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♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥

Candidates debate SG issues

► THE SIX EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES ANSWERED QUESTIONS.

COLLEEN WRIGHT
 Alligator Writer

Fierce replies and a lively moderator sum up the UF 2013 Student Government Debate on Wednesday.

The auditorium became a battleground between the Students Party and its outside perspectives versus the in-house experience of the Swamp Party. Candidates answered and rebutted issues like tuition, cam-

pus safety, SG transparency, election reform, budget and diversity.

Students Party presidential candidate Johnny Castillo introduced himself first by telling the crowd about his history of supporting the Unite Party. Unite Party was a dishonest party, he said, that predated the Swamp Party and disillusioned students.

"It is in my belief that all Gators should be proud of their Student Government," he said.

Castillo outlined his party's platform, which includes a merit-based SG and tuition increase opposition.

Swamp Party presidential candidate Christina Bonarrigo fired back

with her resume, which includes her position as Senate President and four years as a Student Senator. She detailed the initiatives she helped pass in the Senate, including the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol app, 24/5 library and water bottle refill stations.

"You've seen personal record versus no record," she said. "That speaks volumes in itself."

Vice presidential candidates Jenna Goldman of the Students Party and Joselyn Rivas of the Swamp Party spoke about the role of SG Cabinet. Goldman argued that some

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Fraternity brothers to sweetly serenade unsuspecting students

► SERENADES COST STUDENTS \$40 TODAY.

COLLEEN WRIGHT
 Alligator Writer

Christie Kosal was waiting near the Music Building three years ago when someone approached her and asked if she wanted to be serenaded.

Almost instantly, the 22-year-old UF music education junior said she was pushed into a chair, and a group of men began to serenade her.

Phi Mu Alpha, UF's music fraternity, is taking orders for personal serenades until Saturday. A portion of the profits from the serenades will benefit Relay for Life.

A serenade costs \$35 for a UF student and includes one song from the fraternity's list and the "Sweetheart" song. A rose can also be presented for \$3. Serenades are \$40 today.

Orders can be made on the fraternity's website, www.ufphimualpha.com/serenades using PayPal or with cash.

For non-UF students, a serenade is \$45 today and \$40 other days.

"It's one of the sweetest things you can have, especially on Valentine's Day," Kosal said.

Groups of 20 fraternity members serenade people on and off campus.

Phi Mu Alpha's music director, Ismael Sandoval, said the serenades have been a UF tradition for more than eight years.

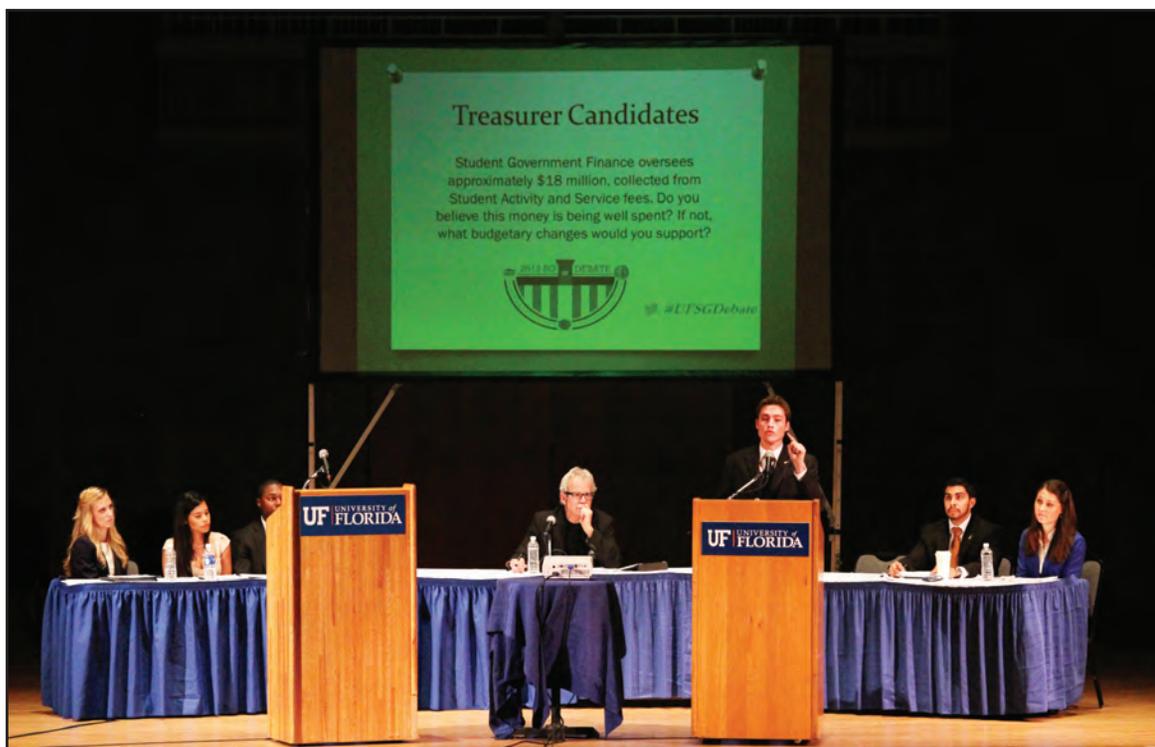
"It gives them a special moment they wouldn't get with just flowers and candy," the 19-year-old UF music education sophomore said.

Kelvin Medina, the fraternity's spokesman, said the "Sweetheart" song was composed by a fraternity brother for his girlfriend more than 50 years ago.

He said most girls can't help but shed a few tears during the song.

"You see that glimmer in their eye like we just made their day," the 20-year-old UF marketing sophomore said.

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Kelly Logan / Alligator Staff

Students Party treasurer candidate Billy Farrell speaks at the UF Student Government debate Wednesday night. Professor Mike Foley served as the debate moderator.

LOCAL Traffic accident sends UF students to hospital, city calls for action

KATHRYN VARN
 Alligator Writer

After a Tuesday night traffic accident in southwest Gainesville sent two UF students to the hospital, city officials and local police are looking for a solution to reduce car-pedestrian incidents in the area.

Deidre Messner and Zachary Lash were walking on a crosswalk near The District on 62nd apartment complex, 1000 SW 62nd Blvd., when they were hit by a van,

Gainesville Police spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said.

Messner, an 18-year-old UF art freshman, said she and Lash, a 21-year-old UF history senior and a Student Senator, got off a bus and were crossing the road to Lash's apartment.

As they walked across, Andrew Virgil, 28, who was driving toward Southwest 20th Avenue, hit the couple with his van.

Messner said Lash tried to pull her out of

"I had no idea what was happening. The whole day felt like a dream."

Deidre Messner
 UF art freshman

the way, but she ended up taking most of the impact.

She remembers waking up in the middle of the road.

"I had no idea what was happening," she said. "The whole day felt like a dream."

After police and paramedics arrived at the scene, an ambulance rushed the students to Shands at UF.

Messner and Lash are the fourth and fifth pedestrians struck by cars in that area since Jan. 1, 2012, Tobias said.

In an area notorious for vehicle-pedestrian accidents, Tuesday night's incident has some city officials calling for action.

Commissioner Todd Chase said he be-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Farm to Table, Bike to Breakfast

UF's Office of Sustainability invites everyone to the Farm to Table, Bike to Breakfast event. Enjoy a locally and sustainably sourced meal from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Gator Corner Dining Center, free to the first 150 hungry Gators. Participants are encouraged to commute sustainably. Bike to Breakfast will kick off the Office of Sustainability's Spring campaign, Under one Umbrella. For more information, visit www.sustainable.ufl.edu/underoneumbrella.

Planned Parenthood Valentine's

UF Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood will celebrate Valentine's Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Reitz Union Colonnade. There will be condoms, cupcakes and games.

Acupuncture Chinese New Year

Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine will celebrate the Chinese New Year with an open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Learn about Chinese medicine. Tour the college and acupuncture clinic. For more information, call 352-371-2833 or visit 1000 NE 16th Ave., Building F.

"Night Across the Street" at the Hipp Cinema

"Night Across the Street," from Chilean director Raúl Ruiz, will begin showing at the Hippodrome Cinema, 25 SE Second Place, at 7 p.m. Friday. Buy tickets at www.thehipp.org, or call 352-375-HIPP.

Florida Swing Dancing Club's Valentine's Dance

The Florida Swing Dancing Club will host its annual Valentine's Swing Dance this Friday at the Unified Training Center, 809 W. University Ave. Dancers and nondancers are welcome to dance the night away to the tunes of DJ Chad "Big Daddy" Young. New dancers can attend

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a beginners lesson at 8 p.m., and the dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight. The dance costs \$5 and includes food. Check out the Florida Swing Dancing Club on Facebook for more information.

Hackathon

Gainesville Hackerspace downtown will host a 24-hour Hackathon at noon Saturday. The event's purpose is to put a new interface atop the site www.txttag.me and to create mobile apps for it. Programmers and graphic designers are invited. There will be three \$500 cash prizes for the winning individuals or teams for creating an iOS, Android or Web interface for TXT TAG. More information and the sign-up sheet is at www.txttag.me/hackathon.

Run for Your Heart 5K

Support heart health at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in Albert "Ray" Massey West Side Park. This race is in support of National Heart Awareness Month, and all proceeds benefit Operation Heart. Registration is available at www.active.com, and is \$15 before race day and \$20 on race day.

Safe Sets for the Kids

On Saturday, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity will host its third annual philanthropy, Safe Sets for the Kids, a volleyball tournament to benefit SeriousFun Children's Network. SeriousFun hosts summer camps around the world for terminally ill children. The event will be at noon at the Florida Gym. Teams will consist of members of

the Panhellenic Council who will compete in a single-elimination volleyball tournament. On Wednesday, Bella Donna's Italian Eatery will donate 10 percent to the philanthropy if customers mention Phi Kappa Tau when they order. For information, email vicepresident@ufphitau.com.

Gainesville Roller Rebels present the Ol' Barn Dance

Dust off the cowgirl boots, put on a Stetson and join the Gainesville Roller Rebels Saturday at Mars Pub for The Ol' Barn Dance. The event will benefit the Gainesville Roller Rebels and feature themed contests, a dance party with beats by DJ Ito and live music from The Ones to Blame, Nook & Cranny and Crunky Tonk Nonstars. Doors open at 10 p.m. and there will be a \$5 cover charge. Visit www.bit.ly/grbarndance for more information.

Got something going on?

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UF launches sustainability campaign

KATIE BURNS

Alligator Contributing Writer

One year ago, Donna Rudnicki used to drive everywhere. But after Rudnicki learned more about the effects of pollution on the environment, she decided to switch from four wheels to two.

The 21-year-old UF English junior now commutes via bicycle.

Rudnicki will be among the hundreds of students who will participate in the UF Office of Sustainability's Under One Umbrella campaign, which starts today.

"UF, overall, has a goal of being carbon neutral by 2025 and to produce zero waste by 2016," said Michael Amish, a program assistant in the UF Office of Sustainability.

This campaign focuses on sustainability-related activities on campus and in the community

to encourage students, faculty and Gainesville residents to learn how the various components of sustainability interact, according to the office's website.

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Michael Amish
program assistant in the UF Office of Sustainability

Amish said the office is excited to use this campaign to reach out to partners across campus and connect with students about the importance of creating a sustainable university.

The initiative features five components of ideal sustainability — food, water, service, waste and energy — while focusing on how their interdependence is necessary to achieve a sustain-

able way of life on campus.

Carla Etheridge, intern for the Office of Sustainability, said it is an open campaign.

"People can submit their ideas for events throughout the duration of the campaign," she said.

Under One Umbrella launched this morning with the Farm to Table, Bike to Breakfast event at Gator Corner Dining Center.

Other events throughout the campaign include a screening of "The Clean Bin Project" in partnership with the Florida Museum of Natural History. There will also be a Campus Earth Day celebration during which UF President Bernie Machen will give his State of Sustainability address and the presentation of the Champions for Change Awards.

The campaign ends April 24 with a campuswide collection day for household hazardous waste and other items.

Baby Gators dig for love

► THE FUNDRAISER IS TONIGHT.

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writer

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, there will be a Digging the Love fundraiser tonight to benefit UF Baby Gator Child Development Centers.

The fundraiser, hosted by Chris Machen and Danette Good, will be at the UF President's House from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will include food, drinks and auctions.

Tickets cost \$50 a person and can be purchased online or at the door. Funds will help create natural playgrounds, which incorporate elements of nature.

"We want to remove concrete and plastic and replace those with pieces that are made from natural elements," said Pamela Pallas, director of Baby Gator Child Development and Research Centers at UF.

Some trees that have to be cut down on campus will be recycled to make benches, decks and playhouses, Pallas said.

Stacy Ellis Thomas, associate director for Baby Gator, wrote in an email that teachers and students will use the new playgrounds to explore nature and grow produce.

Pallas said she expects about 200 guests and hopes to raise \$40,000. The goal is to begin construction in the next few weeks.

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Smart Science

Lincoln Middle School seventh-grader Amir Helmy, 12, explains his project, which uses smartphones to detect seizures and falls, to a science fair judge. Read the story online.

More than 130 citations were issued there last month

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believes the issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

"When we start talking about lives at stake, you don't sit around," he said. "You do something now."

On Wednesday, Chase wrote an email to City Manager Russ Blackburn outlining possible solutions to the problem, which include adding a stationary police car to the intersection and lowering the speed limit.

Blackburn responded with a list of actions the city's Public Works Department and Gainesville Police have already taken to alleviate pedestrian accidents in the area.

One of the items included Gainesville Police's Pedestrian High Visibility Enforcement Program, which resulted in

the department issuing 130 citations to motorists Jan. 25 and Jan. 28.

Blackburn also wrote that Public Works has installed signs on opposite sides of the crosswalk to warn drivers of pedestrians.

The intersection lies within City Commissioner Susan Bottcher's district. Bottcher said she plans to work with the city to reduce the number of accidents on the crosswalk.

However, she said, she thinks the root of the problem should be determined before any action is taken.

"We should really understand what's causing accidents and decide from there what our best step forward is," she said. "We need to make sure we go about it in a manner where it will actually remedy the problem."

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Treasurer candidates talked the \$18 million budget, officials' perks

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cabinets should be meshed to make the system more efficient. Rivas said the cabinets have already been consolidated.

With an \$18 million budget at stake, funding was hotly debated between the treasurer candidates.

Students Party candidate Billy Farrell suggested cutting SG officials' perks, which he said cost \$3,000. Jayce Victor of the Swamp Party argued the perks were necessary.

Both parties discussed the "One More Block" initiative for SNAP and soft bar closings.

Goldman said SNAP employees

were against the initiative. She said One More Block would exhaust the four vans that serve the existing area. Bonarrigo, who supported both initiatives in the Senate, said these ideas will help the Student Body.

Mechanical engineering freshman Marcel Vial, 18, said the Students Party presented itself elo-

"Their ideas came through clearly."

Marcel Vial
mechanical engineering freshman

quently.

"Their ideas came through clearly," he said.

UF economics junior Kevin Per-

sad, 20, tweeted a question about the Innovation Academy and how its students can get more involved in campus life.

"Student Government should be in the forefront of this, and they're really not," he said.

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Survey takes input on bus system

► THE ONLINE SURVEY CLOSES FRIDAY.

ELISE RODRIGUEZ
Alligator Contributing Writer

The City of Gainesville and the Regional Transit System are asking the public for its opinion as part of a study that focuses on implementing an alternative bus system.

The city and RTS have been asking students as well as residents for input to find the best alternative to the current bus system, said Ginger Corless, GO-Enhance RTS Study information officer.

The survey has been available online on the GO-Enhance RTS website, www.go-enhancers.com, since Jan. 22 and will close Friday.

"More than anything, what we need right now is input," Corless said.

The survey is part of the GO-Enhance RTS Study, which began in October, according to the study's website.

RTS Chief Transit Planner Doug Robinson said the city has been a potential location for an alternate bus system for several years.

In 2010, the city oversaw what is known as the Rapid Transit Feasibility Study, which found a need for residents in east Gainesville to be connected to major employment and shopping areas, Robinson said.

The study showed that a Bus Rapid Transit system would offer the greatest improvements in mobility and reduce traffic congestion.

In the study, Robinson said, BRT is still under consideration and is asking for public comment.

"We identified a need for improved transit," he said. "Now, the community needs to see what can be done to make moving around here better."

Robinson said BRT is modeled to resemble a rail transportation system.

The system would be designed to expand roads and designate specific lanes for the buses to increase travel speed and reliability.

In addition, the lack of stops and improved design of the BRT buses would make them environmentally friendly, Robinson said.

In previous RTS studies, residents tended to favor rail systems more than city buses.

"It has to do with nostalgia and the permanence of rail systems," he said. "Rail systems are just simpler. They run right or left, with no stops in between."

The proposed system, however, has its downsides. Widening streets is expensive, and the construction would increase congestion for motorists, Robinson said.

The study area encompasses 16.6 miles from Santa Fe College to the Gainesville Regional Airport, according to the GO-Enhance RTS Study website.

With the BRT's potential to reduce traffic, students won't have to worry about being late to class.

Cristina Lopez-Poza, a 20-year-old SFC student, said she would consider using BRT system buses if they make travel quicker.

"I think it'd probably be a very good idea and might offer a lot of Santa Fe students an easier way to get around," she said.

Corless said the goal of the study is to have a streamlined plan for transportation approved by the city and the county by late spring.

The next step will be to apply for federal funding.

"I truly believe an enhanced bus system will help us long term," she said.



Andrea Sarcos / Alligator

Songs On the Plaza

Fae Nageon De Lestang, 24, of local band Flat Land, sings the band's original song "Hurt Myself" Wednesday at the Union Street Farmers Market.

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Editorial

Worstminster

Dog Show:

Get out and vote, y'all

It's the year of the underdog. Expect the unexpected. "A tiny black affenpinscher named Banana Joe won the coveted Best in Show award at the 137th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Tuesday," according to the Los Angeles Times.

"The second ribbon went to Swagger, an Old English sheepdog who was named Reserve Best in Show, or runner-up to the winner," according to the Times.

Somehow, a dog named Swagger only got second place in a reputable dog show competition. Only second place!

This opens so many doors and opportunities for people to advance in life.

This isn't at all an allegory to Student Government elections.

"Swagger, a 20-month-old Old English sheepdog, stunned many observers, entering as a 'class' dog and defeating far more seasoned competitors to win the herding dog category Monday," according to the Times. "Swagger was a clear crowd favorite but came in second to Banana Joe in the final judging."

Bring it on, Swagger. Bring it on, indeed.

"They have a comical seriousness about them," Ernesto Lara said, according to USA Today. "He doesn't think he's funny. He doesn't know his size or know that he has a pushed-in face. He thinks he's Mr. America."

It's the unassuming ones who enter contests without expecting to win — those are the ones you have to watch out for. It's the quiet ones who are too busy listening to you to make problems who end up being the best.

Again, not at all referencing the upcoming elections.

"It's almost indescribable," Lara said, according to the Times. He described the dog — a member of the toy group — as a "small breed with a big heart."

What a sweet way to describe, like, anything. OK, OK. We'll drop the facade. This is basically about the SG elections and how you should never assume what the outcome will be. You have the power. We're not saying at this moment whom we necessarily want to win or lose. Nope, not at all.

For right now, we'd just like to pose the hypothetical situation of Swagger versus Banana Joe. Think about it.

We have the collective power to change the outcome of any election, by the way — in case you needed a reminder.

"Backstage before the show, there were rows of tables with owners and trainers pampering pooches of all shapes, sizes, breeds and hairstyles," according to an ABC News article. "Spaniels were combed, poodles were coiffed and Scottish deerhounds were brushed to show-level perfection."

"I'm still in shock," said Swagger's owner, Colton Johnson of Colorado Springs, according to the Times. "This is a hard show for dogs that are seasoned, let alone dogs that have showed just four times."

We agree. Any competition is pretty nerve-wracking. It's impressive to even put yourself out there to be judged.

Just never assume the outcome. Keep your hopes up and your expectations low.

Reader response

Today's question: Will you be my Valentine?

Wednesday's question: Do you have a Valentine? **42% YES**

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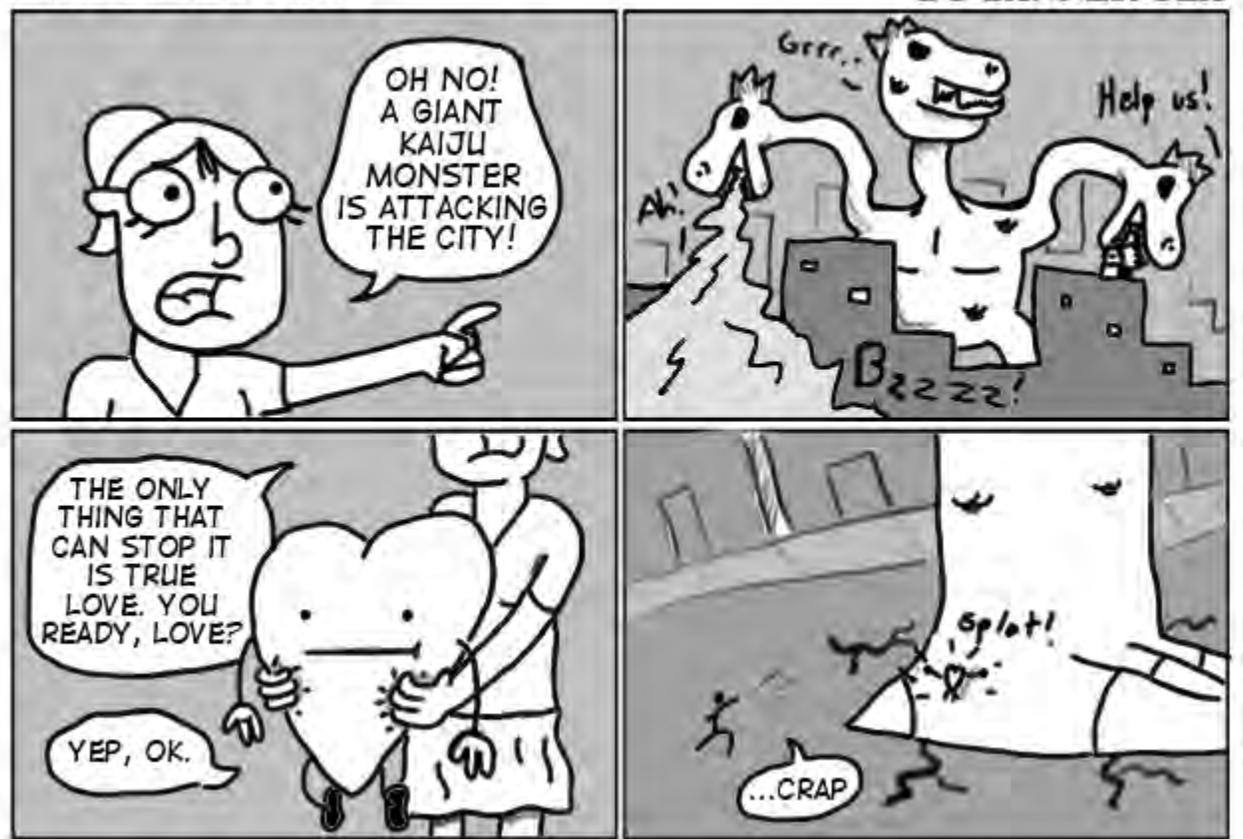
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Letters to the Editor

Students deserve more from Student Government

Before I came to college, I pictured a place where the best ideas rose to the top, a place where students were progressive in their thoughts and actions and a place where, if you worked hard enough, you could be a leader. I didn't find these things in UF's Student Government. In fact, I found the exact opposite.

For decades, forces that represent the interests of a select few have had a stranglehold on power at this university.

They have promoted people they know instead of people who could do a better job. They have stifled debate about important issues out of fear of losing their positions. Perhaps most frighteningly, they have coerced thousands of students into voting for them through an elaborate system of rewards and punishments.

The party in power controls every aspect of SG on this campus, from Senate to the executive branch, from the election commission to agencies like Accent and Student Government Productions. At times, it seems like the party in power is following the playbook of an authoritarian regime from another country. They are most certainly not finding their tactics in a textbook about democracy.

I believe the most qualified candidates should be chosen, and I believe every qualified candidate should have a fair shot at winning an election, regardless of what organizations he or she is a member of. I believe students should be allowed to express their opinions without fear of consequences or retaliation, because I believe in the power of our First Amendment rights as Americans.

I believe all students should be able to vote for the people they want representing them without being coerced into voting a certain way. Do you value democracy? Do you value freedom of speech? Do you value the rights of all students to be fairly represented in SG? If you do, then understand that the vote you cast is a vote in support or opposition of those ideals.

To me, SG elections present a very clear right and wrong. To me, it is clearly right to stand up for meritocracy, freedom of speech and free elections. To me, there is only one party you can count on to stand up for these rights: the Students Party.

All students should be proud of SG efforts

On Monday, Students Party presidential candidate Johnny Castillo said the following:

"Erasing the divide between the Greek community and other students at UF is crucial to making Student Government an institution we can be proud of."

Mr. Castillo is entitled to his opinion, but as someone who has dedicated this school year to proving the opposite point, I beg to differ.

My agency — Action SG — consists of members of both parties and of those involved a multitude of student organizations — who are dedicated to extolling the values of SG.

In addition, we've launched an SG Ambassador Program with an invite to every single student organization who'd like to know more about SG, and nearly every one of our initial organizations are not Greek organizations.

This past year alone, SG outreach has increased exponentially — from social media to town halls and barbecues.

Just Monday morning students tabled not for a party — but for SG.

I'm proud of an SG that fought for Library West to stay open 24/5, SNAP to go mobile and tuition to not rise through Aim Higher.

I'm proud of an SG that launched mobile deals for students, iPad rentals at Library West and saved students nearly \$30,000 on Textbook Discount Day at the bookstore.

I encourage all students to find out what SG is doing for themselves.

You can follow @UF_SG and @UFActionSG on Twitter, or on Facebook at UF Student Government or Action SG.

I'm proud to be in an SG all students should be proud of.

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British invasion: The Wanted lands reality show on E!

'The Wanted Life' will premiere in June

BOBBY DESMOND
Avenue Writer

Mimicking the movements of One Direction, The Wanted — a popular boy band in the United Kingdom — crossed the Atlantic in hopes of achieving success in America. And boy, are they glad they came.

In December, The Wanted's debut single "Glad You Came" was named the No.

1 song of 2012 by American Top 40 with Ryan Seacrest.

Soon after, rumors began to circulate that the group was in communication with E! Network to appear on its own reality TV show.

That rumor was confirmed last week after the guys appeared on "Chasing the Saturdays," a reality show that follows the lives of a UK girl band trying to make it big in America.



George

However, the group's new reality show, "The Wanted Life," may have one thing "Chasing the Saturdays" does not: Lindsay Lohan.

The actress and Hollywood hot mess has been caught flying to numerous cities on the band's tour and is rumored to be dating band member Max George.

Lohan also posted pictures on her Instagram that lead some to believe the two were an official couple.

George, who admitted to sharing a "snog" (the UK version of a kiss) with the actress, tweeted she won't be on the show because he thought "she might be in prison."

Whether this was an honest joke or an attempt to cover up a secret relationship remains unknown.

I guess we'll just have to tune in to "The Wanted Life" on E! when the show premieres in June to find out.



Courtesy to the Alligator

Guru of Chai

Award-winning actor Jacob Rajan plays 17 different characters in the play "Guru of Chai." The Indian Ink Theatre Company's production will visit the Squitieri Studio Theater at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts tonight through Saturday. Read the story at alligator.org/the_avenue.

Festival screens films

BAKR SALIQ
Avenue Writer

With Sundance Film Festival wrapping up late last month, cinema enthusiasts who prefer to stay local won't have to travel far for a film festival experience this weekend.

On Friday, the Florida Experimental Film/Video Festival, known as FLEX Fest, will open at the Top Secret Space, 22 North Main St..

FLEX Fest will show experimental films from 55 countries during eight screenings throughout the weekend.

Roger Beebe, the founder and artistic director of the festival, said that FLEX Fest is one of the only experimental film festivals in the Southeast.

"This kind of filmmaking doesn't get a lot of recognition," said Beebe, also a UF professor of post-classical cinema and cameraless filmmaking.

Jodie Mack, an experimental animation professor at Dart-

mouth College, helped start FLEX Fest when she was an undergraduate at UF. She also has a number of films in this year's festival.

"Experimental film allows film to explore the medium outside of a commercial format," she said. "It summons other possibilities in cinema."

Alison Bittiker, the managing director of

FLEX Fest and a UF teaching lab assistant of creative photography, encourages any students who are interested in film and experimental film to attend and talk with some of the filmmakers who will be present after the screenings.

Tickets for the event cost \$5 a screening, and a festival pass costs \$25 and includes access to all shows and after parties.



comedy

Comic relief: Gainesville Improv Festival kicks off Wednesday

GILLIAN STONEY
Avenue Contributing Writer

Magic — it's what happens when audience suggestions combine with comedy gold on stage during the eighth annual Gainesville Improv Festival.

The Festival will run for four days with shows at High Dive Wednesday and Thursday and performances at The Phillips

Center for the Performing Arts Squitieri Studio Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Twenty-four improvisational and sketch comedy troupes from around the country will perform.

Tom O'Donnell, producer of the Gainesville Improv Festival, said performing for the first time was like "Fight Club." When you get on stage, you can't think, you just have to do, he said.

"Improv ... it makes you better, it makes you sharper and makes you learn more about what's going on in the world."

Drew Korb
member of Mission Improvable

From that terrifying first time, improv became an obsession for the former Theatre Strike Force member who, along with Skyler

Stone, founded the festival in 2005.

Improv is an unscripted form of comedy. Audience suggestions are taken for skits, creating unique material with each performance, Stone said.

As a first time performer at the festival, Drew Korb, a former member of Theatre Strike Force and a current member of Chicago's Mission Improvable — "the

secret agents of comedy," as he calls the members — said it's a dream and an honor to perform in Gainesville again.

"Improv ... it makes you better, it makes you sharper and makes you learn more about what's going on in the world," he said.

For the festival's complete schedule and ticket information, visit www.gainesvilleimprov.com.



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Valentine's Day A La Carte

SEANTYEL HARDY
Avenue Contributing Writer

Unless you're Taylor Swift, you've probably been single on Valentine's Day. But it shouldn't be a letdown this year.

"Safe Haven," based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks, released in theaters today.

Although going to see anything based on a Sparks book when you're single seems like suicide, going with your friends is a good idea. That is safer than seeing it with a guy who you're going to compare to the on-screen hunk, only to be disappointed.

If you aren't into love stories, you can decide Valentine's Day is "A Good Day to Die Hard," and check out Bruce Willis on the big screen. If you see it matinee, you can avoid the couples and save a few dollars.

Another option is to take a trip to Ginnie Springs. If you haven't been to Ginnie Springs, you will find that the grounds offer camping, tubing, diving instructions and more, according to www.ginniespringsoutdoors.com.

Tubing far away from malls, Hallmark stores and overpriced restaurants will help you pass the day away. You have to remember, Valentine's Day is not just about your significant other, it is about anyone you love.

A visit to the Hippodrome State Theatre, 25 SE Second Place, to see "The Vagina Monologues" can also help make your day. The play is sponsored by One Billion Rising and the Community of Gainesville's VDAY campaigns, which aim to end violence against women.

The play is based on Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women, according to the Hippodrome's website listing. Tickets are \$25, which includes a \$20 donation to Peaceful Paths, a local domestic abuse shelter. Following the show, there will be a silent auction which will also benefit the cause.

If music is more your scene, the second annual Heartbreakers Ball will take place Downtown at High Dive beginning at 9 p.m. Performances include The Barstool Prophets, The Prenups and Chris McCarty, belting ballads that singles can relate to. Tickets will cost \$8 at the door.

The biggest benefit of attending a Heartbreakers Ball is that there will be plenty of single ladies and men there to meet. You can also feel good about yourself because proceeds will go to the Nonprofit Center of North Central Florida, an organization that supports other nonprofits in the community.

A last option is to grab your closest friends and hit up Midtown or downtown, whichever you prefer. You obviously can't force love, but going out rarely turns into a bad night. There are sure to be drink specials everywhere, and while I'm not telling you to drink your sorrows away, I am telling you to make the most of your night.

Instead of throwing your own bitter bash this year, grab some friends, get out there and just do something. Unless you're practically [or actually] married, Valentine's Day is just another day. Carpe diem, or seize the day. Put away the gallon of ice cream and see what Gainesville has to offer.

Valentine's Day Table for Two

JENNIFER HERNANDEZ
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Relationships are difficult. Usually, mates want you to hang out with them, do them special favors and make them sandwiches. With full schedules and thriving career goals, we just don't have the time or energy to keep up with the demands of a relationship. But Valentine's Day is different. It's the day to put all of your stress aside and put out.

You and your significant other are probably tired of the quiet dinners in and the uneventful dates out. If you're looking for a fresh take on romance, mix it up this Valentine's Day by partaking in activities that will add variety to your day and night.

Revisit your childhood memories with a trip to the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo. College students don't get to see exotic animals often, unless they're majoring in zoology — or they go clubbing every night — so this could be a change of scenery. The zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and admission is \$5.

Immerse yourselves in nature by visiting the local parks. Activities like canoeing and row boating at Lake Wauburg can help you bond with whom you're dating. If you get stranded in the middle of the lake, you have to work as a team.

Nature lovers can also take a walk, have a picnic and watch the sunset at Lake Alice. For the adrenaline-loving couple, biking, hiking or horseback riding at Paynes Prairie is the ad-

venture for you.

Get creative and cook together. Publix sells prepared pizza dough, so purchase some sauce, cheese and a couple of toppings, and make your own gourmet meal for two for less than \$20. Toss a salad, pop a bottle of wine and dinner is served. If you are worried about all the pesky extra calories, don't fret. You'll be burning those off soon.

The fashionable couple will enjoy a fancy night out on the town. Throw on your best threads, splash on your favorite fragrance and grab your girl or guy for a spin around downtown. Do a little shopping, grab a bite at the local cupcake shop, Sarkara Sweets, or simply enjoy each other's company. This can also work for the chic, penny-pinching twosome.

Find peace among the butterflies at the Butterfly Rainforest exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History before 5 p.m. These colorful critters can illuminate an afternoon with a new love or an old flame as you catch up in an environment that is famous for its serenity. Admission is \$9 if you present your Gator! Card.

The Harn hosts Museum Nights, and tonight they will collaborate with the Center for African Studies to celebrate love, poetry, music, dance and food from Africa. The cultured crowd can enjoy this fun and free insight into another civilization's practices of romance. Whatever you end up doing, make sure it's a fun activity you both enjoy. Most important, remember to end the night with a bang.

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,
From what I've gathered from reading your column, we share a love for facial hair. Besides mustaches, what turns you on?

Dear Mediocre Advice,
I broke up with my boyfriend of one year because I did not see things working out in the long run. He was 100 percent invested, and I was not. I'm devastated because I hurt a good, honest and loving person, and I can't stop thinking about him. I didn't know being the one to end a relationship could hurt like this. What do I do? Am I a shallow, terrible person for not giving it more time? How do I get through this?

Dear Questionable Friend,
A gust of wind, perfect high-fives, finishing someone's sentence, Bill Murray, ABC Family's "25 Days of Christmas," touch-sensitive lamps, CVS/pharmacy coupons, "Goosebumps" (the novels by R.L. Stine), when adjusting your position in a chair unexpectedly sounds like a fart and when someone does an impression of Bill Cosby, Woody Allen or Christopher Walken.

Dear Friend,
It's hard to drive a bulldozer through someone's life, but you did it for the right reasons. To stay with someone you don't want to be with is not fair to either of you. He would have put effort into a dead relationship, which would have delayed his progress in getting over you. Don't beat yourself up. If you spend too much time with him, he could confuse your care for his well-being with actually wanting to be with him. Mixed signals will only make the breakup harder. Give him space and time. You did the right thing.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
What is the best advice your parents ever gave you?

Dear Friend,
The best advice my parents ever gave me was to buy a printer. At first I argued how little I would use it and how it would be a waste of money, but I use that thing all the time. When your parents offer to buy you a printer, accept their offer and take the damn thing.

Trophy Hunting: Grammy Awards recognize the best in music

LL COOL J WAS THE HOST.

ALYSSA HOLCOMB
Avenue Writer

Fashion may have been under close supervision at this year's Grammy Awards, as per a memo about wardrobe guidelines issued by CBS, but the artists didn't hold back when it came to performances. That's what makes the Grammys so great — the pairings of some of the most legendary performers with today's rising artists makes for memorable moments in music.

Taylor Swift kicked the night off

in carnival garb with her hit song "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together." Her performance may have been cute with the campy setting, but her accent jab at ex-boyfriend Harry Styles was anything but subtle.

Other performance highlights include Fun, with a rain-drenched version of single "Carry On." The band, which garnered an impressive six nominations for the night, took home trophies for Best New Artist and Song of the Year.

Rihanna took the stage twice, once to perform her slow power ballad "Stay" and again alongside Bruno Mars, Sting, Ziggy and Da-

mian Marley to pay (a severely awesome) tribute to Bob Marley.

Also taking the stage twice was the always dapper Justin Timberlake, who brought Jay-Z on stage for the television debut of "Suit and Tie." JT continued his performance, complete with a big

band and orchestra, with new song "Pusher Love Girl" from his upcoming album "The 20/20 Experience." His return to the Grammy

stage marked a highlight of the night for many.

Top honors went to Gotye and Kimbra's "Somebody That I Used to Know" for Record of the Year, and Mumford & Sons took home the trophy for Album of the Year. Other winners included The Black Keys for Best Rock Album, Zac Brown Band for Best Country Album, and Adele for Best Pop Solo Performance.

The announcers were just as memorable as the performances themselves. As host LL Cool J put it, "Our introductions to performances can be performances...." The Lumineers played its hit "Ho

Hey" before Jack White took the stage, while Miguel and Wiz Khalifa did a crooning/rapping ditty before introducing the nominees for Best Country Solo Performance.

Johnny Depp, in all of his glory, introduced Mumford, and the hilarious duo of Beyonce and Ellen DeGeneres brought out Timberlake.

Between the surprises and the snubs (ahem: Frank Ocean), this year's telecast had no shortage of excitement.

Transitioning from music to movie awards, the Oscars are less than two weeks away. Tune in to ABC at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 for the year's top honors in motion pictures.



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'The Lives Inside the Lines': Matt Pond embraces sadness

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Avenue Writer

Before you read this album review, I should explain something: I am a huge Matt Pond fan. I discovered Matt Pond about six years ago in my years between high school and college.

This was before I lived in Gainesville, in my first apartment behind an interstate. I worked as a bartender serving heavy-handed Jack and Coke's to depressed 40-somethings who mistook my desperation for their money as an interest in their sex lives. (Really, I couldn't care less about how cheating on your wife validates your masculinity.)

In those shapeless years, I was young and terrified and convinced the rest of my life would be spent smiling at people I hated with every fiber in my body. And then I heard Pond's 2005 song, "So Much Trouble," and recognized this feeling was ubiquitous among directionless teenage bums. Pond became a band through which I sought refuge.

Pond's talent as a songwriter lies in his ability to lull his listeners into a previous state. His music is ripe with reverie, and when it's on, you can't help but remember feelings of adolescent hunger, uncertainty and being alone, alone, alone, alone and alone. But my question is this: What happens when you start to feel better?

The latest album is "The Lives Inside the Lines In Your Hand."

The album's opening is promising enough, with a deluge of "whoa-oh-whoa-

oh's," and Pond's unfailingly familiar electric mellowness — you feel like you're listening to a dying tree sing you songs about the fall. And this, of course, is wonderful, until you realize you heard these songs last fall, and the fall before that, and so on.



For the long-term Pond fans, "Lives Inside the Lines," feels more like compulsion than sincerity. After fifteen years of writing music, Pond returns to what he's used to: animated melancholy.

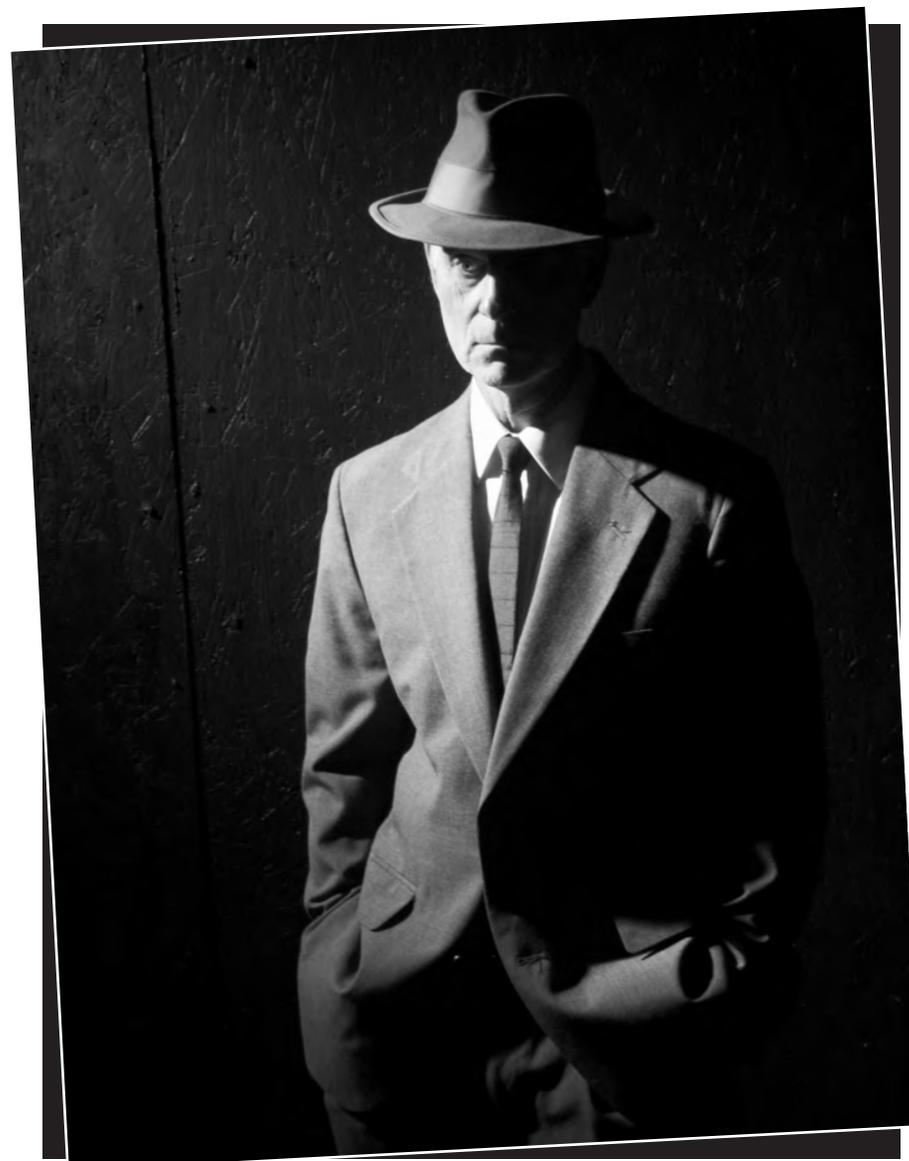
Although I still love the music, I think my disappointment stems from wanting to hear a warmer perspective from Pond, especially as the colder months dwindle to their trifling Floridian end.

Still, all is not lost. There are four songs worth putting on your iPhone or iPod for a walk around the neighborhood while the weather is still winter-ish. "Let Me Live," "Love to Get Used," "Go Where the Leaves Go" and the title song, "The Lives Inside the Lines in Your Hand," still ring nostalgically of Pond's ability to say something new in a bittersweet way.

While I'm not crazy about the new album, I'm still a fan of the band. If you've never listened to Pond, the four aforementioned songs aren't a bad place to start — or finish, depending on how you look at it.

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28 Lawn option
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32 Relative via remarriage
36 Shell out
37 Stout
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41 Able to come back
42 Cole Porter's "Clown"
43 Bond, for one
45 "Heavens to Betsy!"
46 Place to tie up
48 "___ we having fun yet?"
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63 Reaction to being cut off
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Junior sidelined with 'shoulder fatigue'

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Junior pitcher Karsten Whitson is out indefinitely due to shoulder fatigue, Florida announced on Wednesday.

Whitson, who was slated to be the team's No. 2 starter behind Jonathon Crawford, missed a month of the 2012 season because of fatigue in his right forearm.

"Karsten has been battling continued shoulder fatigue," head athletic trainer Pat Hassell said in a release. "We have pursued a conservative management plan to treat this issue. Karsten is evaluating further options at this time that will allow for a healthy and productive return to baseball."

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan said Wednesday that there is no timetable for Whitson to return. Prior to being sidelined last season, Whitson's velocity topped out in the low-90s. During fall practice he was throwing in the mid-90s again, so arm trouble appeared to be behind him.

"He's disappointed," O'Sullivan said. "Anybody in his shoes would

be a little disappointed. But we're still staying optimistic."

O'Sullivan said he was not caught off-guard by Whitson's dismaying news. By the end of January, O'Sullivan knew Whitson might not be ready for this weekend's opening series against Duke.

"Anybody in [Whitson's] shoes would be a little disappointed. But we're still staying optimistic."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF coach

"There's a lot of prep that goes into [getting ready for the season]," O'Sullivan said. "You got to do the throwing program — bullpens, throw to live hitters — and we haven't been able to get through the full cycle."

After being drafted ninth overall by the San Diego Padres in the 2010 MLB First-Year Player Draft, Whitson turned down a \$2.1 million contract to come to UF. He struck out 92 batters in 97.1 innings during a strong freshman season.

Doctors did not find any structural damage when Whitson experienced shoulder fatigue last season.

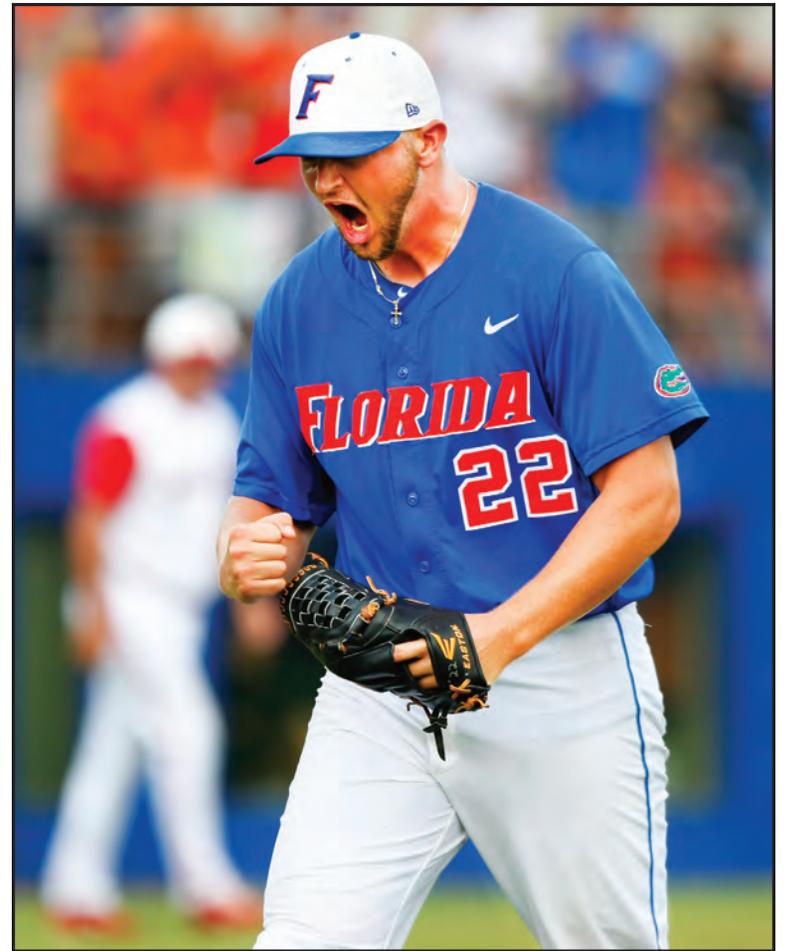
However, Baseball America reported on Wednesday afternoon that Whitson was meeting with orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews.

A world-renowned surgeon, Andrews has performed Tommy John surgery on major league pitchers such as John Smoltz and Brian Wilson, and shoulder surgery on NFL quarterbacks Brett Favre and Drew Brees. Andrews primarily works out of Birmingham, Ala., but also has a facility in Gulf Breeze, which is less than 2 hours from Whitson's hometown of Chipley.

O'Sullivan said freshman right-hander Tucker Simpson will start in Whitson's place on Saturday. Sophomore Justin Shafer will start on Sunday.

"Karsten Whitson is an awesome pitcher," sophomore catcher Taylor Gushue said. "But our younger guys are definitely going to have to step up this year. That's how it's going to affect us. ... I'm not worried about it. Karsten has a lot of talent, but our team is good enough to take it in stride, and we'll just go from there."

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Junior Karsten Whitson reacts after recording a strikeout during Florida's 9-8 win against NC State on June 10, 2012, at McKethan Stadium.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UF out to avenge Butler's loss

PHILLIP HEILMAN
Alligator Staff Writer

The sound of Rod Stewart's voice still makes coach Amanda Butler cringe.

Stewart's music evokes memories of a disappointing time in Butler's life — the final game of her college career and the frustration that went with it.

Butler played four seasons at Florida from 1990-94. In her final year, the Gators received a No. 4 seed and were prepared to host the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

However, Stewart was scheduled to perform in the O'Connell Center that weekend, forcing UF to decline the option to play at home. Instead, Florida traveled to College Station, Texas, to face Texas A&M.

Given the gift of homecourt advantage, the Aggies upset the Gators 78-76, ending Butler's college career. She scored 15 points in the loss and still harbors irritation about her final season

being cut short.

"It is a little bit a part of Gator history," Butler said. "I'm very proud to be a part of Gators history, but I would like us to focus on the next chapter."

The next chapter is tonight at 9. Florida travels to College Station to play No. 11 Texas A&M in the first meeting between the two teams since the 1994 matchup.

"I would much rather think about this next experience in Reed Arena," Butler said. "I think it's going to be a much more pleasant one."

Led by junior center Kelsey Bone, who is third in the Southeastern Conference with 17.1 points per game, Texas A&M (19-5, 9-1 SEC) has returned to form after dropping its first three contests this season.

Bone played at South Carolina as a freshman and gave Butler headaches during their lone meeting. Florida won 59-56 on Jan. 24, 2010, despite Bone's

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Center excels against top talent

► YOUNG RECORDED 12 POINTS AND 11 REBOUNDS AGAINST NOEL.

LANDON WATNICK
Alligator Writer

Before Tuesday, Kentucky's Nerlens Noel was dominant in the paint.

Noel entered Tuesday's contest against the Gators leading the NCAA with 4.5 blocks per game and averaging nearly a double-double with 10.6 points and 9.6 rebounds.

Utilizing his length and athleticism, the freshman had helped the Wildcats hold opposing teams to 40.6 percent shooting on attempts inside the arc.

But Noel did not rattle junior Patric Young on Tuesday night.

"I tried to come into the game saying, 'It's just another game. It's another good big man. I'm going to come in and do the best I can and do my job, keep him off the boards and just run the floor,'" Young said.

Tuesday's matchup was not just another game for Young. He recorded 12 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks in

No. 7 Florida's 69-52 win against No. 25 Kentucky in the O'Connell Center.

"When he gives incredible effort, plays with a really good motor, [Young's] capable of getting double-doubles every night," Donovan said.

Noel scored only eight points in 23 minutes before leaving the game with 8:03 remaining after suffering an ACL tear in his left knee.

Young, who averaged 6.6 boards per game heading into Tuesday, outrebounded Noel 10-6 before the UK center's early exit.

Young drew two of the three fouls called against Noel. The freshman center sat the final 6:26 of the first half after

picking up his second.

In 24 minutes, Young made 5 of 7 attempts from the field.

All of his field goals came within a few feet of the basket. Florida took only 14 three-point attempts — its second-lowest total this year — as it found success penetrating the paint and shooting 51.2 per-

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Young



Sophomore Briana Little hit a grand slam during Florida's 11-3 win against Jacksonville on Wednesday. See story, page 16.

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Gators in the NBA

Atlanta Hawks center Al Horford scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a 108-76 win against the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night in Orlando.

Young committed just one foul against UK

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cent on two-point attempts.

"We knew that Nerlens was able to block a lot of shots and not only block them, but just alter them and make you think about, 'Oh, he's coming to block my shot help side,'" Young said. "So we knew today that if we attack the basket, you had to go up aggressive."

After picking up a foul less than 2 minutes into the game, Young did not commit one for the remainder of the contest.

A handful of acrobatic plays highlighted his performance.

Young's most impressive offensive play was a reverse layup with 19:33 remaining. After receiving a bounce pass from senior forward Erik Murphy, Young curled around Noel in the post to find net.

"My favorite kind of block is when I get to chase somebody down from behind, and they don't see me coming, and I smack it."

Patric Young
UF center

But Young's defense earned air time on ESPN's SportsCenter with one of the top 10 plays on Tuesday.

After Wildcats guard Archie Goodwin stole the ball from Young, the UF center chased Goodwin down the lane and rejected his layup.

"My favorite kind of block is when I get to chase somebody down from behind, and they don't see me coming, and I smack it," Young said. "I was able to do that a few times."

Fatigue has been an issue for Young throughout his career, but he ran the floor well on Tuesday.

At the 12:10 mark of the second half, Young dashed to the other end and beat Noel on a layup to put the Gators ahead 53-38.

Young's teammates fed off his intensity.

"It just felt like he was laying it all on the line for our team," guard Mike Rosario said. "That's what we need out of our big guy."



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Center Patric Young (4) attempts a layup during UF's 69-52 win against UK on Tuesday in the O'Connell Center.

WOMEN'S GOLF

UF places fourth in Grumman Challenge

RJ SCHAFFER
Alligator Writer

After ending the first round tied for second, Florida finished a disappointing fifth at the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge in Palos Verdes, Calif.

The three-round tournament, which mostly featured western schools, was Florida's second competition of the spring.

The Gators were coming off a win at the Florida Challenge on Jan. 28, but they could not translate their momentum into a victory at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

Florida trailed eventual champion UCLA by only two shots after the first round but finished 22 strokes behind.

UF was looking for its fourth win of the season behind the play of sophomore Camilla Hedberg and senior Isabelle Lendl.

Hedberg shot six over for the tournament (219) and finished in eighth place. She was tied for second in the first round.

Lendl finished tied for 22nd after shooting 11 over par (224).

Hedberg entered the final day in position to potentially win the tournament after finishing the second round in a second-place tie.

Hedberg lost her opportunity by shooting five

over par (76) in the championship round.

Eventual champion Erynee Lee from UCLA was the only player to finish at even par (213) during the three-day tourney in Palos verdes.

Lendl never played up to her potential. Rounds of 74, 75 and 75 prevented her from contending for the individual title.

The disappointment goes past just the play of Hedberg and Lendl.

Senior Mia Piccio, who was coming off a victory at the Lady Bulldog Individual Championship, fell out of contention when she shot seven over par in the second round (78) and five over par in the final round (76).

Elcin Ulu had the worst finish of any Gator. Ulu shot eight over par (79) in the first round and 12 over par (83) in the second round before shooting her tournament low four over par (75) in the final round.

Still, there was a bright spot for Florida.

Anna Young, who began the tournament with a 78.1 stroke average in every round, finished with a 74 (+3) in the first and third rounds.

She finished the tournament tied for 25th with a 225 (+12).

Florida has 10 days off before it returns to competition at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Feb. 24.

Texas A&M won national title in 2011

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19-point, 11-rebound effort.

"She's bigger than some of the post players we have come against, and she is very, very strong," junior center Vicky McIntyre said. "That's something we are just going to have to figure out how to deal with. It's just going to be a tough game overall."

Texas A&M won the 2011 national title and is a likely candidate to contend for a Final Four appearance this season.

UF, meanwhile, has not beaten a ranked team this season.

Butler knows the matchup against Texas A&M gives Florida a chance to earn its first true statement victory of the 2012-13 campaign.

"It's a fantastic opportunity," Butler said.

"It's a great chance to not only get a league win against one of the teams tied for the league lead, but also do that on the road. I think that would really solidify who we think we are."

Junior guard Jaterra Bonds leads the Gators in scoring during conference play with 14.7 points per game.

Her ability to contend with Courtney Walker, the SEC Freshman of the Week and the Aggies' second-leading scorer, will be as important as the Gators' ability to limit Bone.

Bonds has made just one NCAA Tournament appearance. She hopes to better her chances of making another run to the Big Dance while helping Butler collect some delayed gratification.

"[Butler] has mentioned it to us," Bonds said. "That is something we are going to take personal. We want to get out there and win it for her, because that's where her career ended."

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Coach Amanda Butler calls out a play during Florida's 87-54 win against Alabama on Feb. 3 in the O'Connell Center.

Gators rout Dolphins on road

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Alligator Writer

Jacksonville took control against No. 3 Florida at the opening draw. The Dolphins stayed patient, holding the ball for the first 3 minutes of the game without attempting a shot on goal.

At the 27:06 mark during the first half, Jacksonville's Nikki Ederly bounced the ball underneath UF goalie Mikey Meagher's stick to give JU a 1-0 lead.

After a quick, failed shot by the Gators, the Dolphins controlled the ball for another 3:30 before turning it over.

Then the Gators got going.

Senior Kitty Cullen weaved in and out of the JU defense, nailing the ball in the top of the net to tie the game 1-1 with 22:42 remaining.

Six minutes later, Florida extended the score to 4-1.

UF tacked on streaks of four and five straight goals later in the game, never giving Jacksonville a chance.

Florida is 2-0 for only the second time in program history after defeating Jacksonville (1-2) 15-4 on the road Wednesday night.

The Gators are undefeated in four contests against the Dolphins, winning by an average margin of 9.8 goals per game.

"The goals were off feeds and off drives," senior Gabi Wiegand said. "We were just kind of seeing what the defense was doing and giving us, and we just took our opportunities."

Wiegand continued her early success this season by scoring five goals against Jacksonville, upping her 2013 total to seven. She scored twice during a 5-3 win against North Carolina on Saturday in Chapel Hill, N.C.

"You can't score without the ball."

Amanda O'Leary

UF coach

"[Wiegand] not only scored in [one-on-one situations], she scored in transition, she scored around the crease," coach Amanda O'Leary said. "She was just a threat everywhere."

Wiegand has 10 goals in two games against the Dolphins.

Other than the first 6:30 of the game, the Gators were in command on draw controls and ground balls.

Florida led 13-8 in draw controls and 19-8 in ground balls.

"Anytime you can hold possession of the ball, the other team can't score," O'Leary said. "You can't score without the ball."

All but one of the Gators' 12 starters scooped up a ground ball during the game.



Ryan Jones / Alligator

Senior Gabi Wiegand (35) prepares to attempt a shot during Florida's 18-13 exhibition win against England on Jan. 24 at Disney Stadium.

Florida forced 10 turnovers compared to five giveaways.

"Our team competed really hard," O'Leary

said. "It's doing the dirty work, and I think that's where we really did a good job [Wednesday night]."

SOFTBALL

Sophomore's grand slam helps Florida defeat Jacksonville

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Alligator Writer

Briana Little had a big hit on Wednesday night.

Little hit a grand slam to help Florida earn an 11-3 victory against Jacksonville at the JU Softball Complex in Jacksonville. The homer was Little's only hit of the night, but it was more than enough for UF.

"After letting the first pitch go, I knew if she pitched it down the

middle again, I was going to hit it hard," Little said. "I just relaxed and watched it fly out there."

The sophomore outfielder's shot came in front of familiar eyes. The Middleburg native found comfort playing near her hometown.

"It was really nice to have my parents and friends from home come see me play," Little said. "It definitely helps having that support."

The Dolphins took a 1-0 lead in the third, but sophomore Bailey



Little

Castro stepped got the Gators on the board.

Castro tied the score in the fourth with a solo home run, sparking a three-run inning.

"I just felt super excited knowing I helped my team out," Castro said.

Florida took advantage of Jacksonville starter Taylor Rossman

on Wednesday night. The Gators tagged the freshman hurler for 11 runs on 10 hits.

"We did a great job coming back after the third and not giving into Jacksonville's tougher players," coach Tim Walton said.

Freshman Kelsey Stewart was another key contributor to UF's offensive barrage. She finished 3 for 5 at the plate. Stewart's third hit was a two-run triple.

"Kelsey really plays hard out there and raises the level for us,"

Little said.

Despite a productive night with the bats, the Gators only needed Little's grand slam.

Although Hannah Rogers did not pitch up to her usual standards, she still surrendered only three runs on seven hits in seven innings of work. She fanned five batters and walked five.

"We have a lot of strong players that contributed great plays," Castro said. "But, it took all [16] of us to get that win."

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