side.

I'm not referring simply to romantic love — as you might imagine, I'm telling romantic love to go eff itself for a little while.

What I am referring to is the need to see beauty in every-



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day life and in people no matter how you're feeling or what you're going through.

Of course, this is frequently easier said than done. Personally, I've been having trouble seeing this beauty on a day-to-day basis for a while now.

But I always remember it's there. And I make a point to force myself to recognize it, no matter how blurry it seems to be.

Obviously, I'm extremely fascinated by politics.

I think we, as citizens of a nation, have a responsibility to be informed and participate in the functions that make our society operate. Of course — and thank goodness — there's more to our society than government, economics and politics.

However, no matter how much we may try to distance ourselves from these institutions, they are omnipresent aspects of our lives that we should recognize and engage with as much as we can.

Because of the importance of these institutions, we should try as citizens to push them in directions that emphasize love.

I know this sounds like a lofty, idealistic and abstract notion. But I believe the politics I and many others stand for are those that emphasize love toward others. It's why we push for peace and equality.

In a nutshell, we need to ensure our society is built on love.

In a world with so much stress, grief, hatred, anger, war, confusion and loss, this idea clearly can become a dead letter. It becomes lost in abstraction and generalization.

But after a year and semester such as this, I hope many of you agree with me that it's never been more important to hold firm on that principle.

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

Column

It's good to question your beliefs

Marco Rubio is "not a scientist, man." Thank goodness for that.

Recently, the senator was asked how old he thought Earth was. He said it was one of "the great mysteries."

As it happens, it isn't.

Unfortunately, a great number of religious fundamentalists disagree with him for the wrong reasons. According to Gallup, 46 percent of Americans believe humans were created sometime within the last 10,000 years. That percentage is slightly higher today than it was 30 years ago.

This is frightening.

Saying humans were created within the last 10,000 years is tantamount to saying the sun goes around the Earth. To scientists, there is no question that the Earth, and all of the life on its surface, is the product of processes that have been running for a very, very long time.

It baffles me that someone, especially an elected official, could believe this stuff.

As a senator, such ignorance could very well be destructive.

Are we really such prideful people that so many of us don't have it in our hearts to question our beliefs? I have a somewhat hostile sentimentality toward unquestioned dogma.

One can be terribly mistaken in his or her beliefs, no matter how much he or she wants to believe in something. We've all been there.

Why is it, then, that for matters most important and eternal that people seem to be the least willing to question themselves very strongly?

I think Bill Nye was right to say "you should question your beliefs" if they conflict with what the data shows.

If it's a fundamental doctrine of your religion that Apollo drives a chariot across the sky, then it's probably time to question your faith. If there's ever a problem with religious fundamentalism, it comes as a consequence of the fundamentals of the religion.

I'm not sure if there's any shortcut to knowledge. Knowledge has to be built from the ground up, bit by painstaking bit, observation by observation.

This is how a sure foundation is built.

With enough observations, creation is eventually possible. With our understandings of the world, we have built complex machines to peer across the universe, connect us all over the Internet and even toast bread.

Unfortunately, to paraphrase Carl Sagan, people accept the products of science but reject its methods.

Recently, Israel and Hamas agreed to a cease-fire. I doubt it will last, though. It is the religious prerogative of Hamas to fight the Jews.

The Hamas Charter, also



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called the Hamas Covenant, says things like, "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Moslems, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him."

Is there any question that these people are motivated by their religion at least in some small part?

Is there any question that if these people were to question their faith more frequently and fervently, their beliefs might be at least a little different?

If we were to all take the time to sincerely question ourselves, especially about the things we hold most dearly, what kind of people would we be? If we were to make more of an effort to relieve ourselves of our cognitive dissonance, what kind of a world would we live in?

The world would almost certainly be a different — probably even a better — place. Only good can come from wanting to know the truth.

To believe in lies, or anything less than truth, isn't as desirable, I think.

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Guest column

It's easy being green: How to save your planet

You want to make a difference to better the environment, but you wonder if one person can even make an impact.

So start small, first by losing the pessimistic attitude.

You hear others barking "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," but you have a bah-humbug attitude, believing that your contributions will only be in vain and will not improve anything.

This, my friend, is not true at all. By simply recycling one glass bottle, you can save enough electricity to power a 100-watt bulb for four hours. By recycling one aluminum can, you can run a TV for six hours on the electricity saved.

Recycling not your thing?

Maybe it's not convenient enough for your lifestyle. Try switching your paper billing to electronic bills and opt for online bill pay. Many banks and utility companies are offering this option to their customers, which would save you time and reduce the amount of paper used.

It's a cascade effect. Reducing the amount of paper wasted will help prevent deforestation and re-

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Speaking Out

duce global warming.

There are many

things an individual can do, such as hopping on a bus instead of taking the car, or using a reusable shopping bag when visiting the grocery store. You can change your traditional incandescent light bulbs in your house to LEDs or compact fluorescent light bulbs.

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With the plethora of small things available, you can make big differences. It only takes one small stone cast across water to create many ripples.

At least try to make a difference in your own life or the lives of your children. Plant that seed in them.

Let your new positive attitude toward helping the environment be your small stone.

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LOCAL Athletes gear up for Alachua County's first Special Olympics

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Young athletes will have the chance to shine at Alachua County's first Special Olympics this weekend.

Rooted on by UF cheerleaders, Olympic torchbearer Jillian Roberts and the mayor of Gainesville, disabled preschool- and elementary-aged children will perform athletics including running, jumping and throwing, said event coordinator Krista Vandeborne.

The Special Olympics will take place at St. Francis Catholic High School, 4100 NW 115th St., from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The program is being hosted by Balance 180, an organization founded this year by two UF professors. Vandeborne, the chairwoman of UF's Department of Physical Therapy, is among the professors who helped found Balance 180.

She said the young athletes — ages 2 through 7 with disabilities ranging from Down syndrome to cerebral palsy — have been preparing for the event all semester with training sessions.

At the bi-weekly practices, children cycled through different stations set up inside a gym equipped with exercise mats, balls and other

tools to work on basic skills like balance.

"They learn how to jump, how to use a racket, how to kick a ball," Vandeborne said. "We teach them motor skills but also work on cognitive components. There's lots of high-fives and lots of hugs, cheering each other on."

She said combining counting, shapes and spatial concepts like "under" and "over" with physical therapy exercises strengthens the children's minds and bodies at the same time.

Vandeborne said the athletes inspire her with their resolve and

spirit. She said one in particular, 7-year-old Zavion, stood out in her mind.

"He's in a wheelchair," she said. "He's one of those bright, shiny kids. He loves to dance."

After practice, Vandeborne said, the children love to dance to "Gangnam Style." Two volunteers held Zavion up so he could stand beside his wheelchair and groove to the music.

This is the first year the nationwide program has been offered in Alachua County, and Vandeborne said she thinks it's a fit for Gainesville.

"I think we're a perfect town to do it," she said. "Sports are a big deal in Gainesville. A lot of times the ways we socialize are through sports, and it's the same for children with disabilities."

Sijun Li, a 20-year-old public relations junior who has been doing advertising for the event, said assisting with the Special Olympics has been satisfying.

"It's really rewarding to know the kids are going to have such an amazing event to showcase all the hard work they've put into the training sessions," she said. "They have a lot of talent to show."

He was a staple of the city's art scene

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This was symptomatic of Kesl's energetic personality.

Though his energy was focused when he was working, Tilton said Kesl would practically bounce



Courtesy of John Tilton

Gainesville artist Lennie Kesl's friends described him as energetic, friendly and passionate about art.

off the walls.

When Kesl was in his 60s, he used to ride his bike 12 miles one-way to Tilton's studio.

"He had the energy of someone in his 20s," Tilton said. "I couldn't keep up with him, and I'm 18 years younger than he is."

Kesl shared his energy and enthusiasm with his UF and Santa Fe College students during his time as an art professor.

Richard Heipp, director of UF's school of art and art history, said though Kesl was aging, he rarely missed an art exhibition or showing.

"At 86, he certainly hadn't slowed down," Heipp said. "He was also a very talented musician. He had a Louis Armstrong kind of voice."

Heipp said Kesl was a staple of the Gainesville art scene, appearing at almost every art showing and gallery opening in Alachua County.

Kesl seemed to be in his element at art shows, Heipp said.

Tilton said Kesl would talk to anyone within earshot and often walk away with a new friend.

"He would talk to you like he was your best friend," Tilton said, "but he didn't know your name."

His friendliness earned him the distinction as a Gainesville art icon and won him many friends, like Satchel Raye, the owner of Satchel's Pizza.

Raye will display some of Kesl's work alongside his own at Satchel's Pizza from Tuesday until Jan. 2.

"It'll be fun to put his stuff up," Raye said. "But it'll be hard to think about him and realize that he's gone."

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It cost about \$25,000

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Library West Chair Patrick Reakes said he expects the tablets to get heavy use.

The netbook checkout program is constantly in circulation, Bruxvoort said. She said the netbooks each get checked out about 100 times a day.

For the iPad loaning program, once the iPad is returned, the recharging cart will sweep all personal information off it.

An iPad loaning program was an initiative brought to UF Information Technology by Student Government. The program is funded by the technology fee, which each student has to pay per credit hour.

About \$1 million from the total fee goes toward technology grants each year, Allen said.

An advisory committee consisting of students, UF IT representatives and faculty chose which projects to fund.

The iPad program was funded from the leftover money of another project that didn't use all of its funds. It cost about \$25,000, Allen said.

"It's really good use of that money because it's going back to something the students use," Reakes said.

He said iPad rental programs are something other libraries have started to do.

The Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina loans iPads out to students for three days and employees for five days. They have 20 iPads and as of press time, one was available, according to the university's library website.

Student Senate President Christina Bonarrigo said this was something UF students wanted.

"I think it's going to be a huge success on our campus," she said.

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Newell Hall to be transformed into study center if Board of Trustees passes measure

The board meets Dec. 6 and 7

KATHRYN VARN
Alligator Writer

Newell Hall could provide students with relief from crowded libraries if UF's Board of Trustees approves a proposal for the building's renovation at its meeting next week.

The measure would transform Newell into a bookless study center with digital resources and areas for students to plug in laptops, UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes said.

Newell, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of UF's original buildings that hasn't been updated, Sikes said. The renovation project was introduced in 2009 but was delayed due to lack of funding.

Newell stands across Buckman Drive from Turlington Hall and was previously home to the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, which vacated due to the facility's old age.

"This will be a perfect retroversion for one of the campus' original buildings," she said, adding that the historical nature of the hall would be preserved in the proposed renovation.

The proposed funding is a result of leftover money from the Reitz Union renovation and expansion project, which comes from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund that students pay in tuition, said Student Body President Tj Villamil.

The \$2-per-credit-hour fee raised \$13 million more than the \$20 million needed for the Reitz Union project.

The fund exists specifically for

nonacademic buildings on campus, Villamil said. For example, the money has been previously used to remake the Southwest Recreation Center.

Villamil said that according to the 2011 UF Student Experience in the Research University Survey, students cited more study space as "the single, most important thing" that the university could do to improve their undergraduate experiences.

The survey, which is administered to undergraduates, had a 63 percent response rate, according to survey results.

Library crowding is an issue, especially during finals season, said Emily

Witt, a forestry and economics junior. Witt, 20, sat at one of the few open tables at Library West on Wednesday. She usually opts for the Levin College of Law Library because of overcrowding.

"During finals, it's not even worth it to come here sometimes," she said.

Villamil said there will be a student engagement process in the Spring, but he believes students are already supportive of the proposed renovation.

"I think it's incredible that we're bringing one of the most historical buildings on campus ... to the 21st century," he said, "that can be used with students in years to come."

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The UF Board of Trustees is reviewing a proposal to turn Newell Hall into a bookless study center with digital resources and outlets for plugging in laptops.

UF comedy troupe to bring the laughs

► THE SKETCH GROUP HAS BEEN PREPARING SINCE SEPTEMBER.

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A sketch comedy troupe of UF students and alumni will put on its original, full-length show "Generation 15 Presents: Risky Business" this weekend.

Generation Sketch Comedy has been preparing since early September for the free events, which are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Reitz Union, Room 285 and Room 282, respectively.

The troupe will perform about 30 sketches at each show, said director and 21-year-old advertising senior Dan LeVine.

"We do this because we love to entertain and make people laugh," he said. "All we need are people to come out and laugh at us."

The event's Facebook page has more than 100 people attending. Larissa Scott, a 19-year-old telecommunication sophomore, said she was interested in the show's "Saturday Night Live"-like format.

Generation's 13-member team comprises a mix of undergraduate students and alumni, and it's this combination that creates a unique comedic dynamic, LeVine said.

"There's all sorts of experience and talent on the team," he said.

Together, the eclectic group brainstormed "Risky Business" as its show title.

"We wanted something catchy, interesting. It also had to make sense," LeVine said. "While people should not expect a show explicitly about 'Risky Business,' we want people to leave and think, 'Oh, now I get it.'"

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Bazaar to host a variety of unusual vendors

► THE EVENT IS DEC. 23.

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This holiday season, a Gainesville printing business is asking residents to put their money where their hearts are.

Dragonfly Graphics is asking Gainesville residents to do their holiday shopping locally at its second annual The Loco Bizarre, which will be held on Dec. 23 from noon to 9 p.m.

The free event will take place at the Dragonfly Graphics' shop, 319 SW Third Ave. The shop is a historical 1927 home commercialized to accommodate the printing press and dryer that make up the 26-year-old T-shirt business.

"You never know what you're going to find, and that's the bizarre part of it."

Amiee Anderson
marketing director

The Loco Bizarre aims to raise a sense of community in the holidays by bringing together vendors, musicians and residents for a day of family-friendly shopping.

"It's to encourage folks to spend their holiday money at home," said Amiee Anderson, 36-year-old sales and marketing director for Dragonfly Graphics.

The event will feature live screen-printing demonstrations of new

designs for the store's Gainesville Nostalgia line. The line recalls classic Gainesville and features designs of old Gainesville staples, such as Skeeter's Breakfast House, now closed, and Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park.

Guests can make T-shirt orders at the event, see how their shirts are printed and participate in the process. Outside the shop, a wide array of local vendors will be selling their unusual creations by a bonfire.

"You never know what you're going to find, and that's the bizarre part of it," Anderson said.

Of the about 20 vendors that have signed up for the event, guests can expect anything from jewelry vendors to massage therapy to special cooking sauce vendors. Anderson said she hopes to represent the entire spectrum of the community.

At last year's event, April Burk Clark, 51, used The Loco Bizarre as a first opportunity to sell her crafts, which she made and sold for her booth at the event, called Junque.

Clark converts trash to art. Her crafts include anything from pencil holders to thumbtacks to mosaics. A lover of books, Clark rescues old books and folds their pages into a variety of shapes, such as trees or lanterns.

Many of the vendors were people who made crafts in their spare time, Clark said. The items on sale were useful, whimsical and affordable.

"You can go in with \$5 and come out with something cool," she said.



The lights are being hung, carols are being sung and holiday spirit is in the air. Gainesville residents have a myriad of options for merry holiday fun this season.

First Lutheran Church — Boar's Head Christmas Festival

- 1801 NW Fifth Ave.
- The church hosts its 10th annual festival on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. The musical, which includes medieval gowns and renaissance stage props, depicts the story of Boar's Head. The all-ages event has attracted about 1,200 guests in the past.
- Entrance is \$5 per person.

The Hippodrome Theatre — "A Christmas Carol" and "A Tuna Christmas"

- 25 SE Second Place
- This holiday season, the Hippodrome brings back two of its classics: "A Christmas Carol" and "A Tuna Christmas."
- "A Tuna Christmas," a comedy that takes place in Tuna, Texas, was brought back due to popular demand. This is the 10th time the theater has shown it. The play is a "quick change show," in which two actors play about 10 different characters each.
- The shows began running Nov. 23 and will continue to play until Dec. 23.
- Both all-ages shows will play on alternating days, with multiple shows on some days. There will be earlier showings at 2 p.m., occasionally at 4 p.m. and later showings — at 7:30 p.m. — are for all ages.
- Tickets range from \$15 for students with a valid student ID and children under 18, to \$35 for adults. Discounts for seniors and military members may also apply.

Gainesville Open MRI — Holiday Cruz-in and Food Drive

- Millenium Center — 4340 Newberry Road
- On Dec. 8, residents of all ages are invited to the Open MRI's "family fun day" to enjoy a car show, a guest appearance by Santa, a bounce house and face painting. Guests are also encouraged to bring nonperishable food donations, which will benefit the Bread of the Mighty food bank. Residents are also encouraged to bring their vehicles for a car showcase.
- "We wanted to do something for the public, sponsor family fun and replenish the food bank after Thanksgiving," said Chantel Smith of Gainesville Open MRI.

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Santa Fe College's "A Children's Holiday at Santa Fe"

- Santa Fe Fine Arts Hall, Northwest Campus, 3000 NW 83rd St.
- Santa Fe will kick off local holiday celebrations Saturday at 2 p.m. with its second annual holiday sampler. Dance Theatre Santa Fe will perform pieces from Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker," the Santa Fe Singers will sing multiple holiday songs and Theatre Santa Fe will bring Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their elves to perform a rendition.
- The event will be emceed by Corrie Lovette, anchor of TV-20's Morning Edition.
- Following the event, guests can enjoy cookies, lemonade and holiday crafting.
- The event will cost \$10 for adults, and it is free for children 12 and under.

Alachua County Headquarters Library

- 401 E. University Ave.
- The headquarters library is hosting several holiday events for children and young adults.
- On Wednesday, teenagers ages 12 to 18 can visit the headquarters' teen space for a do-it-yourself gifts event. Guests will learn to make handmade, inexpensive holiday gifts including tree ornaments, journals and button bracelets.
- On Dec. 18, school-aged children can join the library staff to create holiday-themed crafts and read books with a trained reading dog.
- Every Monday in December, children of all ages can visit the headquarters for holiday-themed movies at 4 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church — The Gainesville Christmas Festival

- 10000 W. Newberry Road
- The Westside Baptist Church brings its seventh annual Christmas festival. The festival will open today at 6:30 p.m. and will run until Dec. 9. The all-ages event opens with a concert-style act and will be followed by a Broadway-style act, including musical and dancing performances of holiday classics, such as "Winter Wonderland."
- The event has tickets for \$10, \$15 and \$20. On the opening night, students can enter for \$5 with a valid student ID.

UF Hillel — Hanukkah Celebration

- Norman H. Lipoff Hall — 2020 W. University Ave.
- Hillel will celebrate the first night of Hanukkah on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- The event will open with Havdallah, a brief ceremony to mark the symbolic end of Shabbat. There will also be menorah candle lighting, and guests are encouraged to bring their own candles.
- The event is free and open to the public.

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Out of four major U.S. cellphone service providers, Verizon was ranked the highest of its competitors in a mobile carrier satisfaction survey.

The results from the Consumer Reports National Resource Center's 63,253-person survey remained the same as last year: Verizon stayed in the lead, Sprint and T-Mobile followed behind at second and third and AT&T held its last-place position.

The release also said no-contract plans, or prepaid phones, save customers about \$20 a month.

Richard Lutz, a UF marketing professor, said while this may be true, phones without the commitment of contracts have limits to heavy data users.

"I think people are looking for price and want to get the best deal, but the most important thing is reliability," he said. "You want it to work."

Verizon has the highest-rated voice and data quality of the carriers, but AT&T's LTE, or Long Term Evolution, network is considered the best, the release said.

C.J. Wittus, a manager of Best Buy Mobile, said Verizon has the largest amount of coverage everywhere for 4G LTE, but AT&T provides better service in certain areas due to its more widespread 4G network.

Wittus, a 20-year-old UF criminology junior, agreed with the report's claim that Verizon is the best, but he said AT&T deserves more credit.

Wittus said the company's biggest pitfall is customer service.

"From personal experience, they sound disinterested," he said. "But they'll change their attitude toward new customers or if you say you'll leave."

LOCAL

Garden to receive gift of trees

KELCEE GRIFFIS

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Since the Porters Community Farm opened in August, the downtown vacant-lot-turned-garden has received a collection of in-kind donations: a lawn mower, a weed-whacker and irrigation supplies.

But on Thursday, it received a gift that will keep giving — about 22 potted fruit trees.

Chestnut Hill Nursery contributed \$500 worth of apple, peach, nectarine, fig and pomegranate saplings, as well as blueberry and blackberry bushes.

The Porters Community Farm is located in a low-income area where the annual household income is about \$13,000, compared with Gainesville's average household income of about \$27,000, according to a press release. It's an area that has historically been "underserved," said Travis Mitchell, the farm project manager.

The trees will be planted next week on the farm property, Mitchell said. Most of the produce will go to local charities, such as St. Francis House, to provide a reliable source of fresh food.

"I don't know anyone locally whose specific mission is to do that."

Travis Mitchell
farm project manager

Gainesville community members can help plant the trees Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the garden, 518 SW Third St.

Heather Blake, a Chestnut Hill Nursery sales representative, said the plants were grown in the town of Alachua and are 1 to 3 years old. She said it will take another year for most of them to produce fruit once planted permanently.

"I know a lot of local gardeners who donate fresh produce when they have it," Mitchell

said. "I don't know anyone locally whose specific mission is to do that."

Blake said fruit trees seemed to be the ideal way to help the farm because they produce great results with little input.

"A lot of projects lack the volunteer hours to keep them going, whereas with fruit trees and berries, once you get the initial planting and irrigation installed, there's minimal maintenance," she said.

Blake said she is optimistic about the impact increased access to fresh fruits can have on low-income Gainesville families.

"There's a real need for especially children, but also adults in the community, to have nutritional foods available to them," she said. "Many kids these days don't have the experience of having fresh fruits — most of it's canned. We wanted them to experience planting a tree and eating the fruit."



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Students fret over getting trapped in stacks at Library West

HALEY STRACHER

Alligator Contributing Writer

Library West's electronic bookcases look like a trap from an Indiana Jones movie set.

However, most UF students aren't as fearless as American icon Harrison Ford.

Some UF students who first meander through the bookcases at Library West are concerned that they will get stuck, squished or smashed in between them.

Stephanie Moses was scared she would get stuck in the bookcases that towered over her.

"You don't usually check for someone," said Moses, an 18-year-old biology freshman, who first discovered the cases this semester.

Moses said she was scared to go in and out of the aisles, and it took a few times moving

the cases before she got used to them.

The contraption is all in the name of saving space.

The metal cases sit side-by-side like a set of dominos, and they're so close that the shelves from one case touch the shelves of the other.

"People can get stuck, but no one can get seriously hurt."

Chris Perez

Library West employee

The electronic cases are installed into the ground, and each case moves to the right or left after a button is pressed. This creates a walkway in between so people can search through the shelves.

Only a few aisles can be created at once because they are so compressed. Library

visitors often move multiple cases to get the space between one shelf and another open.

Some have gotten hurt because they weren't paying attention.

Chris Perez, 19, a book stacks personnel at Library West, said his boss saw a girl panic and run down the bookcases as they closed in on her more than a year ago. She scratched her arms on the corners of the books, he said.

"People can get stuck, but no one can get seriously hurt," the industrial and systems engineering sophomore added.

Warning stickers, meant to remind visitors to check the aisle before pressing the button, were tacked onto the ends of the cases during Spring 2012.

A warning sound goes off every time a case begins to move.

Perez said the beep is loud and high-pitched, but people wearing headphones may not hear anything.

There are four motion sensors on each case — two at each end.

Perez said the girl was near the middle of the aisle as it was closing.

The electronic cases at Library West were installed five years ago and have broken several times, said Edward Hart, technician at the Legal Information Center at UF.

It takes about six seconds to calmly walk from the middle of the aisle to one of the ends.

The bookcase closes about 15 seconds after the button is pressed.

"There's plenty of time to get out," Perez said.

Twitter fiction festival, literary world butt heads

JENNA LYONS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Hamlet has a new question: To tweet or not to tweet?

Twitter literature is taking over the social media site as authors across the globe contribute to the first Twitter Fiction Festival, which started Wednesday.

The virtual festival, which ends Sunday, features about 30 authors from five continents and stories in five languages, according to Twitter's blog post for the event.

Selections for the event range from tweets of Shakespeare lines to a retelling of 100 Greek myths in 100 tweets. It also features original stories such as a love affair between a teenage girl and a Sasquatch.

R. Brandon Kershner, a UF Eng-

lish professor, said the event sounds "silly." He said the 140-character limit doesn't leave space for proper idea development.

"It seems like a particularly awkward way of writing fiction," he said.

Dave Carlson, executive director of UF's Center for Media Innovation and Research, said the challenges offered by Twitter's character limit could actually improve writing by encouraging concision.

"Anything that encourages people to write helps writing, or at least can help writing," he said.

Twitter encouraged all users to get involved and create their own stories using #twitterfiction. The @twitterbooks account will highlight a select number of stories throughout the festival.



Sarah Davis / Alligator

Paws on Training

Winnie, a 2-month-old Catahoula mix, was featured as a part of PuppyPalooza on Wednesday evening. The Gainesville Pet Rescue informed students about fostering and adopting pets.

Shands at UF office places second in national safety challenge

Any hospital was eligible for the challenge

ELLEN VILLAFUERTE

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Sebastian Ferrero Office of Clinical Quality and Patient Safety at Shands at UF, the UF Academic Health Center, won second place and \$15,000 in the Reporting Patient Safety Events Challenge this month.

"We were very excited about

how the results turned out," said Linda Allen, manager of the quality system department and team leader of the challenge. "It reinforces the fact that we are on the cutting edge of performance improvement when it comes to reporting adverse events."

The Houston team KBCoreSM won, according to a press release.

Shands at UF teamed up with International Development, Inc., which is a software developer specializing risk management.

The contest had 36 teams come up with an online application that would make it easier to report adverse events or medical errors that could possibly hurt a patient.

"For example, if someone falls,

we record it and are later able to identify the risk of falling and tell the staff how this can be improved," said Randy Harmatz, chief quality officer of Shands at UF.

Shands and IDinc created an application that allows a staff member to easily record incidents. The system is designed to receive the information inputted and send alerts to people who need to know.

"The concept was to create a revolution from the system that Shands

currently uses and upgrade it to meet the necessary requirements," said IDinc CEO Didier Salem. "I am very pleased and proud of our accomplishments and with the cooperation received from Shands."

Allen said this recording of information is already done at the hospital level, but there is currently no standardized way of doing so.

"This is a step into the right direction to improving health care nationally," she said.

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Center shines as UF rides defense to win

LONDON WATNICK
Alligator Writer

Billy Donovan wanted to send Patric Young a message. Young heard him loud and clear.

Coming off the bench for the first time since Feb. 2, Young was a force in No. 7 Florida's 82-49 win against Marquette on Thursday in the O'Connell Center.

The junior center scored 10 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, notched three blocks and tallied three assists in a season-low 22 minutes.

"He just told me that he's going to punish me for the game and teach me a lesson," Young said. "It definitely worked."

Citing Young's disruptive attitude, Donovan removed the center from UF's starting five.

Scottie Willbekin stepped into the lineup at point guard, starting for the first time this season.

Donovan demoted Young to Florida's second team during Wednesday's practice.

"He just told me that he's going to punish me for the game and teach me a lesson. It definitely worked."

Patric Young
UF center

Young checked into the game at the 15:19 mark of the first half.

"I feel like my job as a coach is to bring out the best in Patric Young as a player," Donovan said.

Against a deep and physical Marquette squad, Florida dove for balls, crashed the boards, drew charges and pinned layups.

The nation's No. 2 scoring defense hustled.

Florida (6-0) held Marquette (5-2) to 41.2 percent shooting.

"We were really on our defense [Thursday night], because offensively, you're not always going to make shots," junior forward Will Yeg-

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Patric Young attempts a shot during UF's 82-49 win against Marquette on Thursday in the O'Connell Center. Young scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds off the bench.

Two role players key for Gators award-winners UF set to begin NCAA Tourney

JONATHAN CZUPRYN
Alligator Writer

For the second time in school history, the Gators enter the NCAA Tournament with the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year.

However, 14th overall seed Florida (25-4, 19-1), which plays Tulsa (26-9, 14-2 Conference USA) tonight at 7:30 in the O'Connell Center, would not be where it is today if not for its unsung heroes, coach Mary Wise said.

Wise, who has led Florida to 22 straight

NCAA Tournament appearances, said setter Taylor Brauneis and libero Taylor Unroe have been instrumental in doing the grunt work for their grind-it-out team.

UF Volleyball "It would be like a football team where at some point you have got to recognize the line and the quarterback," Wise said.

Brauneis, a junior transfer from Louisville, has taken the role of play caller for Florida. She led the SEC in assists with 1,141.

Her average of 11.64 assists per set is 12th-best in the nation.

The addition of Brauneis to the Gators' 5-1 offense has given SEC Player of the Year Chloe Mann and SEC Freshman of the Year Ziva Recek prime opportunities for kills, Wise said.

"She just has a high volleyball IQ, and she plays the game (in) what looks to be with little effort as the ball comes out of her hands in such a killable way," Wise said. "She's the quarterback. She puts up very catchable passes. As our quarterback, she puts up very killable sets."

Mann, who has been at the receiving end of many of Brauneis' passes, said her setter has flawlessly adapted to a new environment while also becoming one of the biggest components to Florida's winning formula.

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Picks Column



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We here at alligatorSports Brand Picks Column weren't the most well-off in the financial department to begin with. Then we turned into a bunch of degenerates and bought way too many Powerball tickets on Wednesday night. Did we win the lottery? No.

Will we be living like homeless people on our road trip to Florida's bowl game in New Orleans, one of the most fun cities in America? Yes.

Anyone want to spare these sports reporters some pocket change so they can experience hand grenades for the first time? Didn't think so.

This week, Josh Jurnovoy and Adam Pincus debate the Pac-12 Championship Game between Stanford and UCLA.

Now, onto the picks!

UCLA (+9) will punch its lottery ticket against Stanford because...

Beating a team in consecutive weeks is hard, and the Bruins get another shot after losing at home last week. In a Pac-12 title matchup more surprising than winning Powerball, UCLA rides running back Johnathan Franklin to a win.

-ADAM PINCUS

The Cardinal (-9) will scratch off a win against the Bruins because...

Stanford has hit the jackpot before with Andrew Luck. This season, it struck gold on the other side of the ball with its rush defense, which ranks No. 1 in the nation. Franklin might think he'll keep drawing lucky numbers, but the Cardinal defense will make sure it doesn't happen.

-JOSH JURNOVOY

Leading the way at 65-39 is Rivals' Bryan "God bless Evan Longoria" Holt, who tweets about Tampa Bay Rays baseball like it actually matters. When you spend \$100 million to extend a player who still has four years left on his contract and you play in a dump, what the hell are you doing? At least they aren't the Marlins.

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Forward Jennifer George, Florida's best player the past two seasons, struggled against Michigan last year. See story, page 19.

UF Lands Verbal Commit

Four-star safety Marcell Harris verbally committed to Florida on Thursday morning. The Orlando Dr. Phillips High prospect makes UF's 2013 recruiting haul ESPN's top-ranked class.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Gators' men thriving as women struggle during fall season

ROBERT JUDIN
Alligator Writer

Florida's swimming and diving programs have had very different seasons.

The men's team has soaked up the spotlight, posting an undefeated record through five meets.

At the All Florida Invitational on Sept. 28, UF claimed the first of its two victories against FSU.

But being ranked No. 2 doesn't matter much to the men.

"It's nice to read, but it doesn't really mean anything at this point in the season," sophomore Matt Elliot said.

Meanwhile, the women's team has fallen short in four of its six meets, with its only wins being the All-Florida Invitational and a dual-meet against South Carolina.

Junior Brad deBorde said he's tried to motivate the women's team by establishing himself as a vocal leader.

"I don't think they're worried about having their heads down," he said. "This is just a stepping stone for them to get better. At the end of the day, it's only about the end of the year."

He said the women's team's youth could be a cause for their slow start.

"Disappointment obviously sets in, but you don't want to show it," associate head coach Anthony Nesty said.

Staying positive is key, Nesty said.

For senior Jamie Bohu-

nicky, staying positive has been an issue.

Bohunicky said she is worried about her future, which she hopes includes law school.

Her apprehensions have led to a difficult season in the pool.

She said at times she has been "going through the motions."

The women's team also needs to block out fatigue in order to succeed, she said.



Elliot

"You should not let your tiredness be an excuse," Bohunicky said. "You shouldn't let it get the best of you."

She believes Florida "should be able to dig down deeper" because of the way the team trains.

Bohunicky is confident in her team's ability to turn the season around.

The men and women will head to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the Ohio State Invitational on Friday.

The meet will last three days. For the men, it's a chance to tack on another victory.

For the women, it's a chance to set the tone for the second half of the season.

"It'll be a little elevated," deBorde said of the talent the Gators will face. "It'll be tough for us to compete with them. I think we're ready to face that challenge."

Forward looking for redemption UF set to face Michigan

PHILLIP HEILMAN
Alligator Writer

Although Jennifer George was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection in 2012, Big Blue still makes her see red.

In Florida's 69-66 season-opening loss to Michigan last year, George played her least productive game of the season. She played just 25 minutes and missed her only shot. She also picked up two fouls.

More than a year later, George still has a bad taste in her mouth. She believes the Gators should have defeated the Wolverines.

"My performance just was not very good," George said. "I definitely have a chip on my shoulder. I have to redeem myself."

George will have her chance for redemption Saturday as Florida (5-2) travels to Ann Arbor to face Michigan (5-2) at 2 p.m. in the Crisler Center.

UF will be looking to earn its first victory in a true road game this season. Florida lost 98-67 at Florida State on Nov. 15.

Coach Amanda Butler said she expects more from her team — especially George, the team's only senior.

"[George] played a really good game against Florida State in some very adverse conditions," Butler said. "Other than that, I think she has been a little bit less than what she's capable of, but I think she knows that."

George averages a team-leading 13.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game this season. In 2011-12, she paced the Gators with 12.8 points and 8.8 rebounds per game.

George's rebounding is down, and Butler said she is looking to see improvement in that area.

Though the scoring numbers are similar, defenses have caused problems for George by targeting her this season.

As a junior, George exceeded expectations. In 33 games, she notched 15 double-doubles — the eighth-most in a season in school history.

Opponents are focused on stopping her this season. Butler said UF's best player will have to fight through the increased attention.



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Forward Jennifer George drives along the baseline during Florida's 72-45 win against Belmont on Nov. 29, 2011, in the O'Connell Center.

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In second at 61-43 is The Miami Herald's Matt "You hurt my feelings" Watts, who got into a spat with a stranger on Facebook and, for once, didn't get the last word in. It's OK, V8KLLR.

Just behind at 60-44 is alligatorSports editor Greg "NOT MY BLANKIE, YOU GUYS" Luca, who went all Linus van Pelt on his roommates when he found his blanket in the middle of the living room floor. Relax, Luca. Just keep sucking your thumb. Mommy's almost done washing your blankie-poo.

Still in the hunt at 58-46 is The Associated Press' Mark "Khan-spiracy theorist" Long, who was stoking a potential conspiracy theory with the Jaguars — OK, just stop, Mark. We know it's your job and all, but NOBODY CARES. JESUS.

In fifth at 56-48 is the Palm Beach Post's Jason "Sleeping like a Baby Back" Lieser, whose cure for any illness is a rack of ribs and some NyQuil. We're not doctors, but that combo just doesn't sound safe. Good luck.

Tied with Jason is alligatorSports writer Josh "I'm objective, damn it!" Jurnovoy, who recently got some flack from his frat buddies for being too down on the Gators. Just admit it, dude. You were wrong. Oh, wait. You did.

Avoiding the cellar at 53-51 is alligatorSports assistant editor Joe "Ain't nobody fresher than my clique" Morgan, who swags around the office spitting rap lyrics as if an Atlanta Braves hat isn't his only connection to rap culture. Plus, we've seen you and your clique. Just about everybody is fresher.

And in dead-ass last place with a piss-poor record of 48-56 is alligatorSports writer Adam "Jackpot!" Pincus, who won a Powerball of his own when he found half-eaten bag of peanut M&M's. Every man's trash is Pincus's treasure.

	BH	MW	GL	ML
UGA v. BAMA (-7.5)	BAMA	UGA	BAMA	UGA
GT v. FSU (-13)	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU
WISC v. NEB (-3)	NEB	WISC	WISC	NEB
UT @ KSU (-11.5)	UT	UT	UT	KSU
OU (-6.5) @ TCU	OU	OU	OU	TCU
UCLA @ STAN (-9)	STAN	UCLA	STAN	STAN
LOU @ RUT (-3)	LOU	LOU	RUT	LOU
KENT ST v. N. ILLINOIS (-6.5)	N. ILL	KENT	KENT	N. ILL

	JJ	JL	JM	AP
UGA v. BAMA (-7.5)	BAMA	BAMA	UGA	BAMA
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UT @ KSU (-11.5)	UT	UT	KSU	KSU
OU (-6.5) @ TCU	OU	OU	OU	OU
UCLA @ STAN (-9)	STAN	STAN	STAN	UCLA
LOU @ RUT (-3)	LOU	LOU	LOU	LOU
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Setter's passing helps scorers shine

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"Taylor has done a tremendous job handling the pressure of adjusting to a new school, a new system and new teammates," Mann said. "She's definitely ... one of our best assets that we've had this year, and we're so grateful for her."

Before Brauneis gets the ball to point scorers like Mann and Recek, Unroe has to transfer hard-hit attacks into hittable balls for Brauneis.

The sophomore from Muncie, Ind., has anchored the back-line defense with her 4.43 digs per set — the fifth-best mark in the confer-

ence.

Last year, Unroe finished with 3.69 digs per set.

Her service aces per set average has improved from .27 last year to .33 this season.

"For Taylor Unroe, she's on the floor five and a half of the six rotations, she anchors our serve-receive, but the part of her game that has improved so much, especially in the last month, has been her floor defense," Wise said.

"The last weekend of the regu-

lar season, she put together back-to-back really good matches in terms of not just number of digs, but also quality of digs."

With the Golden Hurricanes boasting the all-time leading scorer in NCAA history — senior Tyler Henderson — Wise said Unroe and her defense will have their work cut out for them in the first round of the tournament.

Wise is 21-0 in opening-round games during her career at Florida.

"That's a pretty tough matchup to have in the first round, and I think our fans are in for a treat to see one of the country's best," Wise said.



Brauneis

Center says lesson learned after benching

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uete said.

"Coach [Billy Donovan] is really trying to make us guard every time, every single day in practice. We did a really good job staying focused."

UF eliminated Marquette's offensive balance. The Golden Eagles came into Thursday's game averaging 76.5 points per game.

Aside from guard Vander Blue (20 points), no Golden Eagle scored more than six points. Florida held Marquette's leading scorer, 6-foot-8, 290-pound forward Davante Gardner, to six points and one rebound.

The Gators had balanced scoring, with six players in double-figure points.

Guard Michael Frazier II gave UF a boost off the bench.

The freshman guard scored a team-high 17 points and made five of his eight three-pointers, including four in the first half.

"I don't really know when I started feeling it," Frazier said. "I kept shooting when I was open. My teammates did a great job of feeding me, and shots just went down."

Yeguete and Casey Prather each chipped in 11 points

for the Gators.

Senior guard Kenny Boynton, Florida's leading scorer with 16.2 points per game before Thursday's contest, had a quiet night offensively, scoring six points on 2-of-11 shooting.

The contest was a rematch of last year's Sweet 16. The Gators defeated the Golden Eagles 68-58 in that game to advance to the Elite Eight.

Both teams were both sloppy on offense during the opening minutes.

During the first 10 minutes, the teams shot a combined 12 for 27 from the field.

Florida used an 8-0 run late in the first half to enter halftime with a 38-24 lead.

UF held the Golden Eagles to 37.9 percent shooting in the first period.

The Gators opened the second half with a 9-0 run to put the contest out of reach.

UF's 6-0 start is Donovan's fifth in his 17-year tenure with the Gators.

"[Marquette is] a good team, but it's still November, and there's time to grow and develop," Donovan said. "It's a good thing we play these kinds of games, but I'm not so sure we're that many points better than everybody."

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