

Sophomore Taylor Gushue to fill void left by Seattle Mariners catching prospect, Mike Zunino, in new role behind plate. Read the story on page 14.



# UF class to attend Super Bowl media day today

## They will travel to New Orleans

**COLLEEN WRIGHT**  
 Alligator Writer

Six UF students will have the opportunity to attend media day at Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans today.

Jason Cole, an adjunct UF journalism professor, invited his sports reporting class to observe the media day with about 2,000 reporters from news outlets like ESPN, NFL.com and CBS.

"It's probably the biggest setting of media at one place at one time," he said.

Cole, who is also a reporter for Yahoo News, was able to get press passes for his students. He said students will get a tour of the media center, Radio Row — a gathering space for all attending radio stations — and have guest lecturers from radio, TV and online news outlets.

"They would be seen but not heard," he said.

Media day starts at about 9 a.m. today. Cole, who is not attending the event, said he would have class in the afternoon.

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**Jason Cole**

UF journalism professor

This is the second time Cole has offered to take his class to media day. In 2010, he invited his students to the Super Bowl when it was hosted in Miami. Cole said he invites his students when Super Bowls are hosted near Gainesville.

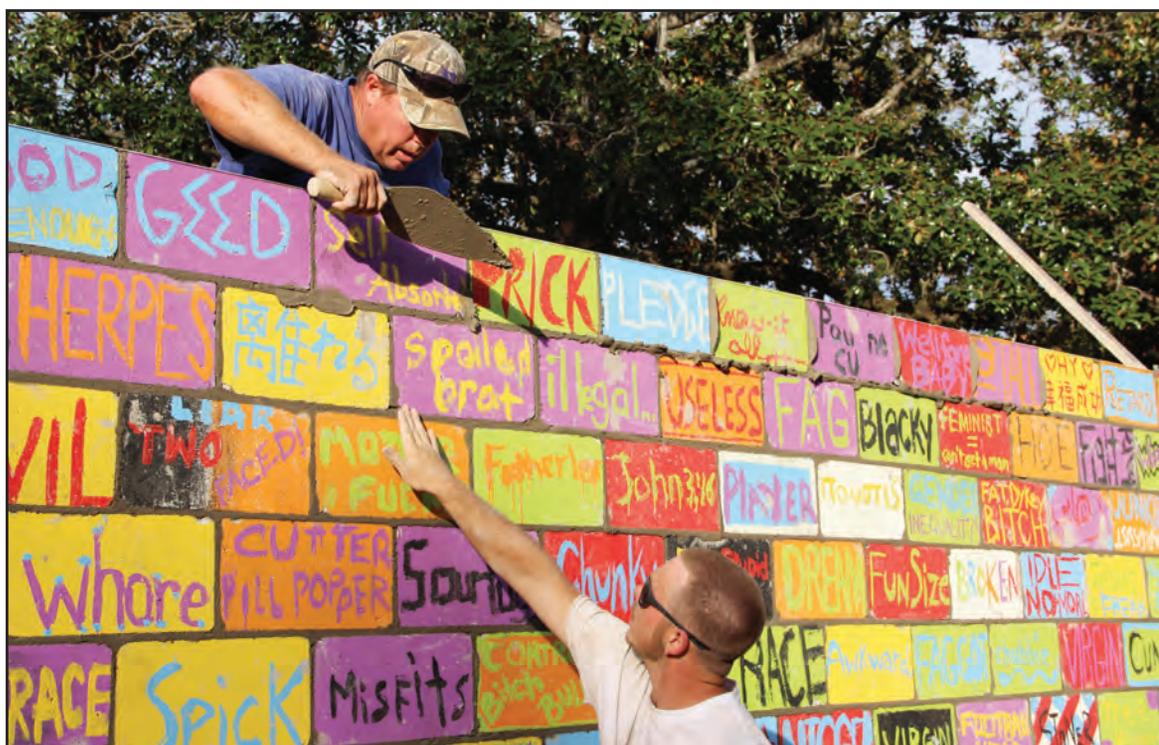
He said each student must make his or her own transportation plans but that he would cover the cost for a hotel with Marriott reward points.

"I'm pretty parental when it comes to that," he said.

UF journalism junior Caitlin Hartley, 20, said she carpoled with other students Monday.

"Not a lot of students would get this because we're lucky to have a teacher like Jason who covers the NFL," Hartley said.

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### Laid Together

Workers from Allan Spear Construction lay cement for the bricks in the Inter-Residence Hall Association's "Writing on the Wall" project. The closing ceremonies will be on the Plaza of the Americas on Friday.

# UF student arrested in Internet sex sting

**KATHRYN VARN**  
 Alligator Writer

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office arrested two Gainesville men and a UF student over the weekend as part of an Internet sex sting operation.

Deputies arrested Benjamin Wade Parker, Lance Thomas Kriete and Richard Lee Ashcraft III on felony charges, according to ASO arrest reports.

The sting was part of Operation Nightlight, an undercover online



Kriete

Friday night to an online ad, where he started talking to who he thought was the father of a 14-year-old girl.

During the conversation, Kriete allegedly wrote, "id love to help her

sex sting operation that started Thursday and ended Sunday morning," said ASO spokesman Lt. Todd Kelly.

Kriete, 20, of 13 Fraternity Row, responded Friday night to an online ad, where he started talking to who he thought was the father of a 14-year-old girl.

explore her body and what to do with older guys."

He later said to the father, "what if I told you id love to f--- the s--- of her?" according to the report.

The next night, Kriete drove to meet the girl and was arrested by deputies.

Deputies booked Kriete into the Alachua County Jail at 3:19 a.m. Sunday on a \$75,000 bond. He was later released just after midnight Monday.

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### I-75 CRASH

# On first anniversary, responders reflect on I-75 crash

**CHRIS ALCANTARA and KATHRYN VARN**  
 Alligator Staff Writers

It was in the early hours of Jan. 29, 2012 when Alachua County Sheriff's Office Lt. Todd Kelly received a call about an accident on Interstate 75 in Paynes Prairie State Park.

Even a year later, he remembers the scene vividly. The emergency lights flashing through the thick fog. The smell of deployed airbags, gasoline and smoke hanging in the air. The lines of wrecked vehicles stretching from one side of the prairie to the other.

"It seemed to never end," Kelly said. "The farther I went in, the worse it got."

On the afternoon of Jan. 28, 2012, smoke from a Paynes Prairie brush fire blanketed U.S. 441 and I-75.

Overnight, the smoke swirled with the early morning fog, causing the Florida Highway Patrol to close the roads after responding to several accidents due to drivers' limited visibility.

The FHP reopened the

roads a few hours later. But the crashes continued.

Shortly after 4 a.m., 911 calls started to pour into FHP from I-75, according to Alligator archives.

Soon, officials were dealing with a multi-car accident that eventually left 11 people dead and more than a dozen in the hospital, according to archives.

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the I-75 crash, an event that is considered to be one of the deadliest car accidents in the history of North Central Florida.

In the year following the crash, the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Forest Services and the FHP collaborated to make driving safer in the event that dense fog or smoke envelops the roads along Paynes Prairie.

The city installed cameras along I-75 to monitor the traffic and to send live images of the road to the Gainesville City Traffic Management System, said FDOT spokeswoman Gina Busscher.

The bigger changes, she

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## BNI opens local chapter

BusinessNetworkInternational, BNI, a networking organization specializing in the exchange of qualified business referrals among members, is opening a new chapter in Gainesville. Business professionals are invited to attend a kickoff breakfast meeting today at the City of Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center, 5701 NW 34th St., from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Please contact Jason Carr at 352-426-6784 to be added to the guest list. Seating will be limited.

## Hippodrome Cinema presents 'Gregory Crewdson: Brief Encounters'

Tonight at 7:15 p.m., the Hippodrome Cinema, in partnership with the Harn, will show "Gregory Crewdson: Brief Encounters." The documentary follows the acclaimed photographer as he begins a decade-long project. The Harn's curator of photography, Carol McCusker, will lead a talkback immediately after the film. Check [www.thehipp.org](http://www.thehipp.org) or call 375-352-HIPP for tickets, and visit the Hipp at 25 SE Second Place.

## RUB Entertainment Presents: actor Doug Jones

Best known for his roles as the Silver Surfer in "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" and the Pale Man in "Pan's Labyrinth," Jones will share his experiences about his prolific career as a TV

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and film actor. Jones will answer questions from the audience during the event. This event will be held in the Rion Ballroom at the Reitz Union on Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information about this and other events, please visit [www.facebook.com/rubentertainment](http://www.facebook.com/rubentertainment). This event is free and open to the public.

## Gators for Haven Hospice meeting

G4HH is an organization that provides networking opportunities for hospice volunteers at UF while promoting the goals of Haven Hospice. Potential members can come to a meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in CSE, Room E222 to find out more about upcoming volunteer opportunities. G4HH requires no dues. For more info, visit [www.gators-s4hh.com](http://www.gators-s4hh.com).

## Toastmasters hosts Open House, Potluck

Talking Gators Toastmasters Club will have an open house and potluck on Tuesday. The meeting is from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the UF Entomology-Nematology

Building, Room 1031, 970 Natural Area Drive, east of the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts and museums. There will be a potluck after the meeting. Bring food to share or just attend and learn about Toastmasters, one of the oldest public speaking organizations. For more information, log onto [www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org).

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# Mental illness not accurate on screen

ILLNESSES ARE PLAYED UP IN FILMS, EXPERT SAID.

ALEXA VOLLAND  
Alligator Writer

The Academy-Award-nominated film "Silver Linings Playbook" is a contender for the best movie of the year. But some critics wonder how accurately it portrays mental illness.

Alvin Lawrence, licensed psychologist at the Counseling and Wellness Center, said movies need entertainment value so experiences become more dramatic and symptoms become more amplified.

The movie, which was released in December, focuses on Bradley Cooper's character, Pat, who was recently discharged from a mental hospital. His love interest, Tiffany, played by Jennifer Lawrence, is battling her own demons. Although their portrayals have earned best actor nominations and praise for being realistic, the feel-good romantic ending left audiences chuckling at the drama.

For the director to condense someone's everyday life into an hour and a half, audiences can misunderstand that day-to-day life doesn't happen that quickly, Lawrence said.

"Art sometimes reflects life," he said. "But depending on the way it is presented, movies have as much potential to help as to harm."

He has not seen "Silver Linings Playbook" but said in any Hollywood portrayal of mental illness audiences have to be mindful that someone may do something that is funny, but there is something that runs deeper underneath.

*"But depending on the way it is presented, movies have as much potential to help as to harm."*

Alvin Lawrence  
psychologist at the Counseling and Wellness Center

"We laugh when we are uncomfortable," he said.

Lawrence said challenges that characters face in movies can be found funny when they are taken

out of context.

"But put in context, that is someone's life," he said. "They aren't deciding to be manic in the middle of the night."

Some critics felt like the romantic big finish suggests that love can heal mental illness.

"It's possible, but that's not what we see," Lawrence said. "It's not to say that someone can't manage their symptoms without medication or intensive treatment. There are people who do that. But that may not be the norm."

Taylor Scott, a 19-year-old UF nursing freshman, said her friend told her it was a comedy, but she was surprised with how serious some parts of the movie were.

Although "Silver Linings Playbook" was met with cinematic success, Lawrence said movies that portray mental illness could make people feel oversimplified or insulted.

But in the end, "you have to recognize it's entertainment and take it with a grain of salt," he said.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Swamp Party presents additional candidates

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Alligator Writer

The Swamp Party announced its candidates for Student Body vice president and treasurer on Turlington Plaza on Monday afternoon.

The party's presidential candidate, Christina Bonarrigo, presented Joselyn Rivas and Jayce Victor as the vice president and treasurer candidates, respectively.

Rivas, 20, UF finance and psychology junior, has served as treasurer for Hispanic Heritage Month and the diversity division chair of Student Government Cabinet in the 2012-2013 school year. If elected, Rivas said she would focus on community and diversity in the Student Body.

Victor, 22, UF philosophy se-

nior, served as a District D senator, a member-at-large of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Council and president of the Black Law Student Association (Pre-Law).

"I will use everything I have learned to make a change on this campus," Victor said.

The Students Party announced all three of its candidates two weeks ago. UF political science senior Johnny Castillo will run for president. Jenna Goldman, 19, a UF political science sophomore and Students Party president, is running for vice president.

UF environmental science junior Billy Farrell, 21, is running for treasurer. He is the president of UF's College Democrats.

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# Vehicle detectors and TV cameras monitor the highway now

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said, will happen early next year when the FDOT begins a \$3 million project that will help keep motorists safe while driving with low visibility.

The project consists of the installation of three changeable mes-

sage signs along the Micanopy and Gainesville corridor of I-75, Busscher said. Vehicle detectors that measure speeds to see if there's a problem will be installed on the same poles as the current TV cameras. Sensors will also measure visibility on the road.

By the time the project is com-

pleted, she said, the detectors and sensors will be integrated into the 511 system, which drivers can call to find out road conditions. Busscher said additional cameras will be installed along U.S. 441.

FHP spokeswoman Capt. Nancy Rasmussen said her department went through internal training for

handling crashes caused by smoke and fog.

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At the scene last year, Kelly recalled ASO deputies walking into the fog, calling out to people who needed help. Other deputies walked in front of ambulances, helping them navigate through the fog and wreckage.

One deputy told Kelly "it was like walking into a 'white cloud.'"

"While they're doing this, they could hear crashes actually occurring," Kelly said. "All this happening around them, almost like being in a warzone."

In his 15 years as a law enforcement officer, Kelly said the Jan. 29 crash was like nothing he'd ever seen before.

"There's no textbook for dealing with that," he said. "Nothing you train for prepares you for a thing like that."

Chief Larry Stewart of Alachua County Fire Rescue felt the same.

"The unique part about this was the visibility," he said.

The biggest issue was communication between fire rescue and law enforcement, he said. Technology that can patch radio channels together exists, which Stewart said they will use in the future to strengthen communication.

He said he feels the department is better prepared if a similar crash were to happen because it now has personnel with more experience.

"Now we can make better decisions on something that we have

never really trained on or practiced or even thought of in previous incidents," he said.

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The fog that covered the roads that January morning could happen again, said UF meteorologist Jeff Huffman.

Inter-agency communication between the forest service, FHP and FDOT has improved as well through an agreement signed Jan. 15, said Ludie Bond, wildlife mitigation specialist. In a wildfire or prescribed fire situation, the forestry service or land management agency would alert FHP, who would determine what action to take and request help from the FDOT if necessary.

"We've been coordinating our message points and making sure the general public is getting the most up-to-date and accurate info," Bond said. "And that can't help but improve safety on the highways."

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Since the crash, the pavement on I-75 has been repaired.

But old wounds leave scars, and for Kelly, each bump and patch on the road as he drives on I-75 through Paynes Prairie is a reminder — a snapshot of the fiery crash and the emergency officials who stared danger in the face to save the lives of others.

"It's imprinted in you," he said. "You don't wash it off. It's something you live with forever."



Brett Le Blanc / Alligator File Photo

The charred wreckage of a semitrailer and an SUV sit on Interstate 75 in Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park on Jan. 29, 2012. Today marks the one-year anniversary of the accident that claimed the lives of 11.

# Beta Theta Pi asks for privacy as it works with authorities

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Kriete is a UF junior and currently a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Trent Talbot, president of Beta Theta Pi, issued a statement about Kriete's arrest.

"We were shocked, disappointed and saddened to learn yesterday of the alleged personal conduct of Lance Kriete, a member of our Fraternity," he wrote in an email. "As a result, we have been working closely with the local

authorities, the University of Florida administration and our General Fraternity to ensure that Beta Theta Pi contributes in every manner possible to the timely legal investigation. Out of concern and respect for Lance's friends and fraternity brothers that have been affected so significantly upon learning of the allegations, we ask for considerate privacy in the coming days as the investigatory process continues."

Parker, 24, of 4117 SW 20th Ave., allegedly spoke to who he thought was a 13-year-old girl, saying that he was 17 years old, according

to the report. He sent a picture of a penis to the girl and asked her to send him a picture, according to the report. He also said that he wanted to have oral sex with the girl.

Deputies arrested Parker and later booked him into Alachua County Jail at about 4 a.m. Friday, where he remained Monday night with a \$250,000 bond.

Ashcraft, 40, of 1021 NW 23rd Ave., responded to an online ad Saturday, according to the report. He thought he was emailing a 13-year-old girl and asked if she wanted to

have sex.

During questioning, Ashcraft told police he thought he was talking with an 18-year-old girl but later said he knew the girl was 13 years old.

Deputies later booked Ashcraft into the Alachua County Jail at about 3 a.m. Sunday, where he remained Monday night with a \$75,000 bond.

Staff writer Chris Alcantara contributed to this report.

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## CAMPUS

# Students talk LGBT intimate partner violence

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Students gathered in the atrium of UF's Ustler Hall on Monday at 8 p.m. for a presentation on LGBT intimate partner violence.

Intimate partner violence involves one partner who is exerting power and control over another.

The event was coordinated by Pride Student Union and a UF LGBT Affairs ambassador, Mirella Flores, a 20-year-old UF psychology senior.

While the LGBT community was acknowledged during the presentation, this form of violence occurs with the same frequency as in heterosexual relationships.

Intimate partner violence occurs in about 33 percent of all intimate relationships, according to the Na-

tional Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs.

The audience was asked to fill out surveys concerning its exposure to violence and abuse. Two-thirds of the audience answered "yes" to: Do you know someone who has been physically, emotionally or sexually harmed by his or her partner?

Flores invited representatives from Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network Inc., and Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center to inform students about the dangers of intimate partner violence.

Juan Camargo said he hadn't known the extent of help available to victims.

"I feel more equipped to help any friends who might be suffering with partner violence," said the 21-year-old UF civil engineering junior.

# Qualifying for mayoral race begins

► ELECTIONS ARE IN MARCH.

BILLY KENNEDY  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Qualifying for the 2013 Gainesville mayoral and District 4 City Commission races began Monday at noon and will last until noon Friday.

As of Monday, seven people had expressed their intent to run in the mayoral election: former Commissioner Ed Braddy, former Commissioner Scherwin Henry, former Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority board member Pete Johnson, Donald Shepherd Sr., Mark Venzke, barbershop owner Edward Earl Young and incumbent Mayor Craig Lowe.

So far, Braddy, Johnson and Lowe have qualified, according to the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections website.

City Commission candidates are UF student Alfredo Espinosa, incumbent Randy

Wells and former Commissioner W.E. "Mac" McEachern, who might not meet residency requirements.

McEachern's address fell within the former District 4 boundaries but falls outside the redrawn district lines commissioners unanimously approved in December.

However, McEachern said via email he submitted the necessary paperwork and paid the



Braddy

qualifying fee Monday.

As of Monday night, only Espinosa had qualified for the District 4 race.

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## Editorial

### Chicken Sh\*t: Maybe Chick-fil-A turned the other cheek

Put down your tar and feathers, folks. Chick-fil-A may be changing its hateful priorities.

According to an article from CNN, Campus Pride, a leading national LGBT campus organization, said Chick-fil-A "no longer funds the most controversial and politically charged anti-same-sex-marriage groups and has not since 2011."

The article also said the lump of donations focus on "'youth, education, marriage enrichment and local communities' and that in the list of the foundation's beneficiaries, 'the most divisive, anti-LGBT groups are no longer listed.'"

OK! It seems like we're finally moving in the right direction.

Yes, there is always more than one side to an argument. This past summer, when the world half-boycotted, half-supported-the-crap-out of those greasy chicken sandwiches, lovers of the company couldn't understand why it couldn't make whatever donations it wanted.

The point, however, is a company and its executive board can believe in whatever they so choose, but everyone else is allowed to as well.

Where does the boundary of your rights or privileges end? At spouse selection. Maybe Chick-fil-A finally saw that.

The company released a statement this week, according to the Los Angeles Times, that tried to explain, again, what it actually intends to put its donations toward.

"Over the past three years alone, Chick-fil-A has given more than \$68 million in contributions to over 700 different educational and charitable organizations around the country, in addition to providing millions of dollars in food donations," it stated. "Our intent is to not support political or social agendas."

We still have our suspicions.

Conservative values are fine. We don't want to make it seem like being charitable to the types of organizations Chick-fil-A listed is a horrible thing. We just think and hope that, as a country, we can continue to grow toward a level of peace with one another. There's no reason to throw millions of dollars to groups whose main goals are to hurt people.

"It is about opposing viewpoints, not opposing people," said Shane Windmeyer, the executive director of Campus Pride, regarding Dan Cathy, the president of Chick-fil-A. "Dan cares about young people and was upset to hear how his company was being used to hurt LGBT students."

Maybe the bigger picture here is that we all need to look way, way past what companies do. It shouldn't matter how a company spends its billions of dollars because we're a consumer-based society. However, it totally does matter.

If only we didn't have to rely on donations from huge companies in order to get stuff done. If only Americans didn't spend so much money on everything, all the time, forever.

But we do. So we have to be concerned where our money ends up. Because if we don't pay attention to it now, then this will happen again and more often until we limit where large companies can donate.

No need to fund hate with millions of dollars. We should support organizations that do good things.

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## LAKE MALEGE

By Brad Hersch, Dan LeVine & Paul Rosenberger



## Column

### Shame on you, pastor Louie Giglio

Unemployment is still high.

Median household income is down.

The number of Americans on food stamps and receiving entitlements is soaring.

The national debt is \$16.4 trillion.

The president wants to spend, spend, spend.

But hey, it's all Bush's fault.

America has changed. The Reagan-era of small government is over. And to borrow a reference from the Huffington Post, we are witnessing a rise of "New America," an America where big government is not over; an America where open-mindedness is saluted; an America where morality is subjective, relative and differs according to each individual; an America where the media slobbers over one party, one administration; an America where success is penalized; an America where fairness is more noble than prosperity; an America where guns are evil, not people; an America where 55 million potential human lives have been aborted for the sake of convenience; an America where "coolness" is more virtuous than leadership; an America where men serve on the front lines so women don't have to.

Wait, I take that last one back.

Two weeks ago, I wrote an article discussing the extinction of objective truth in America. I talked about the left's tolerance — a repressive tolerance that masquerades under the guise of open-mindedness. Well, a few weeks ago, Christian pastor Louie Giglio withdrew from delivering the benediction and inaugural prayer because of the outrage that emerged after a liberal watchdog group exposed his stance on homosexuality.

During a sermon 20 years ago, Giglio stated that homosexuality is a sin, and that the "only way out of a homosexual lifestyle ... is through the healing power of Jesus." He went on to discuss his stance on homosexuality, and pointed out that everyone, gay or not, is in need of a savior. According to an article written by Albert Mohler, Giglio spoke endlessly about God's grace and called his entire congregation to repent and to come to Christ.

Days after Giglio withdrew, Addie Whisenant of the Presidential Inaugural Committee issued this statement: "We



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were not aware of Pastor Giglio's past comments at the time of his selection, and they don't reflect our desire to celebrate the strength and diversity of our country at this inaugural ... As we now work to select someone to deliver the benediction, we will ensure their beliefs reflect this administration's vision of inclusion and acceptance for all

Americans."

In other words, the administration's "vision of inclusion and acceptance" includes all Americans, except for those Americans that believed, at any time, the homosexual lifestyle was sinful. Obama? He gets the pass. His stance evolved.

Is anyone surprised, though? The left becomes more explosive over Christians who believe in Christianity than me after I eat Mexican. I mean, every time a Christian reconfirms his or her belief in anything Biblical, those supporting the left pretends as if they're surprised. They're in favor of free speech, until something that's said doesn't reflect their speech (See: Chick-fil-A). PSY can call for the slow and painful death of our "daughters, mothers, daughters-in-law and fathers," but as long as his stance on homosexuality doesn't dissent from the White House, he can sing to the president all he wants.

The irony here is that modern Liberalism is a lot like Christianity. Government is their church, and the taxpayers are their congregation. The bureaucrats are their deacons, and the president is their priest. They worship at the altar of tolerance and open-mindedness, but they practice the exact opposite of what they preach.

Conservatives and Republicans are the lost, the pagans and the heathens. They're not in the mainstream, for they walk on the path that is narrow and out-of-touch.

All that is good is liberal, and all who advance what is liberal are good.

Whatever that means.

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## Barack Obama and the second-term curse

Presidents breathe rare air, and re-elected presidents, rarer air still. Only 44 people in American history have held the office of president. Barack Obama is just the 17th to have been elected twice.

Rare air sometimes invigorates.

More often, it makes people dizzy. An oddity of American politics is that nearly every president wants a second term, but second terms almost never turn out well.

The re-elected Thomas Jefferson coerced Congress into declaring a ruinous embargo. Andrew Jackson sent the country into a financial tailspin. Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley were assassinated. Woodrow Wilson broke his health in a vain attempt to persuade Americans to join the League of Nations.

The unlucky list goes on.

The second-term curse can be ascribed to an evil alignment of influences. Second-termers enjoy no honeymoon. Their opponents attack them and their policies from the moment they retake their oath of office.

Second-termers typically operate with a second-string team. On first election, they get their top choices for Cabinet and White House positions, but those first picks generally resign from the most crucial — and stressful — offices by the end of the first term. Their successors are usually less talented, less energetic, less credible or less reliable.

Second-term presidencies are prone to scandal. Some of this tendency is a statistical artifact because presidencies, in general, are prone to scandal.

If a scandal occurs during a first term, that president doesn't get a second term.

If the first term is scandal-free, the odds are likelier to catch up with the president in the second term.

But scandals also reflect a relaxation of standards, a loss of vigilance.

First-term presidents who attempt

election to a second term — a group that includes every president since Rutherford Hayes — mind their manners and those of their administrations with great care.

Once freed of the burden of running again, however, they often let their guard down.

Yet hope springs eternal for second terms, not least among those who achieve them.

Second-term presidents can focus on the long run — on issues too large or with payoffs too distant to survive the short-run tyranny that has constrained them heretofore.

A first-term president asks how a decision will read in the next day's papers.

A second-term president asks how it will read in the history books. Second-term presidents can ascend the moral high ground of the national interest, as opposed to the party interest, and not be charged with hypocrisy as easily as first-termers.

What does all this mean for Barack Obama?

First, he must be extremely careful to avoid scandals. Nothing stays secret for long these days.

The slightest slip by him or a subordinate can ruin what remains of his presidency.

The four most recent two-term presidencies ended in ignominy or severe embarrassment: Nixon in Watergate, Reagan in Iran-Contra, Clinton in impeachment, Bush in the Katrina bungle.

Obama must be very watchful — and perhaps lucky — to avoid a similar fate.

Second, he should concentrate on a few carefully chosen issues. With these, he might have a chance at success.

In his second inaugural address, he staked a position on immigration reform that would have been bold before the election, but that parallels what

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many Republicans have been thinking after the elec-

tion results revealed how thoroughly they have alienated Latinos.

Expect a bipartisan law before the end of the current Congress. More difficult, yet more pressing, is a grand bargain on taxes and spending.

The Republicans have already retreated from the federal debt limit. If Obama doesn't push too hard, he might win the moderate Republican votes he needs to put fiscal policy on a sustainable path.

Third, he almost certainly will devote more of his time to foreign policy, especially in his seventh and eighth years.

Presidents are merely coequals with Congress in domestic affairs, but in matters of war and peace and much of what lies between, they enjoy great autonomy.

They can embark on wars, negotiate treaties and do all the other things that lie within the purview of the commander in chief and chief diplomat.

Obama might attempt a transatlantic trade pact with the European Union, issue executive orders on climate change or jump-start the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians.

There is no guarantee of success — foreign policy is hard.

But when the approach of 2016 tempts the Republicans to run out the clock on Obama, as it assuredly will, foreign policy will seem like a vacation.

In fact, foreign policy is often a vacation for presidents, which is another reason it beckons second-termers. There's no ride like Air Force One.

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## Is New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie too fat to be president?

The American people have just finally exhaled after enduring a long and tiring presidential campaign, and already the talk has turned to 2016.

In my first PR presidency class, we addressed this talk with a discussion of our own. First, we talked about the many names rumored to be 2016 contenders, and then about just one of those names: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

My professor gingerly brought up the subject of Christie's girth and then, as politely as possible, asked us, "Is Chris Christie too fat to be president?"

The problem with the "Christie is too fat" argument is it is all preconceived. He and his team of savvy politicians can anticipate any claim and prepare for it. "Heart disease" is countered with "no history in the family." "High blood pressure" is refuted with "What presidential candidate doesn't have high blood pressure in such a fast-paced campaign?" And the surest answer to any query is a clean bill of health from his doctor, which is entirely possible. (Granted, that bill of health would include a scribbled note from the doctor saying, "Lose weight," but let's ignore that for a moment.)

The kicker, of course, would be an exercise regimen. Many argue that if Christie starts to lose weight, he is definitely running in 2016.

But I argue Christie can be a contender — and quite possibly win — without ever dropping a pound from now until Election Day 2016. His weight will be an issue, but only a subconscious one. His opponents won't bring it up out of courtesy, and only reporters and town hall-goers will dare to broach the subject.

To be sure, Christie will be asked about his weight. But if he has a ready-made answer that displays enough humor (without getting angry at the premise of the question or the questioner's right to ask it), he can effectively turn his weight into a non-issue.

Remember Ronald Reagan's famous 1984 one-liner? When asked a question about his age — he would become the oldest president elected — Reagan coolly responded, "I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience." If Christie can have a similar "Reagan moment" (and he can), he will beat the "Christie is too fat" argument.

Not to mention, Christie's weight simply plays into his devil-may-care attitude. It's as much a part of his character as his aggressive press conferences. And characters do well on television.

What is most interesting about this whole "Is Christie too large?" debate is that it seems to be divided on generational lines. In my class many, if not most, students dismissed Christie's weight as an unimportant factor. Meanwhile, our professor (who is about our parents' age) could not accept the idea that the American people would ignore such an obvious trait.

Perhaps the youngest voting generation is more willing to overlook physical differences in light of policy differences. After all, we were the ones who helped propel the first African-American into the presidency. Perhaps we'll do it again with the first modern president who happens to be big-boned.

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# Hippodrome Cinema struggles to break even

## At capacity, it can seat 95 people

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Despite receiving thousands of dollars from the Florida Department of State, the Hippodrome State Theatre is still struggling to break even on international films being aired through its Cinema program.

For 31 years, the theater, located at 25 SE Second Place, has shown a variety of international and domestic films.

Cinema director Shirley Lasseter said the theater needs about 20 attendees per show to break even.

"For us to stay strong fi-

nancially, we need more like 30 to 40 people to show up per show," she said.

At capacity, the Hippodrome Cinema can seat 95 people, Lasseter said. In recent screenings of the "The Loneliest Planet" and "The Other Son," it averaged between 17 and 20 people per showing.

"It's getting harder and harder to actually get our audience to leave their homes and come downtown," she said.

Lasseter attributes the rise of high-definition television, online streaming websites like Netflix and movie rental

kiosks like Redbox to the declining number of attendees at the theater's international film screenings.

This year, the theater requested about \$250,000 from the Florida Department of State, according to state financial records online. The state gave the theater more than half of what it requested — about \$141,000.

Rocky Draud, managing director for the Hippodrome, said the grant money is used for all of the theater's programs, which includes a hearing assistance system in the Mainstage and the Cinema, as well as upgrading the

building's alarm system.

Nicole Daenzer, director of finance, said funds are distributed depending on financial need of theater's programs.

Daenzer said the low attendee numbers at the Cinema were a "marketing issue." She said the theater is now turning to social media to promote its screenings.

Meanwhile, Lasseter said the theater is working to promote more community engagement during the movie screenings. One way is through post-show discussions among moviegoers.

"What we're trying to do is engage people more on that aspect and underscore the importance of sharing the experience and hearing people laugh or gasp or cry when you're watching a film together," she said.

For now, Daenzer said she doesn't think the theater intends to close the Cinema.

Scott Nygren, professor with the Film and Media Studies Program at UF, said he believes most Americans are unaware of international films.

Films produced outside the United States often have stories that people would benefit from knowing, he said. For this reason, Nygren encourages people to watch more foreign movies.

"If you are aware of international films, encourage people to look for the unusual films," he said. "It's a big, wonderful world out there."



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Patrons watch "A Royal Affair" at the Hippodrome State Theatre Cinema on Sunday night. The theater has shown a variety of international and domestic films for 31 years.

## RESEARCH

# UF engineering assistant professor gets grant for solar cell work

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A UF engineering instructor has received funding to study a compound that could potentially make solar energy more affordable.

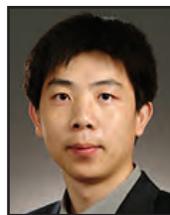
Materials science and engineering associate professor Jiangeng Xue will work on the light powered technology project with researchers from two other universities. Their research aims to test barium silicide, a compound of barium and silicon found in Earth's crust.

Little is known about the barium silicide compound, and its application for solar power has not really been studied. The abundance of both barium and silicon could make solar cells cost-effective.

The compound also could be promising in terms of harvesting sunlight, being a semiconductor and transporting the electric charge carriers.

Xue stressed the necessity for cheap, clean energy to compete with fossil fuels.

"Overall, it is really important to find a low



Xue

cost resource," Xue said. "The question is further lowering the cost and driving the efficiency up."

The Scialog Collaborative Innovation Award from the Research Corporation for Science Advancement is funding the project. The corporation funds high-risk and potentially high-reward research.

"When [the research] does succeed, the re-

sults can trigger major changes in technology and, occasionally, even in our fundamental understanding of nature," said James M. Gentile, president and CEO of the corporation.

Xue and his UF students will be working on the solar cells themselves. Meanwhile, a team from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will focus on the computer calculation of the compound's properties. A team from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will research the chemical synthesis of the materials.

# UF student tax forms go paperless

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UF is extending its green efforts to the University Bursar's office by transitioning a tax form from paper to paperless.

The Bursar's Finance and Accounting Division allows students to get the Internal Revenue Service tax Form 1098-T online instead of via mail. The form helps students claim educational tax credit on federal income tax returns.

The campaign began because forms were being mailed and sent back, said Annie Brettnall, administrative services coordinator for the Bursar's office.

"Sometimes they get lost or students don't update their mailing address," she said.

The electronic method permits students to access the form about a month earlier than those who have to wait for it in the mail, said Ruth Harris, associate controller for the office.

The office will start signing and delivering the forms Thursday. Students should start receiving them two weeks later. Those with the electronic service should receive them instantly. However, students must give permission before signing up for the paperless method.

"I have heard about it, but I haven't taken the time to actually sit down and give my permission," said Sean Stewart-Muniz, an 18-year-old UF journalism freshman.

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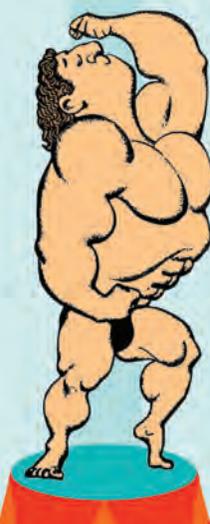
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# Young scholar selected for Senate program

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Kailyn Allen spent more than a year campaigning against President Barack Obama as chairwoman of the Florida Federation of Teenage Republicans. Now,



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Kailyn Allen, 18, was one of two selected from Florida for the program.

she has until March to think of one question to ask him when she meets him in person.

Allen, an 18-year-old senior at P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School, was one of two students chosen in Florida to attend the 51st annual United States Senate Youth Program from March 9 to March 16 in Washington, D.C.

"It's an incredible opportunity to be able to talk to the leader of the free world," she said.

The merit-based program, sponsored by the Senate and funded by the Hearst Foundations, gives students an in-depth look at the American government and the history and rules of the Senate, program director Rayne Guilford said.

Guilford said students were chosen based on their academic excellence, leadership qualities and experience serving a constituency in an elected office position.

Allen, who is a dual-enrolled student at UF, is president of her senior class and president of the school's Speech and Debate Club. She founded the Alachua County Teen Republicans last year and received the National Teenage Republican Rising Star Award in July.

Guilford said the program aims to promote leadership in students through discussions with elected officials.

She added that Obama attended the program every year during his first term.

"We pretty much rearrange everything to fit the president in," she said.

Delegates will also meet with a Supreme Court associate justice, a United States ambassador, Cabinet members and senators.

"Hearing the advice, and hearing firsthand from the people who are such incredible leaders, that's something that I'm going to carry with me for the rest of my life," Allen said.

Along with an all-expenses-paid trip to tour monuments and museums, Allen and the other delegates will receive \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarships.

Allen hopes to attend law school and later run for a public office position.

"Hopefully she can live and learn from other people's perspectives," her father, Kevin Allen, 55, said.

Gary Boulware, advanced placement government and economics teacher at P.K. Yonge, said he saw Allen's interest in politics when she ran for class president.

"It was pretty interesting for me to watch a young lady navigate sometimes treacherous political waters, and do so rather effectively," he said.

Catherine Atria, principal at P.K. Yonge, said she was excited that Allen was chosen as a delegate.

"It's certainly quite an honor to have her as our student and be recognized in this fashion," she said.

# UF working on hearing loss drug

► THE PROJECT INDUCES HEARING LOSS.

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Researchers at UF have developed a way to safely create temporary, reversible hearing loss in order to observe possible prevention drugs.

The project induces temporary hearing loss in order to measure the effects of the drugs used for noise-induced hearing loss, said lead investigator and associate professor Colleen Le Prell.

The destruction of hearing-related hair cells in the inner ear by loud noise is irreversible.

Le Prell said noise-induced hearing loss is the second most common occupational disease.

"It is costing the [Veterans Affairs Hospital] more than \$1 billion a year, so it's a huge financial problem," she said.

Jillian Roberts, advocacy chair for the UF chapter of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association, said she thinks noise-induced hearing loss affects college students.

Le Prell's model is the first to use controlled music levels to cause temporary hearing loss in human participants.

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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	33 Turn a deaf	51 Four-wheeled flop
1 Bit of high jinks	1 Adapter letters	34 Airport annoyance	52 Dry Italian wine
6 Eastern European	2 Carolers' offering	37 Carlsbad Caverns locale: Abbr.	54 Safecrackers
10 Sounds of disapproval	3 Shakespeare's "The Winter's"	38 "I'm listening!"	55 Ward of "CSI: NY"
14 Team leader	4 Sleepy Hollow schoolteacher	41 "Watch your head!"	56 Small songbird
15 Hang (around) in a hammock, say	5 Plates for company	45 Prevailed against, slangily	58 Army division
16 Dos cubed	6 Side with a sandwich	47 Common rental restriction	59 Shot at the bar
17 Second-largest Indian city	7 Bridal gown trim		60 Cold War country: Abbr.
18 Play parts	8 Ancient Mexican		61 Mal de ___ Henri's headache
19 Say grace, say	9 Italian scooter		62 "That hurts!"
20 "4-0 World Series" win, e.g.	10 David Letterman list		
22 Salad fish	11 "Scouring aid"		
23 Make illegal	12 Genghis ___		
24 Spy for Moses	13 Tofu source		
26 Bit of schoolyard disagreement	21 Bureaucratic bangles		
29 Gardner of Hollywood	25 Speech therapist's concern		
32 Under the covers	26 Highway to Fairbanks		
35 "The Shield" force, briefly	27 Sirs' counterparts		
36 Diabolical sorts	28 "Graffiti maker's medium"		
39 "Norma ___"	30 Clamping device		
40 Pooling vehicle	31 MetLife competitor		
41 "Broom alternative"			
42 www bookmark			
43 Org. with many specialists			
44 Online newsgroup system			
45 Nora was his mistress			
46 Justin Timberlake's former band			
48 Fir feller			
49 Bok ___ cabbage			
50 Nudges			
53 Corrosive stuff			
55 Cashless deal			
57 Designed for two functions, and a hint to the answers to starred clues			
63 Buffalo's lake			
64 Not nuts			
65 Run to the window			
66 Gave for a while			
67 Malevolent			
68 Great enthusiasm			
69 Colony critters			
70 Riga resident			
71 Scatter about			

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## Sophomore to fill void in new role behind plate

**T**aylor Gushue almost hit the lights at Mark Light Field in Coral Gables last season in just his ninth collegiate game.

Instead, the freshman settled for an awe-inspiring solo homer.

He also homered on the first pitch he saw in the season opener against then-No. 16 Cal State Fullerton. In all, Gushue started 28 games at first base, six at designated hitter and five at catcher in 2012.

He may be young, but that hasn't stopped Gushue.

"The few times I was able to interview him after games, the guy didn't act like he was a 17 or 18-year-old," Perfect Game Managing Editor Kendall Rogers said. "That is a kind of a consistent trait they look for in catchers."

Now with Mr. Consistency in Mike Zunino gone, Gushue takes over for the Seattle Mariners catching prospect, who won nearly every national award in 2012.

If Florida aims to earn its fourth-straight Omaha appearance, Gushue needs to fill Big Z's shoes — at and behind the plate.

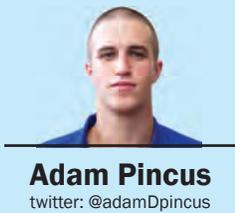
Zunino led Florida in home runs and OPS last season. He controlled a pitching staff for three years that featured 12 future MLB draft picks.

Florida has two proven starting pitchers leading an otherwise young staff that Gushue will manage.

He succeeded at the plate when he first came to Florida.

Gushue, who skipped his senior high school season at Boca Raton Calvary Christian High, earned Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week honors twice in his first month of college baseball.

Then a .143 batting average in SEC play saw him lose his everyday starting spot.



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## UF tops SEC in rebounding percentage

**KATIE AGOSTIN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Even as the Gators led the Bulldogs by 21 points early in Saturday's game, they weren't letting up on defense.

Midway through the first half, Mississippi State's Craig Sword inbounded the ball to Trivante Bloodman.

Junior Scottie Wilbekin kept Bloodman contained outside the arc, and redshirt senior Mike Rosario came over to add extra pressure.

In a panic, Bloodman jumped up and attempted a long pass to Tyson Cunningham.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, forward Will Yeguete was waiting nearby.

Yeguete grabbed the pass, took it back across the court and fed it to Wilbekin, who made a layup to put Florida up 31-8 with 8:31 left in the first half.

While the Gators rank fifth in the Southeastern Conference with 73.7 points per game, their defense is their

identity.

"At the end of last year, trying to go into this season and looking at the areas where we needed to improve and get better at and show them visually, statistically, individually and collectively as a group where they needed to get better," coach Billy Donovan said.

"What has happened is, because we have improved defensively, because we have gotten better from a year ago defensively, they are more eager to do it. They are personally taking pride in it."

The No. 4 Gators' 82-47 win against the Bulldogs in Starkville, Miss., was the 10th time this season that Florida has held an opponent to less than 50 points.

Saturday's win also moved Florida to 6-0 in SEC play. Since starting conference play on Jan. 9, the Gators have won by a margin of 27 points per contest.

"There are things we're doing defensively that I'm giving those guys an enormous

responsibility to call out coverages on the defensive end of the floor," Donovan said. "When you allow a team to do that, the coverages are going to be mixed, which is a positive thing ... I've tried to give them the responsibility to put the onus on them to be accountable for them communicating, talking and doing those things."

*"What has happened is, because we have improved defensively, because we have gotten better from a year ago defensively, they are more eager to do it. They are personally taking pride in it."*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

Currently, Florida is first in the nation with an adjusted defense efficiency of 81, according to KenPom.com.

Helping the Gators lead the nation defensively is Wilbekin, who was named SEC Player of the Week on Mon-

day. Wilbekin is averaging 1.8 steals per game this season, which ranks 10th in the SEC.

Collectively, Florida is averaging 8.8 steals and 3.2 blocks per game in conference play. The Gators also have a 55.7 rebounding percentage, which ranks first in the SEC and seventh in the nation.

Wilbekin is leading the Gators on defense, and center Patric Young said the junior's defensive intensity translates to his teammates' performances.

"Every position is really important because you can't leave a guy out there on an island," Young said.

"Everyone needs to know how important help defense is, and us being able to play really good help defense helps everyone else out."

Senior Kenny Boynton added: "We know the significance of what it can do for the team if we don't play defense one possession. It can change the game."

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Guards Mike Rosario (left) and Kenny Boynton (1) force a turnover from Missouri's Keion Bell (5) during Florida's 83-52 win on Jan. 19 in the O'Connell Center. Florida is averaging 8.8 steals per game in conference play.



Senior Lauren Embree and the women's tennis team looks toward a third national title. UF will face all ranked teams in February. See story page 15.

### Quotable

*"It's almost like driving a car. ... If you're not paying attention to what's in front of you, you're going to run that car right off the road and into a pole."*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF men's basketball coach on Florida's national attention

### Kitty's Korner

Florida's lacrosse team was ranked No. 3 in the preseason deBeer Media Poll. The Gators return all but one starter from the 2012 roster.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Florida begins season eyeing third-straight title

CHRIS KIRSCHNER

Alligator Writer

After winning back-to-back national titles, the Gators are thinking dynasty.

Senior Lauren Embree and junior Sofie Oyen hope to lead the No. 1 Florida women's tennis team to a third consecutive national championship this season.

UF's quest begins against USF today at 3 p.m. in Linder Stadium.

"I couldn't even imagine winning another national championship," Embree said. "Winning two was amazing and special, but winning a third would be unbelievable.

Oyen added: "Every year, we are tougher and stronger, so we'll see how it plays out."

UF has three players in the top 25 with No. 1 Oyen, No. 5 Embree and No. 22 Danielle Collins.

No. 66 Brianna Morgan, No. 82 Caroline Hitimana and No. 114 Olivia Janowicz will also be key contributors.

Freshmen Collins and Morgan will be competing in their first dual matches as Gators, and Oyen will be paired with Morgan in doubles.

Last season, Oyen paired with Allie Will, who turned professional in July. Oyen said playing with a freshman in doubles will be challenging due to the experience gap. But Oyen said the pair should be good enough to get the job done.

The team returned every player in 2012, and the pressure to repeat was burdensome for coach Roland Thornqvist. But he feels better this time around.



Embree

"This year has got a little different feel to it," he said. "We feel lighter with no pressure on us, and it's kind of nice."

Following today's opener, Florida plays Wednesday against UCF before a challenging February stretch. UF takes on No. 15 Baylor, No. 3 Duke, No. 8 North Carolina, No. 20 Clemson and No. 5 Stanford.

"It helps playing all of these great teams early in the season," Embree said. "When you get to the [NCAA Tournament], you kind of know what to expect, so it should help us in our favor."

## ADAM, from page 14

"I don't think there was anything wrong with his swing," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "He's a high school senior facing the best amateur talent in the country on a very talented team. He's certainly, I'm sure, learned a few things. It's a learning curve. You can't get to the top of the mountain without having some struggles."

Gushue had a murderer's row of hitters to learn from his freshman year.

Last year's lineup was downright scary.

This year, well, it's a little early to tell.

Let's hope Gushue took some notes, because he needs to be a major run producer this season.

Florida loses 68.6 percent of its RBIs and its top-four on-base-percentage players from a year ago.

Senior Vickash Ramjit, sophomore Casey Turgeon and Gushue return as the only hitters with a slugging percentage more than .350.

The Gators will depend on Gushue that much more.

"I'm really pleased where

he's at," O'Sullivan said. "Defensively, he's come light years. He's going to have to hit in the middle of our order. He's certainly capable. We recruited him for a reason. He came here early. He made a huge commitment to us, our school and our program. It's his time to go, and we're certainly comfortable with him."

How Gushue progresses at and behind the plate may determine how far the Gators go in 2013.

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Sophomore Taylor Gushue bats during Florida's 8-3 win against Florida Gulf Coast on March 10 at McKethan Stadium. The Gators will turn to Gushue to fill the void left by Mike Zunino.

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**WOMEN'S GOLF**

# Gators win first tournament of 2013

**RJ SCHAFFER**  
Alligator Writer

Known for its fast greens, the Black Diamond Ranch in Lecanto provided a challenging test for Florida in its first tournament of 2013. But the Florida Challenge gave the Gators their third team title in the 2012-13 season.

The Gators finished with four players in the top 10 to win the one-day 36-hole tournament with a score of 586. Camilla Hedberg continued her successful season by carding a two-round total of 143 to tie for first with UCF's Monifa Sealy.

"This is a great way to start the spring season," coach Emily Bastel said in a release. "We can take a lot of positives away from [Monday]."

A new face helped the Gators win the Florida Challenge title.

Elcin Ulu, a transfer student from Redlands Community College in Oklahoma, shot a 69 and 77. Ulu led after the first round, but she finished tied for third with Florida State's Alex Milan.

"We had some highlights individually," Bastel said in a release.

"Elcin had a career-low 69 in the first round, which should be a tremendous confidence booster for her."

Seniors Mia Piccio and

Isabelle Lendl also turned in strong rounds to finish tied for eight and 10th, respectively.

Piccio shot rounds of 75 and 73, while Lendl continued the most dominant season of her career.

Lendl finished in the top 10 for the fifth straight time with rounds of 76 and 73.

Other Gators making appearances at the Florida Challenge were senior Megan Pak, sophomore Anna Young, and freshmen Emma Smyser and Ursa Orehek.



Hedberg

Young had the second-highest finish of her career after rounds of 74 and 81. She tied for 18th

with teammate Orehek who shot a 78 and 77.

Pak and Smyser both competed as individuals and finished with a 162 and 157, respectively.

"Black Diamond is an awesome venue and it was great to compete on such a great golf course," Bastel said in a release.

"We will use what we did today to work on some more specific things before we head to California (to play in the Northrup Grumman Regional Championship)."

# Guard slumping in conference play

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Redshirt freshman Carlie Needles was lights out against North Florida on Nov. 19, breaking Florida's program record with nine three-pointers in a 74-44 victory.

But in Southeastern Conference play, Needles and the Gators have fallen on dark times shooting the ball.

During UF's current four-game losing streak — a slide that has dropped Florida into a tie for 11th in the SEC — Needles has shot just 25 percent from the

floor, while making only 6 of 25 attempts from behind the arc.

"Sometimes you just have those games," Needles said. "You have those games where stuff isn't falling."

The Gators' shortcomings from behind the arc have been an issue throughout conference play. Only South Carolina shoots at a lower percentage on three-pointers than Florida.

UF has made just 22 of 87 attempts or 25.3 percent of its tries, a number emblematic of its offensive struggles as a whole.

Though the Gators are a re-

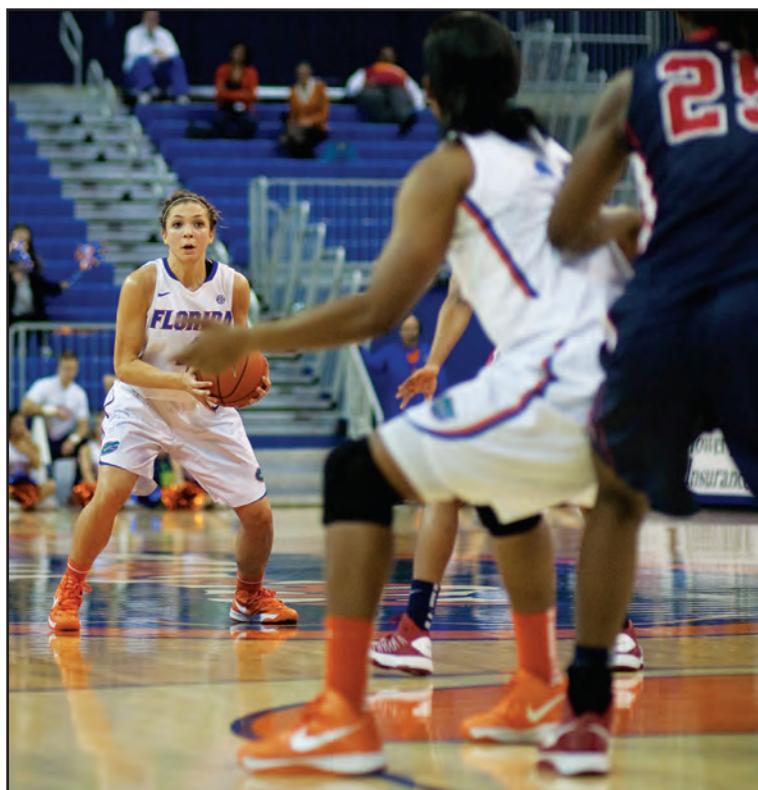
spectable seventh in the conference in scoring — averaging 65.6 points per game — coach Amanda Butler has recently grown frustrated with her team's offensive struggles.

Florida's offensive woes worsened during Sunday's 69-52 loss to Georgia in Athens, Ga.

For the first time in more than two years, no Gator scored in double figures. The last such occurrence came in an 83-40 loss to Tennessee on Jan. 13, 2011.

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UF guard



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Guard Carlie Needles (left) passes the ball to forward Jennifer George (middle) during Florida's 88-81 loss to Ole Miss on Jan. 24 at home.

"We're a little out of sync right now," Butler said. "It's a combination of things."

Butler was correct in choosing to not solely focus on one area of offensive struggles. Against the Bulldogs, the Gators were deficient in nearly every aspect.

Florida shot just 5 of 14 from the free-throw line and 3 of 16 from behind the arc.

Butler described the failures from the foul line as ridiculous. Concerning three-point shooting, she explained her team must use better discernment moving forward.

"We're shooting the ball pretty pathetically from the three, so we need to take less threes," Butler said. "It's pretty simple. We've got to be disciplined enough to turn down some of those open looks."

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