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Mayor Craig Lowe delivers State of the City address

He spoke to about 100 people

KELCEE GRIFFIS
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Mayor Craig Lowe discussed job creation, public safety and Gainesville's future at the annual State of the City address Wednesday afternoon.

Lowe spoke to about 100 people inside the Hipp cinema, 25 SE Second Place, summarizing the city's improvement in the last year.

Lowe said 2012 was characterized by breakthrough business partnerships, which brought jobs and innovation to the city.

"Our collaboration with the private sector was a major highlight of the past year," he said. "I firmly believe that we have left behind any ideas of a business-unfriendly environment that have been suggested in the past."

The most notable partnership, he said, was information technology company Mindtree's decision to plant its first major U.S. development center in Gainesville, which created about 400 jobs.

He also mentioned Silver Airways' decision to relocate from Ft. Lauderdale to the Gainesville Regional Airport.

The move brought about 100 new jobs

to the city's east side, many offering yearly salaries of about \$50,000.

The relocation also expanded flight service from the Gainesville airport to three more locations.

He mentioned the negotiations with Mobiq, a mobile app developer that will potentially bring about 250 jobs with it to the area.

Lowe also praised the city's partnership with Regional Transit System that improved bus service, slashing wait times on routes in the city's east side.

He said further innovations for the east side included the city's partnership with the Alachua County Library District to add the first library branch at Fred Cone Park.

He attributed the city's success to the collaboration between citizens, businesses and local government.

"It's only by coming together that we will be able to build ... a sound economy," he said.

In light of the Newtown, Conn., shootings, Lowe said he looks forward to protecting Gainesville residents in 2013.

He said he recently met with the mayors of Blacksburg, Va., and Albuquerque, N.M., two cities that were struck with tragic shoot-

ings in recent years, to discuss public safety.

"What these discussions brought home to me is but for the grace of God, that would be

Gainesville – our city," Lowe said.

After the meeting, Lowe said, he rec-

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Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe speaks from a lectern to residents and city officials at the Hippodrome State Theatre during the annual State of the City address Wednesday.

Some birth control covered

KAITLYN PEARSON
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Britany Griffin has been taking birth control since August 2012. When she went to get it from Walgreens this month, her insurance company, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, no longer required her to pay the \$7 co-payment.

"I had no idea until I went to pick it up. I was shocked," the 18-year-old psychology freshman said. Because Griffin did not have a co-pay for her Mononessa, she felt like she was getting it for free, she said.

Although birth control and other contraceptives are not completely free, some private insurance companies cover the co-pay under their monthly premium.

New insurance plans were required to meet these guidelines by August 1, 2012.

However, for most women, it will go into effect this month because the new plan's coverage year begins in January, according to an article on www.raisingwomensvoices.net.

Katie Vogel Anderson, a clinical assistant professor at UF's College of Pharmacy and College of Medicine, suggested that women call the number on the back of their insurance cards to see if their plans cover co-pays.



Vogel Anderson

"The insurance plan is dependent on when the perk actually kicks in," Vogel Anderson said. "Although it can be frustrating to call, it really would be worth it."

Some insurance plans may be exempt at first, but the government

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UF student announces his City Commission candidacy

► THE ELECTION WILL BE IN MARCH.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL
 Alligator Staff Writer

UF building construction junior Alfredo Espinosa announced his candidacy today for the District 4 City Commissioner seat.

Espinosa, 20, will run against W.E. "Mac" McEachern and Gainesville Commissioner Randy Wells.

District 4 consists of most of UF's campus and areas north of West University Avenue.

Espinosa said UF encompasses a large part of the district.

"I'm running to give the University of Florida a voice at the table," he said.

His platform includes tackling crime, looking into high utility rates, cutting down traffic, helping the homeless and making the area a business-friendly environment.

"My goal is to make it very easy to thrive in this environment," Espinosa said.

He said that as a student, he is living in "the core of our district," adding that he would apply that perspective to the commission.

Wells, the incumbent, won the commission seat in 2010 when he beat Penny Wheat — a former Alachua County commissioner — in a runoff election.

"My goal is to make it very easy to thrive in this environment."

Alfredo Espinosa

District 4 City Commissioner candidate

According to Alligator archives, Wells said he would work to improve the relationship between the city and small businesses in his 2013 campaign.

McEachern, who is a former city commissioner, said he wants to bridge the gap between residents and the city, according to Alligator archives.

The election will be in March.

Contact Samantha Shavell at sshavell@alligator.org.

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Service trip info session

Bound for Peace 2013 is an international service trip in which volunteers aim to bring hope and empowerment to children affected by social injustice in Medellín, Colombia. Join them for an informational meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Reitz Union, Room 283. Contact service.trip.info@gmail.com with questions.

Free self-defense classes

Aikido and self-defense from Aikido of Gainesville at the Unified Training Center, 809 W. University Ave., is free to UF and Santa Fe College students and members of the community. Attendees will be introduced to Aikido basic techniques and philosophy. They will learn to take the balance of an attacker and use the physics of the body to maximize their advantage and escape. All instruction will be conducted by Sensei Tom Huffman and his senior students. Wear comfortable clothing that covers the legs, and bring a water container Thursdays from 7:20 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 352-494-7816 or email aikidokeithgnv@gmail.com.

OAS peer mentor applications available

The Office of Academic Support (OAS) offers academic and personal enrichment services to UF students. It primarily serves first-generation students and students considered economically, educationally or culturally disadvantaged. OAS peer mentors try to provide an encouraging environment for incoming students. Peer mentors help incoming first-generation students transition from high school to college. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday in Little Hall, Room 311. Visit www.oas.ua.ufl.edu/student-positions.aspx to access the application and browse a detailed description of duties.

Libraries celebrate Florida's Quincentennial

The expeditions of Juan Ponce de León in 1513 and 1521 opened Spanish exploration of what became the Southeastern

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United States and started efforts to bring Florida into Spain's colonial empire. To celebrate 500 years of Florida, the George A. Smathers Libraries will present the exhibit "Florida 1513 - 2013: A Quincentennial Commemoration" from today through March 15. The exhibit features a series of vignettes highlighting some of the changes in Florida throughout half a millennium. The exhibit showcases items from the collections of the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History including antique maps and historic photographs.

Pledge 5 Foundation service social

Pledge 5 Foundation will host its January service social at the St. Francis House Saturday. Volunteer to help the overall beautification of the St. Francis House, a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping homeless individuals rebuild their lives. Volunteers will meet at the Pledge 5 Foundation, 18b SW Second Ave., at 9:30 a.m. and will carpool to the St. Francis House. Some work will be outside, so please dress comfortably and appropriately. Afterward, go to EndZone to hang out with like-minded volunteers and enjoy free food and drinks. Visit www.pledge5.org for more information.

Black student leadership conference applications

Applications are available at the Institute of Black Culture and on the Application Clearinghouse website: www.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/Resources/ApplicationClearinghouse. The purpose of the conference is to provide current and emerging student lead-

ers with knowledge and skills to help them become more effective leaders on campus and beyond. Workshops will focus on topics ranging from professional etiquette to the complexities of leadership. Applications are due Monday, and the conference is Feb. 2. Conference attire is business professional. For more information about the conference, please email the IBC at ibc@multicultural.ufl.edu.

Toastmasters hosts open house, potluck

Talking Gators Toastmasters Club will host an open house and potluck on Tuesday. The meeting is from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room. 1031, 970 Natural Area Drive, east of the Performing Arts Center and museums. Bring food to share, or just attend and learn about Toastmasters, one of the oldest public speaking organizations. For more information, visit www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org/, or visit the Talking Gators Facebook page.

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CRIME

UF student robbed, police look for suspects

KATHRYN VARN
Alligator Writer

Gainesville Police is looking for three men suspected of attacking and robbing a UF student Tuesday night.

Shortly after 10 p.m., Gainesville Police responded to a robbery on Northwest 16th Street after a 21-year-old student reported to police that he had been robbed, said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

The student told police three men approached him as he walked down Northwest 16th Street, Tobias said. One of the men punched the student in the face and took his phone.

The men continued to attack the student and later fled west on Northwest First Avenue, Tobias said.

GPD and UPD officers and a police dog searched the area but could not find the men, Tobias said.

At 10:40 p.m., University Police sent a UF Alert to students, faculty and staff, describing the three suspects as 20-year-old black men. One wore a red shirt with black shorts. The other men wore white shirts and basketball shorts.

At 11:42 p.m., police sent another alert, which said they cleared the scene.

If you have any information about this case, contact GPD detectives at 352-393-7670 or text "GPDFL" plus your tip to 274637.

Contact Kathryn Varn at kvarn@alligator.org.

UF students host vigil for Syrian students

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More than 30 UF students gathered on Turlington Plaza to host a candlelight vigil for the dead and injured students of Aleppo University Wednesday night.

Sameer Saboungi, an 18-year-old UF international studies freshman, organized the event. The vigil, which was part of a movement at universities around the world, honored the more than 80 people who died at the university, Saboungi said.

"Everything was taken away from them. Their homes, their food, their water."

Riham Hamed
UF statistics senior

On Jan. 15, two explosions blasted an architecture building and a dormitory holding refugees while university students were taking their final exams, he said. Aleppo University is one of the largest universities in Syria, with about 61,000 students, according to Classbase, an online education information database.

"It could have been me," Saboungi said. "It could have been you."

Saboungi said he found the names of 23 victims through activist groups.

Basil Jandali, a 21-year-old third-year UF mechanical engineering student, read the names aloud as members of the crowd lit candles one-by-one to represent the fallen.

Suhaib Harraka, a former student at Alep-

po University, spoke at the vigil about his experiences in Syria. Harraka said Syrian secret police brutally beat and tortured his friends in response to their peaceful demonstrations about student arrests. After the secret police

came to his home looking for him, Harraka had no choice but to flee.

"Everything was taken away from them," said Riham Hamed, a 22-year-old UF statistics senior, "their homes, their food, their water."



Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

Renato Barreda, a 21-year-old UF history and political science senior, lights a candle in remembrance of dead and injured Syrian students during a vigil Wednesday night.

Florida Supreme Court justices to visit UF today

► THEY ARE HERE TO JUDGE A COMPETITION.

JENSEN WERLEY
Alligator Contributing Writer

All seven Florida Supreme Court justices will be at UF today to judge the Maguire Appellate Advocacy Competition.

The event, which is an exhibition for the American Bar Association competition, will be at 10 a.m. today in the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center courtroom. It is free and open to the

public.

The exhibition allows the two UF Moot Court teams that will argue in the regional competition to practice their arguments and get feedback from the Florida justices, said Bob O'Linn, a 25-year-old, third-year law student and publicity chairman for Florida Moot Court.

A moot court is a mock trial for an appeals case that has no witnesses or jurors. Instead, the team must argue the merits of the law, O'Linn said.

During their arguments, they

must field questions from the justices. At the end, the justices will give their opinions on the case.



O'Linn

The teams will compete in the regional competition—with the same case from today — Feb. 14 in Las Vegas.

The case involves whether a police officer can be held liable in a lawsuit. Team members will argue

whether the actions of an officer in a fictitious case were within the limits of his or her job.

"It's a great opportunity to showcase skills in front of the UF community and legal community and to hone arguments," O'Linn said.

Mary Adkins, the team's faculty adviser, said it was an accomplishment that all seven justices were coming to the exhibition.

"They are usually busy listening to real cases in Tallahassee," she said.

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UF student to open for 'American Idol' winner Kris Allen

► **TICKETS ARE \$14 AT THE DOOR FOR THE 8 P.M. HIGH DIVE SHOW.**

DEVON ABELMAN

Alligator Contributing Writer

A UF student will take the stage before an American Idol winner tonight.

Rachel Pearlstein will open for Kris Allen at High Dive at 8 p.m. A set by Jillette Johnson will follow before the season-eight star plays. Tickets are \$14 at the door.

Tonight will be the second time Pearlstein, who goes by Rachel Rose on stage, performs in Gainesville at a paid gig. The 20-year-old sociology junior played at the Swamp Restaurant in Fall.

Her Swamp debut was impromptu.

While 32-year-old singer Jamie Davis took a break during his set one night, Pearlstein asked Davis if she could fill in, saying, "I promise I don't suck."

Davis let her play, and he later referred her to a Glory Days Presents promoter, Pat Lavery, when he started looking for an acoustic opener. Lavery took the suggestion and contacted Pearlstein.

Pearlstein said she never watched "American Idol," but she knew who Allen was when she received the news that she would open for him.

Pearlstein was so excited that she had to pull over while driving so she wouldn't crash, said Jordan Weber, a 19-year-old psychology freshman.

"It's exciting to think that people like my music and really enjoy my voice,"

Pearlstein said. "It's great singing into a microphone or hearing the sound of my guitar amplified."

Pearlstein will perform with her guitar, which she started playing at 13.



Allen

"I always loved how the guitar sounded in songs," she said, "and I wanted to be able to do it with my singing."

She said she started playing Taylor Swift songs, but her style evolved during the past year. Her favorite covers to play are Fleetwood Mac's "Landslide" and Tracy Chapman's "Fast Car."

"I usually don't play my originals for people," she said. "I usually play a lot of

covers because I like kind of making a new version out of a well-known song."

The singer/songwriter transferred to UF after attending Yeshiva University in New York.

Pearlstein said she wanted to be in a warmer state, which helps inspire the nature-centered songs she likes to write outside.

"Most of my songs aren't about guys or heartbreak," she said, "especially my older songs."

Sarah Levin, a 19-year-old UF animal science freshman, said Pearlstein sings "to be peaceful."

"It gets her out of the daily problems," Levin said. "I feel like that is what a lot of singers strive for — to get out of their head — and she already has that."

LOCAL

'Ridiculous' wins, 'keelhaul' is a word

NICOLE ZAKRZEWSKI

Alligator Contributing Writer

The winning word was "ridiculous," much like the other words featured in the Alachua County Public Schools District Spelling Bee.

Nervous students and more-stressed family members filled the Kirby-Smith Administration Center Wednesday afternoon for the spelling bee.

The contest featured 39 participants ranging from fifth- to eighth-graders from 35 elementary and middle schools in Alachua County.

Onlookers learned definitions

and language origins of words varying from "desperado" to "keelhaul," words seemingly fit for an SAT vocabulary book. But it was contestant 31, seventh-grader Emma Porter from Oak View Middle School, who will represent Alachua County at the state spelling competition.

Porter, who is "12 and a half," said she studied for 15 hours for Wednesday's competition since she won for Oak View Middle School in early December.

Her youth leader, Sarah Higgins, 24, helped her study, although Higgins claimed that it was mainly Porter quizzing her on vocabulary.

After 22 rounds and 37 contestants eliminated, Aleandra Ro of Oak Hall School lost to Porter when she misspelled "regatta."

After winning, Porter celebrated with her family and mentor and exclaimed:

"I can't wait to tell my softball team!"

Porter will go on to the 69th Florida Times-Union Regional Spelling Bee in Jacksonville Feb. 16.

The winner also received prizes from local vendors, including a five-day trip to Camp Crystal Lake.

The spelling words came from the Scripps National Spelling Bee word list, said event coordinator Isabel Carter.

This was Carter's second year organizing the competition.

"This year was different," she said. "We are glad that a student within the public school district won this year. It has usually been homeschoolers."

The final four contestants were equally split between private and public school students.

Jenny Bunn, Carter's secretary, said this year brought an increased response in sponsors from last year, which was the first year the event was sponsored.

Businesses, such as Barnes & Noble, Conestogas Restaurant and Camp Crystal Lake, donated prizes to the contestants.

"Every kid is entitled to a reward," Bunn said.



David Carr / Alligator Staff

Seventh-grader Emma Porter, 12, spells the winning word during the 23rd round of the 2013 Alachua County Public Schools District Spelling Bee.

Other preventative services are offered under the act, too

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predicts that all insurance companies will be required to cover contraceptives within a few years, according to the website.

These contraceptives include the oral pill, Nuvaring, contraceptive implants, Depo shots, diaphragms, cervical caps and permanent contraceptives such as tubal ligation.

Over-the-counter options like condoms or the morning-after pill may be covered if a doctor prescribes them first, but abortions are not.

All brands aren't covered, but all contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration are covered.

Because specific birth control brands aren't covered, Vogel Anderson said women can choose to switch brands.

If a woman doesn't mind switching, she may be able to take advantage of no co-pay, but switching brands isn't as easy as picking up a different pack of pills next month, she said.

"Once you're used to a particular brand or formulation, it can take awhile for your body to get used to [a new prescription]," Vogel Anderson said. "Sometimes, the switch isn't always as easy as you might anticipate it to be."

The new act worked in Griffin's favor. Walgreens declined to comment on whether the number of birth control prescriptions the pharmacy filled fluctuated this month.

For women who might switch brands just to take advantage of these new perks, Vogel Anderson had one question: "If a co-pay is as low as \$6 or \$7, do you really care about not having a co-pay?"

Other preventative services covered under the act include an annual preventative care visit, a diabetes screening during pregnancy, annual HIV screening and counseling.

Lowe said biomass plant is a step toward reducing carbon footprint

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commended the Gainesville City Commission "establish a concrete position on sensible regulation to promote public safety."

Lowe also deemed the opening of a biomass plant north of the city this summer as a step toward "re-

ducing our community's carbon footprint."

He said it will "move us away from our dependence on dirty, out-of-state coal."

Evelyn Foxx, president of the Alachua County NAACP, attended the speech.

Foxx said she is pleased with the city's success attracting new

"UF is a flagship. We are very proud to have it in our community,"

Evelyn Foxx

president of Alachua County NAACP

job-creators to the area.

She said bringing jobs that don't require college degrees is a positive addition to a city that already val-

ues higher education.

"UF is a flagship. We are very proud to have it in our community," she said. "It does not, by any means, devalue education. That is still one of the most important things."

With city elections looming, Greg Johnson, a Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce board

member, said he felt Lowe's address focused objectively on the city's progress.

"I've been a witness to what has been going on, and this excitement about these things he's been talking about go beyond the politics and the election," Johnson said. "We're all excited about the business community."

Donations from police officer's funeral go to Humane Society

Jean-Guy Deffense adored his dogs

SHANNON KAESTLE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Marcia Wolf-Deffense lost her husband earlier this month, but she didn't want people to send flowers.

Instead, she asked them to donate to the Alachua County Humane Society.

The Deffense family has a strong love for animals — a love that compelled Wolf-Deffense, 45, to forgo flower donations at UPD Officer Jean-Guy Deffense's funeral Jan. 9.

Since the funeral, the facility has received about \$500 in his name, and that doesn't include online donations, said Amanda Burks, executive director.

Burks said taking care of an animal for 30 days costs the facility about \$350.

Wolf-Deffense said she wants the donations to go to the Alachua County Humane Society because it is a no-kill facility.

"We feel so greatly about no dogs being euthanized," she said. "That meant a lot to us."

The facility relies heavily on donations, Burks added. Its income consists of proceeds from its thrift store, donations and a minimal profit from adoptions.

Burks said she felt honored that the Deffense family decided to send donations to the shelter.

"We're really grateful that, in their time of hurting and need, that they would think of someone else, or animals, that need help as well,"

she said.

Wolf-Deffense said that her love of animals came from her husband.

She has two dogs, a greyhound-husky mix named Sugar, and a yellow Labrador retriever named Spice. She said they have helped

her heal since her husband died.

"I just feel like Jean is a part of them because we had such closeness with them," she said. "So, I hold them tight, and it's kind of neat."

The Deffenses' love of animals is well-known, especially among

UPD officers.

Sgt. Darin Gentry, a family friend who worked with Deffense at University Police, chuckled as he described plucking dog hair from Deffense's uniform in the past.

"Their dogs are their kids," he said. "Their dogs are their life."

Wolf-Deffense adopted Sugar from the Humane Society. She later acquired Spice from a resident at

her old job.

Sugar is a certified service dog, Wolf-Deffense said. She takes Sugar to Shands at UF to visit patients in the cancer and pediatric wards.

Wolf-Deffense said one of the most rewarding moments with Sugar happened when they visited a 10-year-old girl with autism. The girl had difficulty understanding emotions, and Sugar was there to help.

The girl hugged Sugar during that visit and later hugged her mom.

Wolf-Deffense said that was the first time the girl showed affection toward her mother.

"Sugar taught her that feeling of hugging and that it's OK to be close," she said.

Wolf-Deffense described the dogs' personalities the way a parent would describe a child: Sugar is intensely loving and independent, while Spice is the protector of the family.

While Spice is tougher, Wolf-Deffense said, he is still sweet. She said his favorite toy, an un-stuffed raccoon known as his gag-me toy, is one of his prized possessions. She said he enjoys swallowing and regurgitating it repeatedly.

The dogs' love provides Wolf-Deffense with inner strength, she said.

Sugar and Spice have given her a reason to leave the house and have comforted her during her grief.

"It's undying, unconditional love that I can't explain," she said. "I wish humans could be as unconditional as the dogs. This world would be a much better place."



Shannon Kaestle / Alligator

Marcia Wolf-Deffense, 45, plays with her dogs Sugar, 7, and Spice, 6, in the UPD conference room Friday. The Humane Society has received about \$500 in donations in memory of UPD Officer Jean-Guy Deffense.

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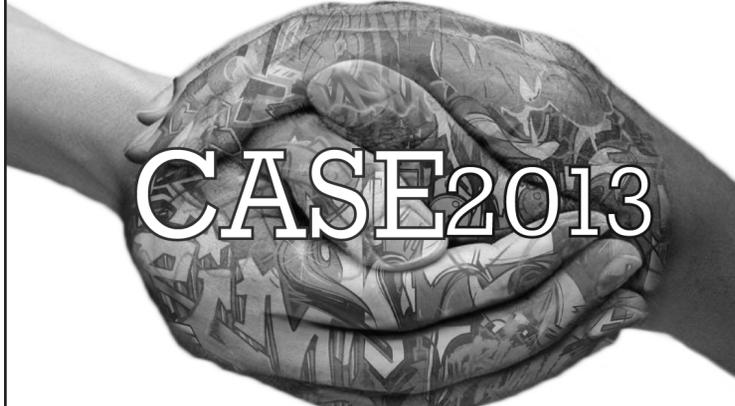
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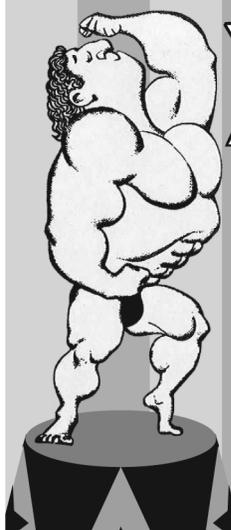
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Editorial

Women On War: Flipping the script one law at a time

WOMEN IN COMBAT!

Did we scare you? Did the idea of a woman near a battlefield send a shiver of fear down your spine?

Cool. Get used to the idea.

This week, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta will lift a ban that prevents women from serving in combat.

According to a report from the Associated Press, the reversal of the ban opened "hundreds of thousands of front-line positions and potentially elite commando jobs after generations of limits on their service."

"I can confirm media reports that the secretary and the chairman are expected to announce the lifting of the direct combat exclusion rule for women in the military," said a senior Defense Department official, according to ABC News. "This policy change will initiate a process whereby the services will develop plans to implement this decision, which was made by the secretary of defense upon the recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

That sounds like a bunch of mumbo jumbo jargon, right?

Basically, Panetta signed away a ban that will be fully lifted by 2016. Some of those new jobs and positions could open up this year, others may take more time.

Either way, what a great step forward for women. There's no reason anyone in military and combat situations should be shamed or looked down on because they are the "fairer sex."

We're about to finally pass the point where we have to keep proving ourselves able.

"Panetta also directed the services to examine ways to open more combat roles to women," ABC News wrote. "However, the ban on direct combat positions has remained in place."

An official announcement from Panetta's office is expected some time this week, and hopefully it will give us more details. Because that quote from the article seems to hint that women still aren't "allowed" in direct combat positions.

We want total equality. It shouldn't matter what sex or orientation a person is. "Women comprise about 14 percent of the 1.4 million active military personnel," the Associated Press wrote. We matter.

About a year ago, the Pentagon "unveiled a new policy that opened up 14,000 more posts for women in the military," according to an article on Slate. That decision was made before two female Army reservists filed a lawsuit "seeking to overturn the U.S. military's restrictions on women in combat, claiming it violated their constitutional rights."

They claimed the no-combat rule was based solely on sex and "violated their right to equal protection under the Fifth Amendment and 'restricts their current and future earnings, their potential for promotion and advancement, and their future retirement benefits.'"

There's no good argument to keep women off battlefields or out of leadership positions in the military. None.

It certainly seems like President Obama's administration is working toward equality on all fronts. Remember when he ended the "don't ask, don't tell" policy?

Reader response

Today's question: Do you use contraception?

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FAST TIMES

BY TANNER YEA



Column

Know and obey the Career Showcase rules

Google "how to find an internship," and you'll find a plethora of websites that offer a step-by-step, fool-proof formula to secure your dream internship.

They all say the same thing: Exaggerate your resume, change your Facebook name, dress in black, arrive early, shake hands firmly, fake a smile, talk confidently, ask three questions and send thank-you notes. If done properly and in that order, you get the job.

If everything we read on the Internet were true, we would all be interns at Google.

We've seen it happen. The super-confident guy who cuts you in line at Career Showcase and tells the recruiter how he single-handedly found a strategy that the University Athletic Association implemented to increase attendance and revenue for the women's basketball team.

Dude, you were in my group.

The internship search process is stressful and time-consuming.

Before an interview, you spend hours perfecting your resume, crafting the perfect cover letter and practicing answers to possible interview questions. You go into the interview room, do your best and confidently walk out with a good feeling. A week later, you get an email that says, "Thank you for your interest in [insert company]. Due to the high volume of applicants this year, we regret to inform you. . ."

By this point, I've learned that if an email doesn't start with "Congratulations," don't read it.

With Career Showcase fewer than two weeks away, upper-class students are starting to prepare for the big day.

Freshmen need not attend. Unless they are interested in a bag of chips from Frito Lay or a silver pen from Capital One — some of the free marketing items available from recruiting companies.

I went to Career Showcase my freshman and sophomore years. After I talked to a few recruiters, it was obvious I was not old enough to be considered for any of the positions offered.

When I first approached a recruiter, I gave her my resume, which still included high school leadership positions and awards.



Raksheen Ayaz
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She calmly said, "Sorry, honey. Come back in a few years when you're a junior."

Now I am a junior, which qualifies me to apply to more than 100 internships that will be handed out to the best students.

But finding an internship or a job at Career Showcase isn't that easy. The highly anticipated two-day event is very much geared toward business and engineering students.

With hundreds of companies and more than 5,000 students and alumni filling the first and second floors of the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, the place is very busy and cluttered.

Every student is wearing the standard attire: a crisp suit. I've had friends who spent more than \$200 on fitted suits, and others who borrowed their friends' oddly sized ones to share the same day. I've also had friends who have not attended because they didn't have a suit at all.

Anyone who has gone wearing jeans, or even khaki pants and a dress shirt, knows that recruiters will dismiss your capabilities and will not even look you in the eye.

There is no such thing as casual Friday or even business casual.

Once you are in professional attire, you have to decide which recruiters to talk to and how to start a conversation. For me, this is always the hardest part.

The typical conversation or "elevator pitch" starts by mentioning your name, class year, major and skills. You must sell yourself to a stranger.

You must convince him or her that you are better than the previous 100 students who very likely used the same line.

If you can garner their interest up to that point, congratulations, you got the interview!

Now you have another — even larger — set of rules to follow. Good luck!

Raksheen is an advertising and business junior at UF. Her column runs on Thursdays.

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MAKING THE JOURNEY

MICHAEL SCOTT DAVIDSON
Avenue Writer

UF-based electronic duo Bells and Robes wrote its first EP with an extraterrestrial odyssey in mind.

"Every song we tried to create a world," the pair's melody producer, Luke Sipka, said Sunday, drumming his hands across a keyboard in his apartment behind Midtown. "If you really listen, there's a lot of ambience in the background. We've had a lot of people tell us it's head music."

The apartment — filled with synth pads, speakers and boxes of the friends' shared 500 vinyl-record collection — is where Sipka, a 22-year-old UF telecommunication senior, and percussionist Dean Spaniol, a 21-year-old UF sports management junior, spent the last six months producing "Failing and Dreaming," a 20-minute sonic expedition into psychedelic electronic music, which releases on SoundCloud Friday.

The UF fraternity-brothers-turned-experimental-electronic-duo agreed to produce the EP June 20, the first day of the 2012 summer solstice.

But by Dec. 21, the start of winter solstice, Sipka and Spaniol abandoned the first two tracks.

"Failing was a big part of our concept," Spaniol admitted. "We had trouble finishing songs."

At first the two aimed to emulate popular electronic music, he said. Replicating poppy but simple beats seemed like a reasonable task.

Spaniol was involved in percussion for almost 10 years. Sipka trained in jazz piano for 10 years. In high school, he worked for a year as a pianist at Santioni's Cucina Italiana restaurant on Fleming Island.

But the two got stuck trying to perfect sections of tracks for weeks at a time, Spaniol said, only to lose sight of their original idea.

"It was very disjointed," Sipka said. "But it did have this vibe about it that you were in space floating."

Tired of scrutinizing their songs into oblivion and with the midday sun sinking lower on the horizon every day, the duo started laying down tracks for "Failing and Dreaming" with one principle: "first instinct, best instinct."

"It's getting into that state of flow," Sipka said. "You're on the edge of not knowing whether it's good or bad, but it's just there."

Writing in the morning and searching for samples online at night, Sipka and Spaniol sometimes mixed for 15 hours a week.

"We just didn't want to hesitate," Sipka said. "We just wanted to get our ideas out there."

In addition to releasing its EP this winter, he said, Bells and Robes teamed up with Tokyami Fish&Kicks clothing brand. Sipka and Spaniol produce the company website's music and will star in a music video for the brand that will be released this year.

With "Failing and Dreaming" behind them, the duo decided January is "Hip-Hop month." Bells and Robes has four tracks of old school beats, Sipka said. He's not worried that the new sound is a far cry from the psychedelic roots of their last project.

"This was the kind of stuff we were inspired by as we were making it," he explained. "I guarantee the next EP we put out won't sound like this EP."

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"Failing and Dreaming" is an eclectic collection of rumbling bass lines and upbeat synth paired with warm acoustic ele-



Courtesy to the Alligator / Vanessa Varela

Luke Sipka, a 22-year-old UF telecommunication senior, and Dean Spaniol, a 21-year-old UF sports management junior, make up the electronic music duo Bells and Robes.

ments. Robust melodies of horns, violins and reggae-style organs — dubbed "the world's sounds" by Bells and Robes — give the 20-minute set a playful side that contrasts with the dark electric attitude of its lower-pitched tones.

The vibe of the five-track concept EP is unpredictable and, at times, downright bizarre, but in all the right ways. Full of ambient vinyl-record samples, echoing percussion and changing time-signatures, "Failing and Dreaming" shows influence from L.A. beat scene bands like Flying Lo-

tus and Beats Antique, but hints of inspiration from bands like Gorillaz and Radiohead are also apparent.

The friends' producing talent is obvious from the moment listeners press play, but Spaniol really shines in the percussion powerhouse track "Astral Rain," a number that sports a complex dancefloor rhythm under a lofty synth line.

Fans of pop-electronic music will find more comfort in "They Call Him Lixian." Sipka produced the track using a lost music scale

he found in an '80s composition book, but the track sounds like it could be the newest Bassnectar release.

Those seeking a few mechanical tracks of four-to-the-floor beats and brutal dubstep drops favored by artists like Knife Party or Excision won't find what they're looking for in this release. But if you're in the market for a thought-provoking journey in electronic music, "Failing and Dreaming" is a 20-minute trip into the proverbial rabbit hole worth taking.

Calling all 'average' students: win \$5,000 for being so-so

► THE DEADLINE IS FEB. 1.

MIKE LLERENA
Avenue Writer

Streeter Seidell, editor-in-chief of comedy website CollegeHumor.com, was an average student. He graduated from Fordham University without any academic scholarships.

"I wasn't good enough to get money, and I wasn't bad enough to get money," he said.

In support of other average Joes, CollegeHumor.com will host the first "Average

Student Scholarship Contest" to award two mediocre students \$5,000 toward their tuition. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

"Getting straight A's was not what I needed in my life to confirm that I was a functioning member of society," said Seidell. "A lot of it was born out of that. I remember when I was getting into colleges and applying for scholarships, I didn't get any because I wasn't that good or that bad."

Seidell said CollegeHumor is managing the contest without an outside sponsor.

The application process requires a student's basic personal information and a written argument that supports his or her average qualifications. The essay must be no



Streeter Seidell

longer than 1,000 words and may be accompanied by photographs or videos.

"I think it's a good idea to have something like this," said Kelsey Jenkins, a 19-year-old UF public relations sophomore. "Overachievers are always going to apply for scholarships, but you want to have some like this to motivate average students. It could help to bring people from a good level to a great level."

According to a news release, the Colleg-

eHumor editorial staff will select the two winners based on "a combination of academic averageness, humor and originality."

"This isn't CollegeHumor's grand critique on society," Seidell said. "Mostly, we just thought it was funny because no one else was doing it. At the same time, it feels nice to make some random kid's life that much easier."

Participants must be 18 or older and enrolled at a four-year college or university.

Winners will be announced and featured on the CollegeHumor website in early February. For more information, and to enter, go to www.collegehumor.com/average-student-scholarship-contest.



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UK dance company kicks off 'Scattered' tour

▶ ABOUT 1,350 TICKETS WERE SOLD.

STEVEN KATONA
Avenue Contributing Writer

"Scattered," a dance production that features high-energy choreography and incorporates fluid music and film, kicked off its United States water-themed tour at UF Saturday.

The Phillips Center for the Performing Arts buzzed as the dancers of Motionhouse, the United Kingdom-based dance company, took center stage to begin the premiere.

For Artistic Director Kevin Finnan, who is also co-founder of the company, water plays a crucial role in life as well as in his dance production.

The performers interact and dance with a curved projection screen wall that is about 14 feet tall, similar to a skateboard half-pipe. A video played on the wall as dancers slid, climbed, and crawled all over it to the beat of water-themed music.

"The entire music soundtrack, film and dance are all knitted together. So at the beginning of the show, we press play, and the dancers have to know where they are the entire 70 minutes of the show — to the second — in order to interact with the film. They have to know the show inside and out," Finnan

said.

There were times during the show when the dancers hung from the top of the set, frozen in time like ice. Then they began to melt, turning into water dripping down the curved screen.

In another scene, a dancer battled an upward current of rushing water. She struggled to climb against a vicious tide, battling not only the stream of water but gravity, too.

"What I saw was a very artistic way of describing how life works — how people are stuck in emotion," said Ralph Lamonge, an 18-year-old UF health science freshman. "The way they incorporated water into their presentation and movements was pretty amazing."

Ashley Forrester, a 20-year-old UF dance sophomore, was mesmerized.

"Just the physicality of it and how they just empower you to move. It was unreal," she said.

Forrester said the dancers joined UF's modern dance and composition dance classes earlier in the week to have some one-on-one time.

More than 1,350 tickets were sold for the performance, and the Motionhouse dancers were more than excited to start their first U.S. tour at UF.

"It's a complete thrill," Finnan said before he and his dance team did the gator chomp and walked off the stage to continue the U.S. tour, which will travel to 17 more locations. "Go Gators."



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Spring into Style
Sheer blouses and cuff bracelets are popular trends for spring. Ingenu Avenue and Persona Vintage offer local takes on the trend. Read the story at www.Alligator.org/the_Avenue.

music

'Long.Live.A\$AP': No. 1 on the chart, not in our hearts

BROCK SENG
Avenue Writer

Sex. Money. Drugs. These recurring themes in rap music return in A\$AP Rocky's debut studio album, "Long.Live.A\$AP," a follow-up to his 2011 mixtape, "Live.Love.A\$AP."

The album was released last week, although many fans got a hold of it when it leaked about a month ago.

"Long.Live.A\$AP" topped the Billboard 200 albums chart, selling 139,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan and Billboard.com.

The name of the album is about as clever as the lyrics in it. It's the same rehashed rap music you hear on the radio every day. It's as if rappers completely gave up.

The song "PMW (All I Really Need)," which stands for "P---y Money Weed," is the poster child for present-day rap.

As a whole, "Long.Live.A\$AP" sounds like A\$AP Rocky took a little bit of underground style, threw in some Lil Wayne-esque lyrics and called it a day.

It's not as if A\$AP Rocky is a bad rapper. He's actually good. His words flow fluidly, and the lyrics are poetic.

The problem is the lyrical poetry sounds like A\$AP Rocky took it from the pages of "Fifty Shades of Grey."

The only good verses on the album

come from the guest vocalists. Yet, the "big star" on the album, Drake in "F--kin' Problems," was an absolute failure. It seems he couldn't think of anything original for his feature, so he grabs a lick from an old Nelly song: "Drop down and get your eagle on."

The best song from the album, "Wild For the Night," which Skrillex produced, is full of good vibes and flows smoothly. Sadly, though, the song plays like an Odd Future ripoff, using a deep vocal modifier that sounds extremely close to Tyler, The Creator's therapist alter-ego from "Bastard" and "Goblin."

"Wild For the Night" isn't the only song to use the modifier, either. The album is flooded with it.

In the end, the album isn't technically bad. The production and beats are pretty close to perfect throughout, and A\$AP Rocky is a good rapper. At the same time, the album is bad. It's the same lyrics you've heard again and again.

If you appreciate good rap production, pick this up. If you're looking for something new, I'd skip this one, because "Long.Live.A\$AP" won't live long on top.



A\$AP Rocky

Mediocre Advice

This column is provided by Ariel Barnes, a 21-year-old majoring in international studies. Would you like to get some Mediocre Advice? Visit <http://mediocreadvicegators.tumblr.com/ask>



Ariel Barnes

Dear Mediocre Advice,
Why are people so stupid these days?

Dear Friend,
Everyone is stupid. The reason why we know this is due to the Internet. People are overconfident when they post things on Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and other who-gives-a-s--t media. A couple of decades ago, this wasn't an issue, because there was no social network to post mind-numbing stupidity on. Phones were the size of bricks. Where the hell did Zack Morris keep his dinosaur phone — his back pocket? His acid-washed jeans and ass were too tight for that. He wasn't able to tweet things like, "Damn, Kelly Kapowski is looking fine today. Does Bayside even have a dress code? #superfineallthetime" or, "loser in front of me doesn't own a shirt with sleeves. Get a haircut @ACSlater." Now, anytime someone has a meaningless opinion about anything, it takes seconds to put it on the Internet without a moment to ponder if what he or she posted was the dumbest thing ever thought. Twitter is a nightmare. Remember that time Bon Iver won a Grammy and hundreds of people thought he was a science teacher and that his name was Bonnie Bear? There needs to be at least a 12-hour period to consider what you are thinking and whether it is worthy to put on any social media site, because it's probably not.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
Why do birthdays suck so much?

Dear Friend,
Because it is the anniversary of your birth, you have naturally high expectations, and that's a problem. Some people think what happens on their birthdays is equivalent to the value of their life. False! The amount of people who tell you happy birthday, or even remember your birthday, does not mean anything. But if your parents forget, it's OK to cry. The significance of remembering birthdays is just like anniversaries. Just because your boyfriend forgot your anniversary does not mean he doesn't care about you. It means he doesn't remember the first time you guys had sex in the bathroom at the Outback Steakhouse. Don't make birthday plans a big deal. Never make a reservation for 20 people at a restaurant because you think you have 19 friends. Nobody has 19 closest friends they want to have dinner with. At least half of them will not show. It's awkward and crowded, and you really only get to talk to four people in hearing distance when the person you want birthday sex from is all the way at the end of the table. Don't even get me started on separate checks. Birthday plans should be simple. Spend the night with two to three people you can stand, and do something nice for yourself.

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Foodies unite at Gainesville Food Truck Rally

Six trucks will roll into town

MEGHAN PRYCE
Avenue Writer

Tyler Hale had maple gravy sauce dripping from his mouth and beard as he took a firm bite into his chicken-and-waffle slider, a crisp piece of chicken between two fluffy waffles covered in sauce. Hale, 24, of Gainesville, is a regular customer at the Pelican Brothers Food Truck.

"The chicken and waffles are a staple of American culture," he said. "Ever since my first chicken and waffle, I've never looked back."

Gainesville residents can look forward to this and other unique foods at Gainesville's first ever Food Truck Rally this Saturday at 7 p.m. in the High Dive parking lot, located at 210 SW Second Ave.

The free event is hosted by Pelican Brothers Food Truck and Glory Days Presents.

Chicken and waffles and the ghetto burger are constant items on the Pelican Brothers' menu due to their popularity, said Matt Holmes, 32, co-owner of the Pelican Brothers Food Truck. The truck's custom menu for the rally includes fried green tomato, bacon and cheddar biscuits, jerk chicken quesadillas, grouper tacos, sweet potato fries and s'more-style egg rolls. The s'more-style egg roll is a dessert made with marshmallows, graham crackers and deep-fried egg roll.

In addition to Pelican Brothers, other participating food trucks include Go Go Stuff Yourself, Grilled Cheese Wagon, Humble Pie, Off the Griddle and La Lola Loca.

Both vegan and vegetarian options will be available. High Dive will be serving drinks at its fully-stocked beer, wine and liquor bar outside.

Steven Che, a 20-year-old freshman majoring in dietetics, said street food is one of his favorite things in the world.

"I think food trucks offer a lot more variety, especially at a rally, because you can try one food truck and then another," he said. "At a restaurant, you're limited to just that one place."

Prices at the Pelican Brothers Food Truck range from \$3 to \$7. Holmes said if people plan on trying different foods, they should bring around \$15 to \$20.

Holmes said 2,050 people are invited to attend the event on Facebook, but he isn't sure how many people will actually show up.

Mike Riska, 30, co-owner of Pelican Brothers Food Truck and head chef at The Jones Eastside, said they are prepared for about 500 people to come out and eat.

La Lola Loca, a Latin American fusion food truck, will also be at the rally. It's well-known for its taco dilla, which is a quesadilla topped with the taco filling of choice, lettuce, tomatoes and a tangy chipotle aioli sauce.

According to the press release, the rally will be followed by a show at 9 p.m. with local bands.

There are a limited amount of free tickets for the show available at High Dive and from the bands. Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event for \$6.

"We are trying to build a scene with the rally and get the word out," Holmes said. "I hope that in five years from now we have 20 food trucks in Gainesville."



Melanie Brkich/ Alligator

Mike Riska, 30, of the Pelican Brothers food truck serves up a "Ghetto Burger" to a customer at the truck's late-night regular spot, the parking lot of High Dive in downtown Gainesville, Tuesday night.

Chomp and Chew: The juice on juicing

BECCA GOLDRING
Avenue Writer

We are almost through January, and gyms across campus are still packed with sneaker-clad New Year's resolutioners armed with water bottles and iPod "workout zone" playlists.

But if your health-related resolution was to eat more fruits and vegetables, juicing might be the perfect solution. Although it's probably not any easier than eating a fruit or vegetable whole, juicing might be a simple, more interesting way to include these necessary food groups in your diet.

An at-home juicer can cost from \$50-\$200, or pre-juiced cleanses from companies like Blueprint (\$55-\$75) can be delivered to your home. Below is a recipe for Green Juice that will provide calcium, vitamins and minerals, as well as aid in digestion. It may look gross, but it will taste delicious. Drink up!

Green Juice

From: What's Gaby Cooking

Ingredients:

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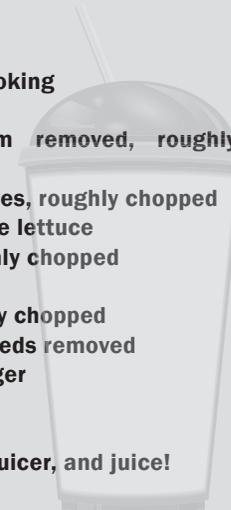
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators hope to boost tourney odds

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Coach Amanda Butler and the Gators are looking to make a second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

To accomplish the feat, Florida must follow the blueprint it created last season: consistently win against lesser competition and hold its own against the nation's elite.

Florida finished the regular season 19-12 a year ago and earned a No. 9 seed. Against teams that finished with an RPI of 50 or better, the Gators were just 3-11. But UF's consistent success against the rest of the country earned the team a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"We have to believe in each other, and we have to believe in a common goal."

Carlie Needles
UF guard

Florida was 16-1 against teams with an RPI worse than 50, finishing the season with the nation's 14th-ranked strength of schedule and an RPI of 41.

This season, results have been similar.

Butler's squad is just 1-5 against teams with an RPI of 50 or better, but the Gators are 12-1 against all other teams. Arizona State is the only team with an RPI worse than 50 to defeat

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JURNY DUTY

Linebacker right to leave

No one was surprised when defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd and safety Matt Elam announced their intentions to forgo their senior seasons and declare for the NFL draft.

No one criticized their decisions because both juniors excelled in 2012.

Floyd consistently demanded multiple blockers and closed gaps, while Elam was a gamechanger against both the run and pass. Both started every game for Florida.

Jelani Jenkins didn't.

He missed four games and left two others due to thumb, hamstring and foot injuries. Many have questioned his decision to head to the NFL early because of his injury-shortened junior season.

Shouldn't he come back to school next year and prove he can stay on the field all season?



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Despite these legitimate concerns, Jenkins made the right call.

NFL offenses are passing more than ever before. Tight ends are a major part of most of the league's best offenses.

Last season in the NFL, six tight ends finished in the top 30 in catches. Both Dallas' Jason Witten and Atlanta's Tony Gonzalez were in the top 10. Not among those six is New England's two-headed monster, Aaron Hernandez and Rob Gronkowski.

In 2002, Jeremy Shockey ranked 25th in the league with 74

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UF rebounds from slow start in win UGA led 27-24 at half

KATIE AGOSTIN
Alligator Staff Writer

ATHENS, Ga. — For the past four years, Georgia has put up a fight at home against Florida. Wednesday night was no exception.

In the Gators' past four trips to Athens, Ga., they only came home with a win once, defeating Georgia 104-91 in double overtime on Jan. 25, 2011.

Early in Wednesday's game, Florida looked like it was going to return to Gainesville with its first loss in Southeastern Conference play.

But thanks to a game-high 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting from junior Scottie Wilbekin, the No. 8 Gators (15-2, 5-0 SEC) defeated the Bulldogs (7-11, 1-4 SEC) 64-47 in Stegeman Coliseum.

"We knew they were going to come out with a lot of pride and a lot of passion with playing in front of their home crowd," Wilbekin said. "But I don't think we did a good job of being ready for how hard they were going to come out, and I think we did a better job in the second half."

The Bulldogs got off to a quick 6-0 start when their leading scorer, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, made a three with 18:11 remaining in the first half. Georgia's lead grew to 11-2, but Florida responded.

Starting with guard Mike Rosario's layup with 15:32 remaining in the first half, the Gators scored eight points in the span of four possessions.

Still, it wasn't enough for Florida to reclaim the lead.

The Gators had won their four SEC games by an average mar-

gin of 26.8 points but finished Wednesday's first half with a three-point deficit.

"In the first half they played harder than us," guard Kenny Boynton said. "Our intensity changed in the second half, and we got after it."

Wilbekin added: "We knew what happened last year, and we didn't want that to happen again, so we just tried to push through."

Florida came to life in the second half.

After leading the Gators with 13 points on 6-for-7 shooting in the first half, Wilbekin tied the game at 27 by netting a three with 18:59 remaining. Less than a minute later, Florida forced a turnover from Caldwell-Pope, and a Rosario three gave the Gators their first lead with 18:11 left in the second half.

"It felt like it was back to nor-

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Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Florida guard Scottie Wilbekin (right) dribbles past Missouri guard Phil Pressey during the Gators' 83-52 win against the Tigers on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.



Senior Bob van Overbeek made his season debut during Florida's 7-0 win against UCF on Wednesday night. See story, page 16.

Gymnasts win SEC honors

Ashanee Dickerson was named SEC Gymnast of the Week and Mackenzie Caquatto earned SEC Specialist of the Week. Dickerson won three event titles and Caquatto earned a perfect 10 on bars in Friday's win.

Gators in the NBA

Former UF center Joakim Noah scored 10 points and grabbed 18 rebounds in Chicago's 85-82 win against Detroit on Wednesday night.

Florida finished 3-11 against teams among the RPI top 50 last season

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Florida, doing so in a 74-58 victory in Las Vegas on Nov. 25.

Entering Thursday, Florida's RPI was 45, and the Gators ranked 37th in strength of schedule.

"We have to get it a lot lower than that," Carlie Needles said of UF's RPI. "We have to believe in each other, and we have to believe in a common goal."

Florida's blueprint makes tonight's game against Ole Miss at 7 in the O'Connell Center critical.

First-year Rebels coach Brett Frank inherited a nightmarish situation during the offseason.

Former Ole Miss coach Adrian Wiggins was fired on Oct. 22 after the school investigated allegations of impermissible recruiting contact and academic misconduct by two of his assistant coaches.

Ole Miss self-imposed a postseason ban this year after dismissing Wiggins as well as assistants Kenya and Michael Landers.

The Rebels have since stumbled to a 7-11 record, including a five-game losing streak to begin Southeastern Conference play.

Florida can ill afford to blemish its resume with a loss to Ole Miss. The Rebels have an RPI of 274 and have looked overmatched in conference play.

Needles said UF understands the importance of taking care of business at home but admitted the

Gators could be in for a battle despite the two teams' differing records.

"Even though Ole Miss hasn't won a conference game yet, they really have nothing to lose," Needles said. "That makes them a really, really dangerous team. They're just playing for each other, and that's really scary."

Butler refuses to label the matchup a trap game. She has spent the week imploring her team to prepare as it would for any other conference opponent.

"[The Rebels] are a team that plays fearlessly, and it probably is because they have nothing to lose. [Ole Miss] is really impressive with how inspired they are. We've got to handle our business."

Amanda Butler
UF coach

Despite Ole Miss floundering near the bottom of the conference, Butler knows one misstep could greatly damage her team's chances of earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

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Coach Amanda Butler watches during Florida's 52-44 loss to South Carolina on Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

Georgia is ninth team to score fewer than 50 points against Florida

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mal in the second half — like the way it should be," Wilbekin said.

After shooting 11.1 percent behind the arc in the first half, Florida made 63.6 percent of its threes on 7-for-11 shooting in the second.

The Gators outscored the Bulldogs 40-20 during the final 20 minutes.

Erik Murphy scored 13 points during the second half after being held scoreless in the first.

UF Men's Basketball

Florida's defense also improved in the second half, holding UGA to only one three-point attempt.

Overall, Florida allowed only 47 points, making Georgia the ninth team to score fewer than 50 against the Gators this season.

"You look down at the stat sheet, and they're shooting over 50 percent from three," coach Billy Donovan said. "I knew they were going to come out like that. I give our guys some credit. We made some adjustments in terms of guarding some pick and rolls, because I thought our coverage was a little bit late, and they hurt us in some of those situations."

Florida remains one of two teams in the SEC that are undefeated in conference play, which Donovan credits to Wilbekin's performance, the nine turnovers Florida forced in the first half and its defense in the second half.

"We probably should've been down by a much, much larger margin (in the first half)," Donovan said.

"I thought it was their nine turnovers and Wilbekin's 13 points that really kept us close in the game. ... "Our guys did an outstanding job in the second half defensively. That was key."

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receptions. He was the only tight end in the top 30.

Linebackers who are strong in pass coverage are at a premium because of the growing significance of the tight end.

Those coverage skills aren't going to abandon Jenkins unless he has to undergo serious knee surgery.

The broken foot and broken

thumb he suffered last season aren't likely to be chronic or recurring issues.

Jenkins made the right decision to leave college and avoid the risk of a career-threatening injury before his first payday.

"He's the best cover linebacker in college football today," ESPN NFL Draft analyst Todd McShay said in October.

"Great speed and instincts and anticipation in coverage. He's

picking the right time to go to the NFL with so much focus on being able to cover in the passing game."

ESPN ranked Jenkins the third-best outside linebacker in the draft and has projected him to be the second-best linebacker available after the first round.

With a good showing at the NFL Scouting Combine on Feb. 20-26, Jenkins could solidify himself as a second- or third-round pick.

Jenkins would have been taking a risk had he elected to return to a defense replacing two starters at the safety, linebacker and defensive tackle positions.

Unless several inexperienced players who are being thrust into starting roles show significant improvement, the odds are Florida's defense will regress at least a little bit in 2013.

Elam and Josh Evans wouldn't be covering ground behind Jenkins.

Floyd and Omar Hunter wouldn't be around to take up space in front of him.

Jon Bostic wouldn't be around to help Jenkins make the defensive calls.

Jenkins would have been forced to take on a significantly increased burden in keeping the defense on track.

Expecting his play not to drop off would have been unreasonable.

Although his final college season might not have been as fulfilling as he had hoped, Jenkins is doing the right thing by not giving it another try.

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Jelani Jenkins (3) returns an interception during Florida's 37-26 win against Florida State on Nov. 24 at Doak Campbell Stadium.

Gators being targeted by opponents after successful 2012

MAX MATTERN

Alligator Writer

The Florida lacrosse team flew under the radar in 2012, surprising the nation by winning the American Lacrosse Conference championship for the first time and making its first Final Four appearance.

Now, opponents have the Gators circled on their schedule.

"It's definitely really exciting, but it's also scary having a target on your back all the time," senior Kitty Cullen said. "We have now become one of the top contending teams."

Florida finished 19-3 in 2012 and only lost to top-10 teams. That success has generated high expectations for the No. 3 Gators in 2013: national championship or bust.

Florida coach Amanda O'Leary said that's the position she wants her team to be in.

"You always want to be in a position to win a national championship," O'Leary said. "That's what you are out here to do, and that's

what we do as coaches and players. That's our expectations."

The Gators' expectations are not typical for a program that began only four years ago. With a record of 45-15 in its first three seasons, Florida has earned elite status, and opposing teams have taken notice.

"It's exciting always having the target on your back," O'Leary said. "Every team is going to put their best effort forth when they play us, and I think that's a different feel for our team. But they're one to embrace that challenge."

The players are not only prepared to step up to the challenge, they have yearned for the challenge all along.

"If you don't have [a target on your back], you're not doing anything right," Cullen said. "You want to be a team that people want to beat, and you want to be a team that

people are scared of."

Florida will play the English national team in an exhibition on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Disney Sta-

dium.

Cullen believes that being a top-tier team is a perk of playing for the Gators.

"Being the University of Florida, we always have a target on our back, and it's kind of a cool thing," Cullen said.

UF Lacrosse



David Carr / Alligator Staff

The Florida lacrosse team takes a group photo after winning the American Lacrosse Conference tournament with a 14-7 victory against Northwestern in the final on May 5 at Disney Stadium.

UF TENNIS

Senior headlines dominant UF victory with first win of 2013

MAX MATTERN

Alligator Writer

Though the Florida tennis team kicked off its season Saturday, senior Bob van Overbeek had to wait until Wednesday night to get on the court.

In his first match of the year, he made a statement.

Van Overbeek won both his singles and doubles match as No. 12 Florida (2-0) secured a 7-0 win against UCF (1-2) at Linder Stadium.

Defeating the Knights' Jose Sangroniz in two sets 6-0, 6-1, took van Overbeek only 45 minutes.

The five other singles matches lasted an average of 1 hour and 18 minutes.

"Bob did a great job of being the catalyst for the team in his first match this season for us," coach Bryan Shelton said in a release.

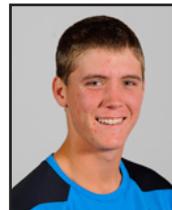
"I was happy to see him not only start the match well, but finish it off well. I thought overall we just played solid tennis and competed well."

Van Overbeek, currently ranked No. 51 in the ITA singles rankings, didn't have the fall season he hoped for.

He began the season ranked No. 17 in the nation and won his first three matches

before spiraling downward.

He went 7-6 the rest of the fall season. His last win without dropping at least four games was on Oct. 19, when he crushed FGCU's Dean Tsamas 6-0, 6-0.



van Overbeek

last season.

He played as the No. 3 singles player against the Knights.

Doubles was much of the same for van Overbeek. After switching between four different doubles partners in the fall, van Overbeek finished with a record of 3-5.

But by the end of the fall campaign, he had found his partner — junior Stephane Piro.

Piro and van Overbeek led the charge in doubles on Wednesday, beating UCF's Francesc Aulina and Jorge Blasco 8-1.

The Gators will be back on the court this weekend when it hosts the 2013 ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

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Jessica is there for Tom's wife and kids.

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