

Coach Amanda Butler and Florida nearly upset No. 9 Tennessee in a 78-75 overtime loss on Sunday. Read the story on page 13.



**CAMPUS**

# Costumed characters flood Reitz Union during SwampCon

**COLLEEN WRIGHT**  
 Alligator Writer

Applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore Thor Fiol, 19, dressed the part — hammer and all — as Thor at the Reitz Union Sunday.

Outfitted in plastic armor and helmet, Fiol became a magnet for pictures with Thor fans during the second-annual SwampCon this weekend.

*"It was like a tidal wave."*

**David Wasserman**

SwampCon Sustainability and Tabletop Coordinator

"They're like, 'Oh, it's Thor,' and I'm like 'Yep, that's my name,'" Fiol said. "They don't even know it's my real name."

The two-day event featured science fiction, comic book and anime panels, as well as gaming tournaments and costume contests.

Registration lines snaked around the second floor of the Reitz Union hours before the event began at about noon Saturday. By 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, about 2,000 people had registered for the event.

"It was like a tidal wave," said SwampCon Sustainability and Tabletop Coordinator David Wasserman, a 22-year-old sustainability studies senior.

Wasserman, who dressed as The Doctor from "Doctor

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## New year welcomes new flu outbreak

**MAX MATTERN**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

David Morrison, a 19-year old applied physiology and kinesiology sophomore at UF, planned to celebrate with friends on the first Friday of classes, but he found himself passed out on his couch with muscle aches and pains instead.

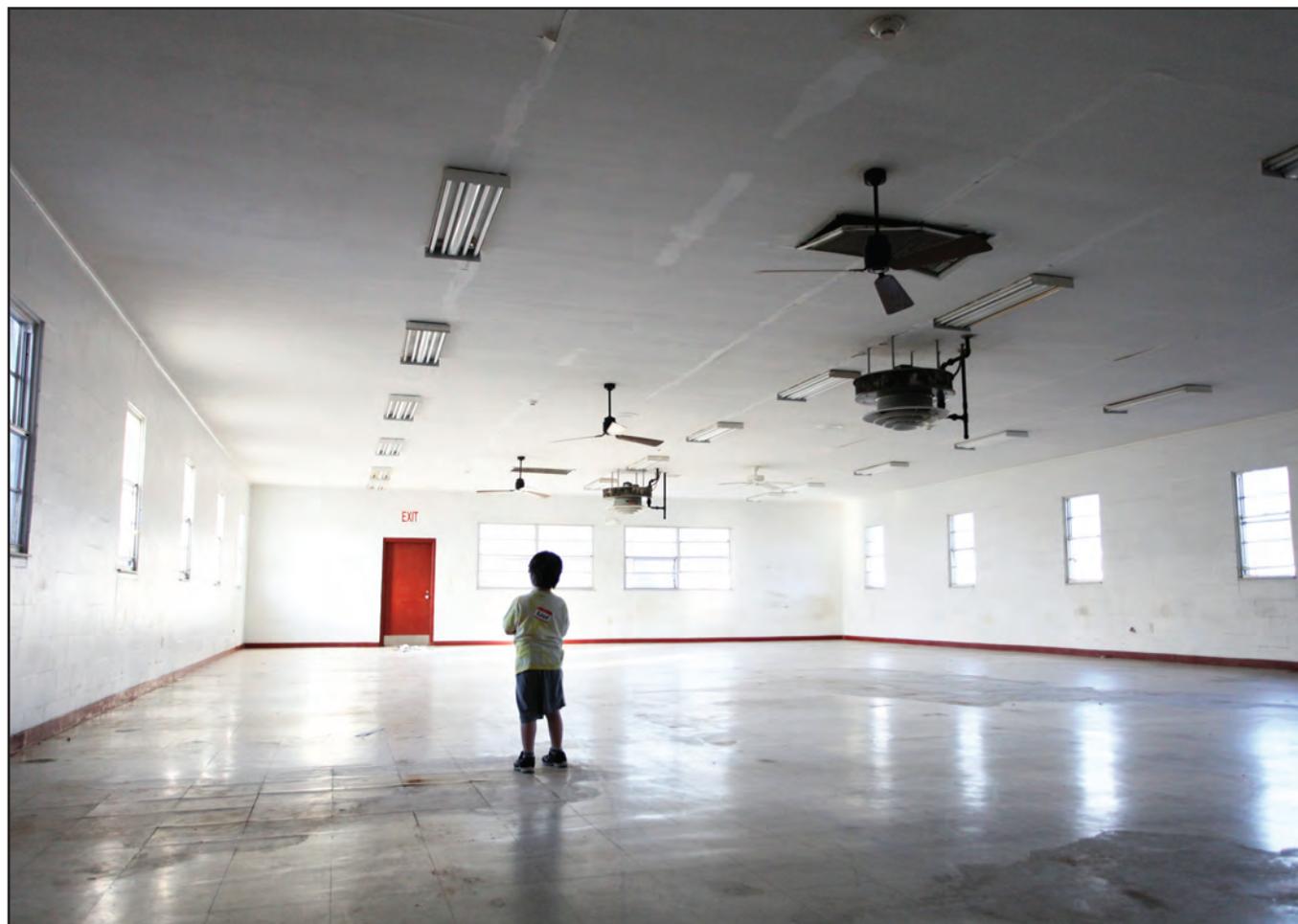
Morrison, along with multiple students across UF, has already caught the flu.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious viral infection of the respiratory passages, typically causing muscle aches and pains along with a fever.

Though Alachua County's influenza state is currently mild, influenza across Florida is considered widespread, said Catherine Seemann, advertising, marketing and media coordinator for the Student Health Care Center.

Thirty-eight Florida counties have reported mild activity and 20 have reported moderate, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Activity levels refer to geographic spread, not the severity of the illness,

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Alex Catalano / Alligator Staff

### A New Purpose

Aiden Sowder, 6, explores a room in one of the four dormitory buildings during a walking tour Saturday of the former Gainesville Correctional Institution, 2845 NE 39 Ave. Read the story on page 4.

# US Marshals task force arrest man wanted on gun, drug charges

**KATHRYN VARN**  
 Alligator Writer

A man wanted out of Levy County on multiple gun possession and drug charges was arrested Friday afternoon in northwest Gainesville.

The U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force charged Bryan Greenlee, 36, of Gainesville,

with four counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession/sale/delivery of a firearm with a serial number removed, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and possession of cannabis, according to a U.S. Marshals news release.

The task force's investigation began in 2012, when the Levy County Sheriff's Office issued an arrest warrant for Greenlee when



Greenlee

Greenlee was previously ar-

rested for grand theft auto and cocaine possession, according to the Florida Department of Corrections' website.

At about 2 p.m. Friday, officials spotted Greenlee at an ex-girlfriend's house, located in the 1500 block of Northwest 54th Drive.

Task force members and a Gainesville Police K-9 unit surrounded the house and ordered

Greenlee to come out.

Greenlee complied and officers arrested him without incident, according to the release.

Police later booked him into the Alachua County Jail at 3:45 p.m. Friday.

As of Sunday night, he remained in custody with a \$235,000 bond.

Contact Kathryn Varn at [kvarn@alligator.org](mailto:kvarn@alligator.org).

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

**Danza auditions Monday**

Danza Dance Company will hold open auditions at 7 p.m. today. Auditions will be held in the O'Connell Center dance room inside Gate 2. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring clothing and shoes that are easy to dance in.

**Theatre Strike Force academy**

Theatre Strike Force, a UF improv and sketch comedy troupe, offers free improv comedy lessons. No experience is needed to show up to the Academy, which begins at 7 p.m. today in the Reitz Union, Room 361. Lessons include games in the style of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Drop in any Monday night, and give improv a try.

**Team to present oral history findings**

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program's annual Mississippi Research Trip team will gather at the Civic Media Center to present a panel report of their findings from their fifth trip to the Mississippi Delta. The team, composed of undergraduate and graduate students, collected oral histories with civil rights and labor activists. The event will also feature selections of an oral history interview with civil rights organizer Lawrence Guyot, a founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Parking is free. For information, visit [www.oral.history.ufl.edu](http://www.oral.history.ufl.edu) or call 352-392-7168.

**Life-planning seminar**

Adam Roark of the Roark Law Firm and Ryan Z. Westerburg of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management will host a free and open discussion about wills, trusts, living wills, financial planning and the other steps people can take to reduce the burdens created by the death or incapacity of a loved one. Refreshments and a life-planning binder will be provided, and a question-and-answer session will follow the talk, which will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Millhopper Branch Library,

**FORECAST**

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3145 NW 43rd St.

**Talking Gators welcomes officers**

Talking Gators Toastmasters Club welcomes its newest officers: Vice President of Membership Daniel Tinkler, Sgt. at Arms William McCombie and Vice President of Education Daniel Fitzpatrick. The club meets Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031. It welcomes people interested in learning public speaking and leadership skills using workbooks and in a supportive environment. For more information, visit [talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org](http://talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org) or the Talking Gators Facebook page.

**Free English classes at library**

Anyone in the community who would like to practice conversational English is invited to come Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through April 16. Classes will be held at the Alachua County Public Library Millhopper Branch, 3145 NW 43rd St. Contact [info@latinawomensleague.org](mailto:info@latinawomensleague.org) or 352-262-6601 with any questions.

**Author presents new book**

At noon Wednesday, the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will host author Billy Townsend for a presentation about his new book, "The Age of Barbarity: The Forgotten Fight for the Soul of Florida." The event will be held in Pugh Hall, Room 150. Townsend's book chronicles the rise of racial conflict in the wake of World War I and Prohibition, which pitted white against black and Protestant against Catholic. This period saw acts of great violence against racial and religious minorities. The event is free to the public. For more

information, visit [oral.history.ufl.edu](http://oral.history.ufl.edu) or call 352-392-7168.

**Pledge 5 Foundation Foto Frenzy**

Foto Frenzy is an annual picture scavenger hunt geared toward UF students. From 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, teams of up to five students can compete to take the best pictures next to landmarks on campus. The team that uploads the most pictures before the two-hour time limit wins. Each member of the winning team will win a cruise for two to the Bahamas. In order to participate, students must pledge five hours of community service at a Pledge 5 Foundation service social. Visit [www.fotofrenzygainesville.com/](http://www.fotofrenzygainesville.com/) or [www.facebook.com/events/443570285696292/](http://www.facebook.com/events/443570285696292/) for more information.

**Got something going on?**

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to [jglum@alligator.org](mailto:jglum@alligator.org). To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

**CORRECTION**

An article in Friday's issue of the Alligator incorrectly stated that the woman involved in Chris Rainey's arrest felt what she thought was her cellphone in his pocket. The police report does not specify whose cellphone it was.

The Alligator strives to be accurate and clear in its news reports and editorials. If you find an error, please call our newsroom at 352-376-4458 or email [editor@alligator.org](mailto:editor@alligator.org).

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## .. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

Jan. 17, 1974

A UF engineering professor began research to develop a hybrid mass transit vehicle. Vernon P. Roan planned to buy a commercially available motor home and strip it down to meet his specifications. He hoped to develop a bus with little pollution and more efficient fuel use with the aid of his own generator set,

seats, safety system and decor.

Jan. 14, 1982

UF dorm residents faced rent hikes and possible relocation. UF Housing Director James Grimm expected dorm fees to increase by about 8 or 12 percent starting in the 1982 Summer semester. He also said the estimated 3,700 residents would take part in a lottery

to determine who would fill the 2,700 available spaces the following Fall.

Jan. 17, 1995

Children in need got a second chance at getting what they wanted for Christmas in the middle of January. Members of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar Association sponsored the Holidays in January program. Local merchants and businesses donated money and gifts for the children. About 130 children under the protection of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services benefited from the event.

Jan. 16, 2005

After a decade-long break from the celebration, the Reitz Union held a night of songs, sermons and rounds of applause in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. About 215 people attended the multifaith service, which featured the University Gospel Choir and UF President Bernie Machen. In the past, the holiday was commemorated in front of Tigert Hall with a simple sermon and free food from the Hare Krishna Student Center.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS



Alligator File Photo

Stevenson Charlot, a UF freshman, marches down Waldo Road on Jan. 17, 2005 to honor the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

## LOCAL MLK celebration wants residents to dream on

JEWEL MIDELIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Some dreams can last more than a lifetime.

The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration began on Sunday night and will continue until Jan. 22, with some events lasting after the holiday.

The nine days will feature guest speakers, a youth talent show, a drug abuse and AIDS awareness program, a spelling bee and, of course, celebrations honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Rodney Long, president of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Florida, said this year's festivities will focus on the activist's life and celebrate his birth.

Long said the youth oratorical contest is one of the new events this year. He said the contestants' speeches focus on what King's dream meant to them.

On Tuesday, the oratorical contest and gospel concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Ignite Faith Center, according to a press release.

Throughout the week, many of the events will take place at the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center, located at 1028 NE 14th St.

An educational workshop about the sealing of court records will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, followed by the Black History Cultural Brain Bowl and Spelling Bee on Thursday at 6 p.m., according to the release.

On Friday, a youth talent show will begin at 7 p.m., and on Saturday,

an awareness program about violence, drug abuse and AIDS will begin at 10 a.m.

Sunday and Monday will both feature events

throughout the day celebrating the life of King and his dream through commemorative programs, marches, gospel programs and awards ceremonies.

"These events are important because Dr. King and countless others paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives so America could progress," Long said. "It is now time, especially for young people, to commemorate his life and celebrate his birth."

For more information about event dates and times, visit [www.multicultural.ufl.edu/programs/mlk\\_celebration/city\\_events](http://www.multicultural.ufl.edu/programs/mlk_celebration/city_events).



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## Volunteer projects honor MLK

University of Florida students will continue an annual tradition to recognize the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. by doing two hours of community service in the Gainesville area Jan. 21.

UF will not hold classes that day to recognize the birthday of the slain civil rights leader, but about 200 UF and Santa Fe College students will be volunteering at various nonprofit organizations such as UF's Natural Area Teaching Laboratory, the Edible Plant Project and the Boys & Girls Club. Specific tasks will vary by service site but include yard work and painting.

Group registration starts at 7:45 a.m. and individual registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Gator Wesley Foundation, 1380 W. University Ave. A light breakfast and snacks will be provided. Service work

will be completed between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers can then return to the Gator Wesley Foundation for lunch and reflection at 11:30 a.m.

After the service event, volunteers are invited to join the UF and SFC MLK Team to participate in the Annual King Celebration Commemorative March, starting at 1 p.m. in Bo Diddley Plaza in downtown Gainesville and continuing to the MLK Multipurpose Center on Waldo Road. Participants and organizations are encouraged to march behind the University of Florida MLK Celebration

banner in a show of unity and support. There will be a shuttle available from the UF campus to the march's starting point. The shuttle will also be available to return to campus.



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"This will be a great opportunity for students and community members to work together doing something that will benefit our city," said Maria Munoz, coordinator of the event.

To register for the "MLK Day of Service" or to look for more events go to [www.ufmlk.org](http://www.ufmlk.org).

Other activity highlights this month include a performance of "Ain't I A Woman," a musical theater program celebrating the lives of four African-American women: novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston; ex-slave and abolitionist Sojourner Truth; folk artist Clementine Hunter; and civil rights worker Fannie Lou Hamer. It will be held at 9 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Rion Ballroom of the Reitz Student Union. Admission is free.

### "Pitfalls and Promises of School Choice and Accountability"

Thursday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m.  
Room 180  
UF Levin College of Law

Do school choice and accountability policies actually improve student outcomes? Northwestern University professor and education and social policy expert David Figlio will describe the conditions under which school choice and accountability policies are more or less likely to succeed.

Learn more at [www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu](http://www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu)

### Harn marks new year

The Harn Museum of Art will present a Chinese New Year Celebration at 1 p.m. Feb. 9.

This program is for all ages and includes a family-friendly docent tour. A donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per child is requested to do the art project.

### Doomsday interpreted

A national juried ceramic exhibition, "Phenomena of the End," examines doomsday interpretations through Feb. 1 in the Focus Gallery.

The gallery is in the main lobby of Fine Arts Building C. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Machen to speak at Reitz

President Bernie Machen will deliver the common humanities lecture, "All That and More: The True Purposes of College" at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 24 in the Grand Ballroom of the Reitz Student Union. It's free and open to the public. This is part of the humanities course, "What is the Good Life?"

### No issue next week

The print edition of InsideUF will not publish next Monday in the Alligator because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. It resumes Jan. 28. Items can be submitted to [insideuf@ufl.edu](mailto:insideuf@ufl.edu).

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## UF Calendar of Events

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## CRIME

# City of Gainesville invites public to tour facility of former jail

ALEX CATALANO

Alligator Staff Writer

Kella and Aiden Sowder didn't know rising before the sun would land them in the slammer.

But instead of sitting in solitary confinement, the 3- and 6-year-old siblings played with echoes and dusty chalkboards as they trotted along a public tour with their father, Fred Sowder, of the former Gainesville Correctional Institution Saturday.

In an effort to gauge the public's interest toward purchasing and using the former jail as a multipurpose community center, the City of Gainesville and other partners invited the public to take a tour through

the vacant buildings.

About 150 people attended, including City Commissioner Randy Wells, who said transforming the former jail can offer a place for job skill training, education and small business development.

"I think our responsibility is to address the values and concerns of our community," Wells said.

He said the city wants to purchase the 16-acre property and an additional 55 acres.

With the purchase, the facility would include an aquaculture pond, additional buildings, recreation fields and buffer lands, which can be used as a laboratory for forestry and agriculture projects.

Theresa Lowe, director of the Gainesville/Alachua County Office on Homelessness, prepared groups for the tour in the former prison's visitors center.

She said she could envision the facility used as a place for innovation, offering job hunting services, culinary classes, day care and shelter.

"When it's fully finished, I see it as a place where people can come to get empowered," Lowe said. "With this, we can lift people out of poverty. We can prevent homelessness, and if we can prevent homelessness, then we can end homelessness."

Lowe said part of the reason for holding a public tour was to get usage ideas but also to let citizens know what's going on in

their town.

Sowder, a vice chair on the city's Arts and Cultural Affairs Board, said an artistic renovation to the building could bring the old facility back to life.

"We could have artists paint murals and rehabilitate the buildings — spruce up the place, at the very least," he said.

Until the purchase, the former prison will remain vacant.

Wells said he hopes city and county residents will contribute to the project.

"We're very open to ideas that can help this community over time," he said. "We want to have a broad vision."

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## Bill proposes auto-voter registration

►THE BILL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER THIS SPRING.

SHAYNA POSSES

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Your car might not be the only thing that's automatic at your next trip to the DMV.

Democratic Florida Sen. Jeff Clemens, of Lake Worth, filed a bill Wednesday that would provide for automatic voter registration when eligible U.S. citizens complete a driver's license or identification card application, renew their license or change their address.

Employees will be required to notify each person that they are transferring their information to a new application or updating an existing record.

People who do not wish to register can opt out.

Through automatic registration, Clemens hopes to make the process less complicated for

both election supervisors, who he said spend too much time verifying registration information, and voters, according to a Florida Senate Minority Office press release.

The bill is expected to be discussed during the 2013 legislative session, which will begin March

5. Clemens could not be reached for further comment.

Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter said the bill sounded like an interesting idea.

However, she said she is concerned about automatic registration for state residents who have no contact with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

She said her office puts voter registration forms in places like libraries, Walmart and Publix to

reach these individuals, particularly those without computers.

"If the legislature is going to set up a way to have citizens automatically register to vote, they would have to set it up in a way that would make it accessible to everyone," she said. "This would be a first step."

Hannah Warshowsky, a 20-year-old psychology sophomore, said she thinks the bill will make a bigger difference in the community beyond the UF campus.

"There's never a point where it's too easy," she said. "This just sounds really efficient."

Alex Meckley, a 21-year-old family, youth and community sciences junior agreed, saying the bill will make registration more effective.

"I think registration should be easy because it's something that makes such a big impact on our society," she said. "I feel like people would be more prone to vote because they didn't have to do the extra work."



Clemens

## Board games, LARPing and craft sales drew students, fans



Becca Negron / Alligator

Amy Bradley, left, a 23-year-old UF alumna, and James Hamlin, right, a 19-year-old engineering and Japanese freshman, dressed up as Vocaloids during the second-annual SwampCon, a multigenre convention, this weekend at the Reitz Union.

## Shots are free for students

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according to the report.

She said it is impossible to predict when the flu will hit Gainesville. The virus is continuing to increase throughout Florida, and when it hits here, she said, it will spread fast.

As a way to prevent the spread of this viral infection, the Student Health Care Center has been giving free flu shots to students since September, Seemann said.

Although Morrison got a flu shot last year, he didn't get one this year.

"[The flu shot] was never presented to me as an option this time around," he said.

Seemann said students come in explaining how the flu has never hit them to the degree they couldn't move or go to class, but she said they got lucky.

"The flu is unpredictable," she said. "You never know how one strain [of the virus] is going to affect

you versus another."

Nursing student Katherine Behel, 20, got her shot in September. She said the nursing school requires students to get shots, but Behel would have gotten one anyway.

Anyone is susceptible to the virus.

"Not getting a vaccination, you put everyone around you at risk," Seemann said. "There's a long window where the virus is still contagious."

### Where to get flu shots:

The Student Health Care Center will have free flu shots in front of its building Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Alachua County Health Department will have two Flu Clinics at the Health Department, located at 224 SE 24 St., on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## SWAMPCON

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Who," said 30 percent of those attending were from outside of Gainesville. He said most people were UF and Santa Fe College students, as well as local high school students.

Wasserman said he was prepared to manage a younger crowd by having 18-and-older panels and checking IDs.

He said he was most proud of the tabletop board games in the Arredondo Cafe, his own contribution to SwampCon.

Chemical engineering sophomore Jon Martin and criminology sophomore Sterling Monroe, both 19, played Scattergories in the Arredondo Cafe before attending a History of Zombies panel. Martin said he found out about the convention online and enjoyed the costumes.

"They won't get the experience anywhere else," Martin said.

Vendors selling pins, posters and apparel filled the Reitz Union Colonnade. Larry Scott, 54, from

North Carolina, had a table on the colonnade for his store, Tiny-TopHats.net.

Scott gained much attention at the convention dressed as the Weeping Angel from "Doctor Who." He said the convention was his first in Florida.

"It's free, which is nice," Scott said. "There's lots of space, lots of room."

Telecommunication junior David Dulak and psychology junior Erica Orama, both 21, came to SwampCon to "people watch."

"I've never seen so many people dressed as different characters," Dulak said. "It's like Halloween all over again."

Dulak and Orama attended SwampCon both days and stayed until midnight. The pair met Fiol during SwampCon and attended panels together.

"I definitely feel less nerdy than I normally do," Fiol said.

"It's good to know we're not alone," Orama said.

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**ECONOMY**

# Target begins to offer online price matching for in-store items

**DEVON ABELMAN**  
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There's no need to worry about shipping prices for online items. Target is now price-matching items from Amazon.com and other retailers throughout the year.

The company announced a new policy Tuesday, saying customers will be able to receive lower prices on in-store items if they are sold cheaper on a competitor's website.

Accepted online competitor prices include Amazon.com, Walmart.com, BestBuy.com and Toysrus.com, according to a company press release.

Carrie Arnold, an executive team leader at the Target at 3970 SW Archer Road, said the store started using the program exclusively during the holiday season, which helped drive sales.

During the holidays, customers mainly used the program on video games and electronics, especially iPads, Arnold said.

The policy allows more options for price-matching, she said.

Customers must request the price match at a store's guest services desk, according to the release.

The model number of the selected item and the competitor's cheaper price must be legitimate, Arnold said.

"We have a special application to see if the price match is valid," she said.

Not worrying about shipping is a plus for Andre Ortega.

"I think you can get around shipping cost," the 20-year-old applied physiology and kinesiology junior said, "be-

cause that's the kicker."

Arnold said this is another way for Target to "continue to make this a one-stop shop" in Gainesville, and she expects local retailers to follow suit.



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Target announced Tuesday that it will be price-matching any items from competing retailers like Amazon.com. According to the new policy, customers will be able to receive lower prices on in-store items if they are sold cheaper online.

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Editorial

## May the Dork Be With You: White House responds to Death Star petition

You hear a lot of doom and gloom these days regarding the general strength and fortitude of our government.

There's, like, a ton of stuff going on behind closed doors, we're sure, that should make all of us slightly suspicious at all times. But if we walked around like that all the time, then we'd never get anything done.

It's best to not think about how weirdly powerful some people actually are. Every once in a while, though, the government does something awesome instead.

In November 2012, someone created a petition titled "Secure resources and funding, and begin construction of a Death Star by 2016."

The description: "By focusing our defense resources into a space-superiority platform and weapon system such as a Death Star, the government can spur job creation in the fields of construction, engineering, space exploration, and more, and strengthen our national defense."

It earned a total of more than 34,000 signatures. That many signatures (at least 25,000 in 30 days) means the president's office will take a look at it. And, boy, did it.

The title of the White House's response: "This Isn't the Petition Response You're Looking For." Right away we're in love. It was written by Paul Shawcross, Chief of the Science and Space Branch at the White House Office of Management and Budget. Real dorky.

The response lays out some pretty logical points about why the government can't just build a Death Star.

"The construction of the Death Star has been estimated to cost more than \$850,000,000,000,000,000. We're working hard to reduce the deficit, not expand it. The Administration does not support blowing up planets. Why would we spend countless taxpayer dollars on a Death Star with a fundamental flaw that can be exploited by a one-man starship?"

"If you do pursue a career in a science, technology, engineering or math-related field, the Force will be with us!" Shawcross wrote. "Remember, the Death Star's power to destroy a planet, or even a whole star system, is insignificant next to the power of the Force."

Good on you, Shawcross. He simultaneously tried to foster a healthy connection with the "Star Wars" fandom while he attempted to inspire the next generation of scientists.

"We don't have a Death Star," said Shawcross, "but we do have floating robot assistants on the Space Station, a President who knows his way around a light saber and advanced (marshmallow) cannon, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, which is supporting research on building Luke's arm, floating droids, and quadruped walkers."

Let's take ourselves as seriously as the government takes itself; take a scary amount of criticism, then apply a light layer of whimsy.

### Reader response

**Today's question:** Have you gotten a flu shot?

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## SON of a GATOR

by Andre R Frattino



### Column

## Loganville woman jumped to the gun

We can learn a lot about the problematic illusion-making tendencies of the discourse on guns by analyzing a recent news story from Loganville, Ga.

You may have heard about it: A lady was hiding in her attic from a burglar with her two kids and her Saturday night special when he used a crowbar to bust in on them. So she did what she had to do. Next thing you know, the creeper with them two feet who came a-creepin' like a black cat do is on the floor full of .38 holes.

There's an important aspect of this story I need to draw attention to at this point because it perplexes the hell outta me: He didn't mean to violently intrude upon this family.

The guy shows up knocking at the door, ostensibly to sell them some encyclopedias or crowbars or something.

No answer. So he rings the doorbell a bunch of times, and instead of answering the door or somehow asking him what he wants, they hide and call the cops!

Now that he's satisfied that no one is home, he begins liberating the family's belongings in the name of the proletariat. Like any good burglar, he's thorough, working through every room in the house until he eventually reaches the attic.

He opens the door, and suddenly a relatively harmless cat burglary becomes a violent home invasion.

Those with a pro-gun stance paraded this story as an example of why passing gun control legislation would be worse for America than a gay marriage between President Barack Obama and Michael Moore held on the steps of the Capitol where both tuxedos are made entirely from marijuana and birth control pills.

Self-defense is a legitimate thing; there are certain human instincts that encourage self-preservation rather than lengthy reflection and discussion of motives.

Or as Lao Tzu so wisely wrote, "Shoot first, ask questions later."

The problematic part of how this scenario played out is not what she did in the heat of that moment. I just want to know why she didn't, you know, answer the door in the first place.

C'mon, you gotta at least open a window and ask the dude what he wants!



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Obviously I'm not saying she deserved to have her house broken into.

You can try to justify her in hindsight by saying, "Well, he just got out of jail in August, and he's been arrested six times since 2008, so she had a right to be scared of him." But she couldn't have known that!

Unless the news left out the part where he yelled about his time in Folsom or the fact that his T-shirt said, "Ask me about jail!" there wasn't a real reason for her to be scared of him initially, other than the same reason she bought the gun in the first place.

She's been so conditioned by the stories of murders and home invasions that populate the evening news that she immediately went into xenophobia-induced panic mode as soon as someone whose appearance was mildly threatening intruded into her comfort zone.

This lady is being rightfully praised as a hero for protecting her family in the face of danger.

From all appearances, this guy was trying to find an EMPTY house to break into. If she had initially responded proactively by confronting him when he was a random, annoying guy hanging around ringing the doorbell incessantly, there's a nonzero chance he would've just made up some excuse and moved on.

Instead she acted in an inexplicably irrational and paranoid way. Now he's badly wounded, maybe dying, and her kids had to watch their mother repeatedly shoot a man while he begged her, crying, to stop.

Maybe guns are good, maybe they're bad, but this story should've never gotten to the point where they were involved.

Sometimes it's easier to ask someone just what the hell they think they're doing rather than wait for them to do it.

Dallin Kelson is an English senior at UF. His column runs on Mondays.

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

UWire

## Is our government – Congress – broken?

If the question sounds dramatic, allow me to elucidate. The most recently adjourned congressional body, steeped in fringe politics and partisan interests, could barely perform its fundamental civic duty of voting on and passing laws. It was the most inefficient and unproductive Congress ever, compromising the least to consider the fewest bills while enacting even fewer — many of which were routine or mundane matters like reapproving administrative procedures or formally naming post offices. Meanwhile, the U.S. Postal Service hangs on the brink of bankruptcy.

A Senate that is constitutionally sanctioned to form its own rules and procedures has embraced obstructionism to influence lawmaking in the form of the filibuster. So long as someone keeps talking no one has to worry about actually passing laws. The Senate does not have to do its job.

Congress allegedly serves ordinary citizens in matters of law, but our representatives have focused mostly on promoting themselves, kowtowing to deep pockets and special interests in a perpetual effort to stay in office.

Lobbying has become an extensive industry with a revolving door plainly situated between the public and private sectors.

Even if a cabal of billionaires were ultimately unable to purchase the presidency for their fanatical free-market darling, it is no less assuring that President Barack Obama's greatest financial supporters — including Hollywood and the banking industry — benefited from considerable tax breaks embedded in the recent Band-Aid legislation addressing the "fiscal cliff." Meanwhile, taxes increased for just about everyone while essentially nothing was done to curb an unsustainable, decade-long federal spending spree.

Tax breaks for corporations are one thing, but exoneration for clear criminal activity is another entirely. I could face life in prison for distributing cocaine just once at Dartmouth. British bank HSBC knowingly helped Mexican drug cartels launder billions of dollars through the U.S. banking system

**Adam  
Mehringis**  
UWire

over the course of a decade. The Department of Justice slapped the bank with a hefty fine but refused to pursue criminal charges, citing fears of destabilizing the global financial system.

First they were too big to fail. Now they are too big to jail.

While innocent moviegoers and schoolchildren are gunned down, our nation defers to a vaguely worded passage in a 200-year-old document, as if our nation's founders had prophesied the development and proliferation of lethally accurate, high-powered hunting rifles when crafting the Bill of Rights.

Maybe instead of jury-rigging legal arguments to stay in line with some constitutional precedent, we need to reconsider the Constitution itself.

I acknowledge that mine is an audacious suggestion. To be clear, I fully appreciate the ingenuity of our founders' creation and do not propose a complete overhaul. But the idea that the social, cultural and political environment in which our Constitution was created would yield solutions that remain eternally relevant in an increasingly complex and interconnected world is absurd. The Founders may have known this. Article V allows for the ratification of individual constitutional amendments, and more radically, the formation of a constitutional convention to propose and enact multiple amendments at once.

The need for such a convention and a comprehensive reformulation of a systemically problematic political system is inevitable. That may come two or two thousand years in the future, but in light of recent events, the conversation is warranted right now.

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Guest column

## 'Nerd' isn't so negative any more

I wasn't particularly popular in grade school. Consumed with academics, I disengaged from the social hierarchy, not consciously, but because there were always other things to worry about. I floated around the social ladder but never stayed on one rung too long.

In grade school, there were fewer social niches to inhabit, and accruing popularity points was a full-time job. In middle and high school, everyone was keenly aware of where everyone else fit in the social landscape, and they were lying if they told you otherwise. Everyone was dying to reach an imaginary social ideal built by the students. Perception was everything.

College has been a breath of fresh air for me.

I have many friends who classify themselves as nerds, and they all seem to report the same feelings: The majority of grade school was a criminal waste of time and a frustrating crapshoot. College is less isolating, more rewarding and generally a better place to be.

Of course, there was the occasional teacher who made things worthwhile, but in general, the monotony of American schools brings no end in misery for the classic nerd.

For the nerd, self-achievement is everything.

In his 2003 essay, "Why Nerds are Unpopular," Paul Graham explains that nerds don't just want to be smart and do well in school.

"[I wanted] to design beautiful rockets, or to write well, or to understand how to program computers," he wrote. "In general, to make great things."

"You have no idea the hell I climbed out of to come here," an acquaintance humored me on his admission to the Computer-Based Honors Program at the University of Alabama. He was a quirky, intelligent guy whom I often spotted eating alone in the dining halls my freshman year. He was a natural introvert, and he liked it. He could do what he pleased in college, pursuing a major he loved within a culture that rewarded difference and ingenuity.

There is more of an incentive to be a hardworking, motivated, intellectually engaged, self-directed student in college.

"Nerd" is no longer a derogatory term. Preferring knowledge to social dominance is not a bad thing. For the nerds, it does get better. You just have to wait it out and have enough self-confidence to find your niche.

*Tarif Haque is a columnist for The Crimson White at the University of Alabama.*





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## LIFESTYLE

## E-readers may be popular, but print books are here to stay

MARJORIE NUNEZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

When it comes to e-readers, the consensus on owning a device is that it's convenient.

But convenience may not be enough to wipe out print books forever.

According to a 2012 report from Bowker, a worldwide provider of bibliographic information, print books are here to stay despite the increase in popularity of e-book readers such as the Kindle, iPad and other tablets.

The Bowker study showed that in America, 4 percent more women use e-readers than men.

A study published from the Pew Research Center in 2012 showed that 72 percent of American adults during the previous year had read a print book, compared with the 17 percent of adults who read e-books.

It also reported 81 percent of respondents said they prefer to read print books with children.

About 70 percent said they prefer to share physical books with other people.

Although readers can hold their entire book collections on one device, Jan Fronk, owner of Book Gallery West, a new and

used bookstore located in the Millhopper Shopping Center, said her customers still enjoy reading physical books.

"What people keep telling us is that they love the feel of having a book in their hands," Fronk said.

Kristen Zych, a 22-year-old physics senior, said she bought a Nook Simple Touch so she could read "A Feast for Crows," the fourth book in a seven-part series. At 1,104 pages, it weighs a pound.

"I didn't want to carry around this series of books," she said.

Celina Rodriguez, a 20-year-old biology junior, said she bought a tablet to use for class.

She uses it as an e-reader on long car rides because she can travel with a lot of books and no bulk.

Though she reads on her tablet often, Rodriguez said she also enjoys reading print books, especially books by some of her favorite authors, J.K. Rowling and Chuck Palahniuk.

"You read books to not be on the computer," she said. "I think print books will never go out of style. They have been here forever."

Casey Robbins, a 24-year-old clerk at Book Gallery West, said she owns two e-readers but does not use them often.

She only uses the devices for periodicals and books she can get for free.

"People that read both are way more prevalent than people who only read e-books," Roberts said. "Books will be here well into the future."



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Brendan Barraclough, a 23-year-old first-year medical physics graduate student, sits on the Plaza of the Americas and reads Stephen King's "Dreamcatcher" Wednesday.

## Hobbyists show off personal collections at annual event

▶ ABOUT 1,500 ATTENDED.

NATHALIE MCCRATE

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Kristopher McCullough hovered over a table crowded with "Star Trek" figurines, model spaceships and DVDs.

Clad in a maroon and black Voyager uniform, the 35-year-old Subway employee recalled his 10th birthday, when he received his first Star Trek item: a model of the Starship Enterprise.

Since then, his passion for the

series has only grown. On Saturday, McCullough shared his collection with thousands of people at the 34th Annual Collectors Day at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Tiffany Ireland, education assistant for the museum, said about 1,500 people attended Saturday's event, where more than 60 hobbyists laid out their collections on tables.

From chess sets to bonsai plants to brass toasting forks, each presenter had his or her own reasons for collecting.

For John Puckett, collecting business cards is not only a hobby but

a passion. The 65-year-old retired Lowe's Home Improvement employee said he has been collecting cards since the mid-1960s.

*"Everyone's trying to come up with a card that people won't throw away."*

John Puckett

business card collector

Puckett's extensive collection includes cards fashioned out of metal, wood, leather and plastic. He also has a blue-and-white Microsoft card from Bill Gates and a gold-embossed card from Donald Trump.

Puckett said he likes to see how people's minds work and how creative they can get with their card designs.

"Everyone's trying to come up with a card that people won't throw away," he said.

At one point, Puckett said, he had more than 1 million cards, which led him to downsize his collection to 400,000 cards. Puckett cautions aspiring collectors to be sure they are comfortable with the items they plan on collecting.

"It's like getting a tattoo," he said. "Make sure you really want to

collect it because you're going to be stuck with it."

Some collections can start entirely on accident.

One day at work, Puckett's wife, Cindy Puckett, 60, displayed a purple hippopotamus on her desk. Overzealous co-workers thought she collected hippos and began bringing her purple hippo pillows, bath toys, key chains and tape dispensers, John Puckett said.

"Now, it's gone out of control," he said. "You'll think you have everything purple hippo, but then another one will show up."

## UF offers new master's for social media professionals

JENSEN WERLEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's College of Journalism and Communications is one of the first schools to debut a new master's program focused on social media.

Spiro Kiouisis, director of distance education at the journalism school, wrote in an email that factors such as industry demands, student desires for the subject and UF's strengths in digital communication and research went into the decision to start the program.

The online program takes as little as 18 months to complete. It is aimed at working professionals, so that they can take what they learn and apply it to their current job.

Recruitment for the inaugural class began earlier this month, Kiouisis said.

Applicants should have two years of

relevant professional communications experience, a 3.0 undergraduate GPA and three letters of recommendation, among other requirements.

Classes start this summer and last 12 weeks.

Students can take up to three classes at a time, according to a program brochure.

Students in the program can choose to graduate with a certificate or master's degree in social media.

Steve Johnson, who teaches social media reporting, said journalists could use social media to create content, or they could aggregate information about their audience.

Although the program is designed for professionals, Johnson said recent graduates could also benefit from the classes.

"Social media is nothing new," he said. "Technology is the new part."

## School of Ants citizen science project comes to UF

▶ ABOUT 1,000 SAMPLES HAVE BEEN SENT TO UF.

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writer

Students might want to invest in bug spray. The nationwide School of Ants has come to UF.

The ant school relies on citizen science, a project where people all over the country collect data from their own backyard to send to experts for review.

Andrea Lucky, head of the School of Ants and assistant research scientist in the UF Department of Entomology and Nematology, said about 1,000 samples have been sent to the school, which has helped monitor new species and see if they are expanding.

Lucky said more than 100 people have gotten involved with the project.

"A lot of people have responded by getting interested in critters that live in and

around their yards," she said. "Some people have been responsible for discovering new ranges for problematic species."

Since Lucky took a position at UF in Fall 2012, the original ant school, based at North Carolina State University, will now share its headquarters at UF.

"It's important to know that anyone can participate," Lucky said.

Sampling ants involves placing Keebler Sandies Pecan Shortbread cookies traps outdoors in green spaces for an hour. After gathering data and sacrificing the ants by freezing them overnight, the kits can be mailed to UF for identification, according to the School of Ants website.

To get involved with the School of Ants, people can visit [www.schoolofants.org](http://www.schoolofants.org).

Contact Alexa Volland at [avolland@alligator.org](mailto:avolland@alligator.org).



Lucky



Javier Edwards / Alligator

### To Sleep, Perchance to Dream

Two-year-old Rickey sleeps in his mother's arms as she stands at an altar at Spirit of Faith Christian Center on Sunday. Its services are held each Sunday in the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The ministry hopes to build its own facility called the Dream Center in the future.

## App enables Internet-free research

► **BROWZINE IS AVAILABLE AS A TRIAL UNTIL JAN. 31.**

### EVAN WALKER

Alligator Staff Writer

UF is trying out a new iPad app, free to students, that could make academic research a far less cumbersome experience.

BrowZine, available as a trial for all students and faculty until Jan. 31, lets its users browse, sort and save scholarly and peer-reviewed articles on the go. Once retrieved and saved, an article can be accessed without the need of an Internet connection.

"Depending on the feedback, we'll stick with the service," said Denise Bennett, a librarian at the Marston Science Library.

Anyone who has the app is given a link to the survey. It can be accessed directly at [www.guides.uflib.ufl.edu/browzine](http://www.guides.uflib.ufl.edu/browzine).

BrowZine is sold only to institutions, and UF is one of about 20 colleges currently

testing the service. Others have already become subscribers since its release in October, including Loyola University Chicago, University of Minnesota and Johns Hopkins University.

"So far, feedback has been positive," Bennett said.

The trial period ends this month, after which it will be decided whether UF will become a subscriber.

The service most favors people who are familiar with using scholarly articles on a regular basis.

"We can't really foresee undergrads getting much use out of it," Bennett said, "only staff and research fellows, people who have specific journals and like to follow them."

Such is the case for Fiona Foley, a first-year law student.

"The mobility would change how I can do research, if they have the right journals," she said as she hefted the edge of the book on her Library West table and let it fall.

Foley doesn't own an

iPad, but there are plenty of journals available through the service.

Kendall Bartsch, CEO of Third Iron, BrowZine's developer, said there are currently "more than 2,000" published journals accessible via the service, and thousands more will be added by the end of January.

When rental iPads become available in Library West, Foley could be the one to install the app, as there are no explicit plans to preinstall the program on the Library West iPads. Whether renters can sync the saved articles on a shared device or even install it themselves is up in the air because the terms of the iPad rental agreement are still being determined, according to the Library West circulation desk.

BrowZine is currently only available through the official Apple App Store. Bartsch said an Android version is in the works and slated for release by the end of March.

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by Chris Richcreek

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- Four players who started their major-league careers in the 1970s played in four decades. Name two of them.
- Name the only Michigan State player to be taken No. 1 overall in the NFL draft.
- Between 1956 and 2000, only one player 6 feet 3 inches or shorter won an NBA Most Valuable Player Award. Name him.
- Name the NHL team that allowed the fewest goals in an 82-game season.
- Of the nine NASCAR Chase for the Cup playoffs through 2012, how many drivers have made at least eight of them?
- In 2012, Serena Williams became the second woman to have won all four of tennis' Grand Slam titles along with Olympic singles gold. Who was the first?

**Answers**

- Jimmie Foxx (213) and Al Simmons (216) did it for the 1932 Philadelphia A's.
- Rickey Henderson, Mike Morgan, Jesse Orosco and Tim Lincecum.
- Defensive end Bubba Smith, in 1967.
- Bob Cousy, in 1957.
- New Jersey allowed 164 goals in 2003-04.
- Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Matt Kenseth and Tony Stewart.
- Steffi Graf completed her "Golden Slam" in 1988.

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## Florida's upset bid falls short in overtime

►NO. 9 TENNESSEE WON 78-75.

PHILLIP HEILMAN

Alligator Staff Writer

Coach Amanda Butler had her team on the brink of upsetting No. 9 Tennessee on Sunday afternoon, a victory that would have represented arguably Florida's biggest win during her tenure.

She then made her most critical mistake of the game in overtime.

With less than half a minute remaining in the extra period and the score tied at 75, Butler instructed Carlie Needles to foul Tennessee's Kamiko Williams, sending her to the free-throw line.

Williams, a 64 percent free-throw shooter coming into the game, made 1 of 2, giving Tennessee a one-point advantage with 24 seconds remaining.

*"Even though [Tennessee's Kamiko Williams] only hit one, it still was a bad decision. ... She was one of their weaker free throw shooters, and sometimes, you just have a feeling."*

Amanda Butler

UF coach

Despite two chances in the waning seconds, Florida (13-5, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) could not score and its upset was thwarted in a 78-75 loss to the Volunteers on Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

"It was one of those calculated risk sort of things, and it was a bad decision," Butler said after the game. "Even though [Williams] only hit one, it still was a bad decision. ... She was one of their weaker free throw shooters, and sometimes, you just have a feeling. If I had it to do over again, I'd trust our defense."

Christin Mercer had the opportunity to

offset Butler's miscue but missed two free throws with nine seconds remaining.

Following two made free throws by Tennessee's Bashaara Graves, Kayla Lewis'

three-point field goal attempt to tie hit the front of the rim as time expired.

"We're not satisfied at all," Needles

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Kristi Camara / Alligator

Coach Amanda Butler reacts to a play during Florida's 78-75 overtime loss to No. 9 Tennessee on Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

## Forward steps up for Gators amid injuries

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Staff Writer

The Gators were already playing a man down in Baton Rouge, La.

Redshirt senior guard Mike Rosario didn't dress in No. 11 Florida's 74-52 win against LSU on Saturday due to a sprained left ankle he suffered during Wednesday's 77-44 win against Georgia in the O'Connell Center.

*"I just told those guys at half-time that [Casey Prather is] not coming back in."*

Billy Donovan

UF coach

But with less than two minutes left in the first half, the Gators lost another player.

After Kenny Boynton missed a three with 1:46 left in the half, Casey Prather jumped up to grab the offensive rebound, landed and barely beat the shot clock with his layup to put Florida up 25-20.

Prather then hobbled down the court and hunched over to grab his left ankle when he got there.

Prather struggled to get to the sideline during the timeout, until he was assisted

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## Senior guard becomes third-leading scorer in school history

### Boynton scored 20 points in Saturday's win at LSU

LONDON WATNICK

Alligator Writer

Kenny Boynton continues to shatter UF scoring records.

Two games after breaking Lee Humphrey's record for career three-pointers at Florida (290), Boynton surpassed Erving Walker and Udonis Haslem on Saturday for No. 3 on UF's all-time scoring list with 1,782 career points.

The senior guard's team-high 20 points propelled No. 11 Florida (12-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) to a 74-52 victory against LSU in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center in Baton Rouge, La.

After making a free throw at the 3:16

mark in the second half, Boynton passed Walker (1,777 points), his backcourt partner for three seasons at Florida.

Then with 1:04 remaining, Boynton drilled a three-pointer to climb ahead of Haslem (1,781). Boynton now sits behind only Ronnie Williams (2,090) and Andrew Moten (1,930).

In 35 minutes against the Tigers, Boynton scored 20 points on 7-of-13 shooting and made 4 of 8 three-point field goal attempts. The senior guard also grabbed seven boards.

Boynton has averaged 17.3 points in the past four games. During five contests before the recent stretch, he averaged only 8.6 points on 25.5 percent shooting and a

12.5 percent clip from behind the arc.

"I put those games behind me," Boynton said. "Beginning of the year, I think it was more mental than anything."

Boynton sparked an undermanned



Boynton

Gators squad with 15 points in the second half. Redshirt senior guard Mike Rosario (left ankle) was inactive, and junior forward Casey Prather suffered an apparent high left ankle sprain at the 1:38 mark in the first half after grabbing an offensive rebound for a putback layup.

"I thought it was a gutsy game for our

guys, considering we have two older guys not playing in the game," coach Billy Donovan said. "(We were) really relying on six to seven guys to find a way to win on the road."

Said Boynton: "If I went down, I'd trust that my team would do it without me. It's really an effort thing with us."

During Florida's key 21-5 run, which put the Gators up 50-25 with 12:29 remaining, Boynton scored a layup and buried two three-pointers.

His 5-of-7 clip in the second half helped the Gators shoot 53.3 percent in the final 20 minutes. Florida went 36.4 percent shooting in the first half.

"In the first half, I thought we made a lot of poor decisions," Donovan said.

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Gymnast Kytra Hunter won the individual all-around title during Florida's loss to LSU on Friday in Baton Rouge, La. See story, page 15.

### Poll Question

Will Kenny Boynton break the Florida school record for most career points? *Vote online at [alligatorSports.org](http://alligatorSports.org).*

### Poll Results

Which departing junior will the Gators miss the most next season?

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Florida forward Will Yeguete (15) attempts a shot against Georgetown forward Otto Porter on Nov. 9 aboard the USS Bataan in Jacksonville.

## Yeguete grabbed game-high 13 boards in victory against LSU

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to the bench by Florida's trainers. After playing only 13 minutes, Prather was out with a high left ankle sprain.

"I just told those guys at halftime that Casey's not coming back in," coach Billy Donovan said. "We're basically down to six guys right now."

With the midgame blow to their front-court, the Gators needed someone to step up.

Will Yeguete answered the call.

Florida turned around a slow offensive start to record its third road win and first away from home in SEC play thanks to Yeguete's game-high 13 rebounds.

"I thought we won the game based on our defense," Donovan said.

"I thought our defense, our ability to defend the three-point line and then our ability to rebound the ball were keys in the game for us."

Despite shooting 0 of 2 in the first half, Yeguete led the team defensively by grabbing six boards. He stepped up his performance during the second half in Prathers' absence.

The junior finished the game with 10 points on 4-for-6 shooting in his 25 minutes on the floor, all while nursing tendinitis in his right knee.

Still, Yeguete's 13 boards helped Florida rebound LSU 53-34.

"It's so hard to find players that are really interested in doing all the dirty work, things that don't necessarily show up in a stat sheet, and you don't get a lot of atten-

tion for them," Donovan said.

"He's a great defender. He's a really good pick-and-roll defender. He's really, really good at rebounding the basketball. He's a great high-deflection guy. I tell him all the time how much ... I appreciate a guy like him, because the last thing I want him to feel is unappreciated."

Boynton also came through big for the Gators in the second half. After going 2 for 6 in the first half, Boynton finished the game with 20 points, seven rebounds and two assists.

Although Donovan credited Florida's defense with the win, Boynton still felt the Gators struggled in handling press defense.

"We know as a team that we got to get better at that," Boynton said. "That's a concern definitely regardless of if we got the win or not. I think we've got to do a better job of spacing the floor."

Television and radio broadcasts contributed to this report.

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### WILL YEGUETE 2012-13 SEASON AVERAGES (TEAM RANKS)

POINTS: 6.5 (7TH)  
REBOUNDS: 6.6 (1ST)  
ASSISTS: 1.1 (T-5TH)  
BLOCKS: 0.36 (3RD)  
STEALS: 1.0 (4TH)

## George re-injured shoulder, left game

**BUTLER**,  
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said. "This is a learning experience. This is just adding fuel to our fire because we've come up short twice against teams that we should have had different outcomes."

UF entered Sunday with a 3-44 mark all-time against Tennessee (1-9 with Butler as coach), but was in position for win No. 4 against UT.

Despite losing senior Jennifer George, who suffered a dislocated shoulder for the second time in three games, Florida traded punches with Tennessee (13-3, 4-0 SEC).

With 3:56 remaining in the first half, George's shoulder popped out and popped back in on its own. She did not return.

Trailing 64-59 with 7:09 remaining in the second half, Florida responded with a 7-0 run to take its first lead since 14:09 remained in the first half. Jatterra Bonds capped the

run with a layup and finished with a team-best 18 points in the game. She has led UF in scoring in all four conference games, averaging 18.8 points per game during the stretch.

Bonds had an opportunity to win the game in regulation but was unable to attempt a shot after losing her balance.

"We were supposed to have a quick screen, but we had a mix up or a misunderstanding," Bonds said. "It is what it is. You end up going to overtime, and that's what you get."

Butler, who has lost to Tennessee both as a coach and a player, missed on what could have been a program-defining victory.

Instead, it is simply another setback as Florida looks to continue moving forward toward greater legitimacy.

"We're growing; we're on a journey," Butler said. "It's a process, and this is a step in it. It's a painful process and a painful step in our process."

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## Boynton scored 15 in second half

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"We took some shots inside the lane that were very, very difficult. ... We just took some tough shots on the break. As we settled down there at the end of the first half, we got into a little rhythm and closed out with a little bit of a run."

*"As a team, we did a great job of pushing through fatigue. When they got after us, they started pressing. After they made their run, we did a great job of getting stops."*

**Kenny Boynton**  
UF guard

The Tigers (9-4, 0-2 SEC) clawed back with a 12-0 run to cut the Gators' lead to 13, but UF responded with an 11-2 run to put the game out of reach for LSU.

The highlight of Florida's run was a steal by Boynton, which led to a fastbreak, one-handed slam by the senior.

"As a team, we did a great job of pushing through fatigue," Boynton said.

"When they got after us, they started pressing. After they made their run, we did a great job of getting stops."

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Kenny Boynton (1) shoots during Florida's 58-40 win against Savannah State on Nov. 20 at home.



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Sophomore jumper Marquis Dendy competes in the long jump at the Gator Invitational on Jan. 22, 2012, in the O'Connell Center.

## UF wins six event titles in debut

► FLORIDA NOTCHED 17 TOP-THREE FINISHES.

**KATIE AGOSTIN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

On Saturday at the Crimson Tide Indoor Opener in Birmingham, Ala., freshmen Najee Glass and Arman Hall had to replace two members of the 2012 NCAA Championship 4x400-meter relay team who clinched Florida's first outdoor national title.

Glass and Hall came through with a win.

The two paired up with sophomores Hugh Graham Jr. and Dedric Dukes to grab the win with a time of 3:07.59, which is the second-fastest time in the NCAA for the 2013 season.

"Anybody who knows us and knows our program expects us to perform at a high level," coach Mike Holloway said. "When we're recruiting athletes, we don't recruit them to be successful when they're juniors and seniors. We expect them to come in and contribute right away, and that's what you saw with our freshman class

[Saturday]."

In addition to helping Florida win the men's 4x400, Hall and Glass finished the men's 200 meters in second and fourth, respectively.

Overall, the Gators had 17 top-three finishes on Saturday, including six event victories.

On the women's side, freshman Kyra Jefferson had the strongest outing of all newcomers.

After finishing second in her section of the 60 meters with a time of 7.47, Jefferson went on to run the third leg of the women's 4x400-meter relay. Jefferson teamed up with Lanie Whittaker, Destinee Gause and Ebony Eutsey to help the Gators take a second place finish with a time of 3:38.65, falling to Texas by only .43.

"I'm very proud of all of [the freshmen], and I think as a whole, the team performed at a high level," Holloway said. "I wanted to see some pride, I wanted to see some passion and I wanted to see execution. We had all of those [Saturday]."

While the freshmen may have stolen the spotlight during Florida's season opener, sophomores Ciarra Brewer and

Marquis Dendy dominated the competition in long jump. Brewer and Dendy swept the long jump titles for Florida with marks of 6.09m and 7.75m, respectively.

Cory McGee and Eddie Lovett shined for the juniors as they won each of their events.

While McGee is no stranger to competing in the 800 meters during the outdoor season, Saturday was her first time running the event indoors at Florida. McGee used a time of 2:09.01 to recover from a stumble and win the race.

Lovett, the two-time Southeastern Conference champion in 60-meter hurdles, carried over the success of his 2012 campaign by getting a win on Saturday. His time of 7.80 in the finals beat the rest of the field by a sizeable margin.

"For [Lovett] to run by himself and beat the field by that much, that was impressive and it's easily the fastest he's ever opened up (a season)," Holloway said. "Across the board, I was just very pleased with the effort and the focus of our athletes today."

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## Sophomore shines in loss to LSU

### Hunter won three events

**CHUCK KINGSBURY**  
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Florida's gymnastics team waited patiently for the final team scores Friday evening in Baton Rouge, La.

The final results went down to the wire.

No. 8 LSU topped No. 3 Florida 196.875-196.575 in the Gators' first dual meet against a ranked opponent.

Meets between the Top-10 Southeastern Conference teams are traditionally close.

Since 1995, less than half a point has decided 21 of the 36 UF-LSU meetings.

Friday night's meet was no different.

Heading into the balance beam exercise, Florida held a .25 advantage over its SEC rival.

However, uncharacteristic missteps by Olympian Bridget Sloan and All-American Marissa King resulted in Florida using a fall score for its final beam total of 48.775.

LSU's 49.325 floor exercise sealed a win by a margin of 0.3 points.

"Tonight will be a very positive learning experience," coach Rhonda Faehn said.

"Coming here, we knew that LSU is a talented team and

against any team in the SEC, especially on the road, you really have to hit if you expect to walk away with a win. For us to finish up with two falls on beam — that isn't going to get it done. Some things were absolutely amazing and some things were a little bit rough."

Faehn is certain the loss will only strengthen an already deep and experienced team.

*"This has put a bad taste in our mouths; and this is not the way we wanted to start our (SEC) season. But it is a stepping stone and it needs to be a step that we learn from as we look toward the end of the season."*

**Kytra Hunter**  
UF gymnast

"[The loss is] something that is going to be a positive where everyone on the team can look individually where they have to work harder and where they have to improve," Faehn said.

But on an evening full of blemishes, Kytra Hunter was locked in.

The sophomore standout pieced together an impressive early-season debut performance, recording scores of 9.9-plus in each of the four all-around

events.

Hunter, who finished ahead of the field in vault and bars with scores of 9.950 and 9.900, respectively, earned the evening's all-around event title with a score of 39.675.

She matched her college best on uneven bars to share the crown with LSU's Sarie Morrison.

Hunter just missed out on the floor title with a score of 9.925. LSU's Lloiminica Hall won with a 9.95 score.

Gators gymnast Mackenzie Caquatto won the beam title with a score of 9.95. Hunter was second with 9.9.

Hunter's sturdiness was on display from the get-go.

"She was competing with tremendous discipline and focus. Her vault, I could've given it a 10 — it was beautiful," Faehn said.

Aside from the individual accolades, Hunter stressed the importance of refocusing.

"This has put a bad taste in our mouths and this is not the way we wanted to start our (SEC) season," Hunter said.

"But it is a stepping stone and it needs to be a step that we learn from as we look toward the end of the season.

"We'd rather it happen now than later."

Florida's SEC schedule continues next Friday at 7, when the Gators host No. 21 Missouri in the O'Connell Center.



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Sophomore Kytra Hunter performs her beam routine in a dual meet against Ball State on Jan. 4 in the O'Connell Center. Hunter won the all-around title in addition to claiming the vault and uneven bars titles on Friday during UF's 196.875-196.575 loss to LSU.

**FIRE JOE MORGAN**

# Apathy hampering Florida women's basketball program

Florida's 78-75 overtime loss to No. 9 Tennessee was a wasted opportunity.

The Gators missed out on their biggest win since, well, the last time they beat the Volunteers — in 2009.

On a campus where the women's basketball program struggles to gain relevance and attention, a win against Tennessee would have meant the world.

Overcoming a nine-point deficit in the second half was not enough. Neither was pushing a Top-10 juggernaut into overtime.

Despite playing arguably its best game of the season, UF still lost.

Folks enjoyed playing "what if" for a couple of hours. Once the final buzzer sounded, they stopped caring. It was fun while it lasted.

Sunday's crowd of 2,609 was an anomaly.

Florida's 10 home games this season have averaged 1,055 spectators, which ranks next to last in the Southeastern Conference.

By five fans. The spotlight came and went.

The Gators never had a chance to win. The Volunteers are just too good.

Should facing just another SEC opponent be so daunting? No.

Should Florida celebrate a moral victory after losing a close game to Tennessee? Hell, no.

But in their current state, the Gators are stuck playing catch-up. It's hard to lead the pack with lackluster support.

In 2011, Florida's expenses for women's basketball numbered \$3,018,356, which ranked 29th nationally. Tennessee led the nation with expenses totaling \$5,892,060.

Logically speaking, the gap between the Gators and the Volunteers is not alarming. After all, the UT women's basketball program is a winning machine built by Pat Summitt, the greatest college basketball coach ever (Yeah, I said it. What are you going to do about it?).

Meanwhile, women's basketball is the only sport at UF that has not won a conference championship.

However, the main cause for concern is that Florida ranked ninth in women's basketball expenses among SEC teams in 2011. Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Texas A&M, Auburn, Arkansas, LSU, Georgia and Kentucky all spend

more than UF.

This is not a cry for the University Athletic Association to pour more money into women's basketball, but what Florida puts into the team speaks volumes. How much does the administration care about the sport?

When the Gators earned a bid in the 2011 Women's National Invitation Tournament, they played Florida Gulf Coast in Fort Myers.

In a tournament where homecourt advantage is earned through a bidding process, how in the world did FGCU outspend UF?

Seems ludicrous, right? Apathy is the most reasonable conclusion.

Given Florida's resources and its all-around success in sports, the futility of the women's basketball program should be embarrassing. However, despite whatever the administra-



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tion's attitude toward the women's basketball program may be, UF should still be better.

Butler is the fastest coach to win 100 games in program history, but does

reaching the NCAA Tournament twice in five seasons really warrant a contract extension?

Butler's predecessor, Carolyn Peck, was fired after leading the Gators to The Big Dance twice in five seasons. Why was Butler rewarded for producing nearly the same resume?

Anything other than March Madness should be considered a failure at UF. And no, the WNIT does not count as March Madness, so don't use that to champion Butler's cause.

Other small sports are winning SEC and national championships, and Butler received an extension for sneaking into last season's NCAA Tournament despite winning just four games against teams in the RPI Top 50.

Florida's loss to Tennessee was painful, and there are multiple parties at fault.

But as long as UF treats women's basketball as an afterthought and accepts middling results, the Gators will just have to be satisfied with coming close.

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Guard January Miller (3) fights for possession with guard Taber Spani (13) during Florida's 78-75 overtime loss to Tennessee on Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

**2011 Southeastern Conference Women's Basketball Expenses**

1. Tennessee - \$5,892,060
2. Vanderbilt - \$4,680,429
3. Texas A&M - \$4,374,121
4. Auburn - \$4,279,158
5. Arkansas - \$3,955,814
6. LSU - \$3,215,494
7. Georgia - \$3,176,461
8. Kentucky - \$3,073,218
9. Florida - \$3,018,356
10. South Carolina - \$2,993,399
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