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Sophomore second baseman Casey Turgeon throws the ball to first base during Florida's 4-2 win against Florida Gulf Coast on Mar. 9, 2012, at McKethan Stadium.

Florida replacing nine departed players in 2013

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

Tom McNamara never left a Gators game disappointed. The Seattle Mariners Director of Amateur Scouting has studied players since 1994.

McNamara began evaluating former Gators catcher Mike Zunino since the Cape Coral native was 16.

The Mariners selected the Golden Spikes Award winner with the No. 3 pick in last June's MLB Draft, during which eight other Florida players found new teams.

"Every time I walked out of the park, I felt good about what I just saw," McNamara said of Zunino.

"That's rare. There were games where he hit 0 for 4, but he did a few things behind the plate that stood out. Then there were games where he swung the bat well. I just remembered so many different situations and so many different pitchers."

Zunino led Florida to its third straight College World Series appearance in 2012. With Zunino behind the plate, the Gators rode a 2.92 ERA to what seemed like a weekly No. 1 ranking.

But with nine Gators gone to chase MLB dreams, the hunted has become the hunter.

They began every game in 2012 with a target on their backs.

A year after earning the No. 1 preseason ranking, Florida starts 2013 ranked 17th.

Florida has 14 new players and replaces seven starters after losing 20 players to the draft during the past two years.

A fourth straight College World Series appearance may hinge on the play of Zunino's replacement — 19-year-old sophomore Taylor Gushue. The Gators' new catcher skipped his senior season of high school to enroll early at Florida.

He made an immediate impact.

Boca Raton Calvary Christian Academy's all-time home run leader went deep on the first college pitch he saw during UF's season opener against Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 17 at McKethan Stadium.

Against Miami on March 3 at Alex Rodriguez Park during his ninth career game, he sent a ball into the third level of a parking garage behind the right field wall.

Consistency and power escaped Gushue once he started Southeastern Conference play. For once, the freshman couldn't hit.

He batted .143 and drove in seven runs against SEC pitching.

"It was different. It was nothing I have ever experienced before," Gushue said.

"Coming from high school and always having success, it's not what I was used to. Coming into this year, I have a whole new perspective on how to deal with it."

There will be no room for error from run producers like Gushue, senior Vickash Ramjit and sophomore Casey Turgeon with a lineup built on bunts, walks and stolen bases.

"It is definitely a different feel than last year. With all the power we had in our lineup, it was unmatched," Gushue said. "We have so much more speed than we had last year."

There was no need to steal last season. UF led the nation with 75 home runs. Florida's star power at the plate and on the mound was a rarity.

Staff ace Hudson Randall is playing with the Detroit Tigers organization. Gone with Randall are the Atlanta native's country twang and calm demeanor.

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Taylor Gushue
UF catcher

Lumbering Brian Johnson gave Florida a towering lefty starter and a power bat.

Closer Austin Maddox and his knee-buckling slider are with the Boston Red Sox.

Right fielder Preston Tucker and his record-setting bat are facing professional pitching. Tucker's legacy survives in a newly added protective netting behind the right-field wall at McKethan Stadium. Tucker regularly hit batting practice pitches to Keys Complex, the school dormitory located across the street — more than 400 feet away from home plate.

The characters from the most successful three-year run in Florida history are gone.

Left behind is unproven talent and gaping holes all over the field — none bigger than at catcher.

"We're getting some very good players, but we are losing some as well. That's the nature of the world we live in," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said.



Alligator File Photo / David Carr

Senior Vickash Ramjit bats during Florida's 8-2 win against Georgia Southern on Apr. 17, 2012, at McKethan Stadium. Ramjit, who has played both first base and outfield during his college career, will serve as a team captain for the Gators in 2013.

The Replacements

• C Mike Zunino
C Taylor Gushue (So.)*

• SS Nolan Fontana
SS Richie Martin (Fr.)*

• CF Daniel Pigott
OF Harrison Bader (Fr.)*

• RF Preston Tucker
INF/OF Vickash Ramjit (Sr.)*

• No. 1 starter RHP Hudson Randall
RHP Jonathon Crawford (Jr.)*

• No. 2 starter LHP Brian Johnson
RHP Tucker Simpson (Fr.)*

• Closer RHP Austin Maddox
RHP Johnny Magliozzi (So.)*

• Reliever RHP Greg Larson
RHP Keenan Kish (Jr.)*

• Reliever LHP Steven Rodriguez
LHP Daniel Gibson (Jr.)*

* Indicates potential replacements

Shawn Janetzke / Alligator Staff

Columnist Greg Luca says junior Casey Prather softens the blow of Florida losing Will Yeguete to injury. Read the story on page 11.



SNAP app frustrates some riders

RideCell being phased out

VICTORIA FORST
 Alligator Contributing Writer

As the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol prepares to become an application-only-based system, SNAP users at UF without a smartphone might find themselves waiting outside for a very long time.

The SNAP UF app, available for download on iOS and Android, went live last month and will be replacing

the RideCell system SNAP is currently using.

University Police officer Gregory Castronover said after the transition is complete, the only two ways to request a ride will be through the SNAP UF app or by calling 352-392-7627.

With the RideCell system, students can call and speak with dispatch or use the automated phone service, and a computer will call students when their rides are ready.

However, non-smartphone users will no longer have the ability to receive notifications or track the van that has been assigned to them.

"So, if you don't have a smartphone, then basically, as soon as you make your request, you have to sort of stand out in the road and wait, and you don't know how long it's going to be," Castronover said.

The van will wait two minutes at the destination point, as it has in the past, but without access to the app, users will not receive any notification

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Jordan Abright / Alligator

Three's Company

Lauren Hoefer, 20, Channing Malz, 20, and Cornelius Pride, 24, rehearse a dance for "Dance 2013: Drop" in the Squitieri Studio Theatre on Wednesday night. "Dance 2013: Drop" premieres today at 7:30 p.m. and runs until Feb. 24. Tickets are available at the University Box Office.

WORLD

Large asteroid to skirt Earth today

ANDREW KAYS

Alligator Contributing Writer

If an asteroid half the size of a football field were to strike Earth, it would flatten everything within 750 square miles.

Today, one will come within 17,200 miles of us — closer than some satellites currently circling the planet, according to NASA.

The asteroid, known as 2012 DA14, will fly closest to Earth at about 2:30 p.m. today as its orbit intersects with the Earth's.

"If there are some asteroids out there that can change course and come to Earth, there should be plans that at least would be able to save the planet from major destruction."

Shiwangi Mishra

UF microbiology and cell science sophomore

The asteroid is the largest predicted object to approach this close to Earth, according to NASA. However, as it travels 17,450 mph, it will almost be impossible for humans to see it.

Francisco Reyes, associate scientist in UF's Department of Astronomy, said an asteroid of this size wouldn't threaten the entire human race.

"We'd need something a few kilometers across to create any sort of extinction event," he said, "but even still, it's no joke if it were to impact."

Although there are ideas to divert potentially dangerous asteroids, Reyes said experts would need a least a few years to prepare if a large object was poised to strike Earth.

"If it were coming to hit in a few months," he said, "we would really need to just find somewhere to hide."

Shiwangi Mishra, a 19-year-old UF microbiology and cell science sophomore, said she's worried there is no reliable protection against objects near Earth's orbit.

"If there are some asteroids out there that can change course and come to Earth, there should be plans that at least would be able to save the planet from major destruction," she said.

Two arrested in connection with consecutive Midtown robberies

► THE INCIDENTS WERE IN JANUARY.

KATHRYN VARN

Alligator Writer

Students walking around Midtown can breathe easier, as Gainesville Police arrested two people in connection with two January robberies in the area.

Rasheem Kwamaine Roddey, 18, of Jack-

sonville and a 16-year-old boy now face unarmed robbery, fraud and misdemeanor marijuana charges, according to a GPD arrest report.

The first happened Jan. 21, while Jeffrey Michael Voigt, a 22-year-old UF chemical engineering senior, was walking home from Midtown at about 1:30 a.m.

A group of four people followed Voigt from Fat Daddy's and surrounded him, he

said. One of the men in the group asked Voigt for his wallet and PIN. Voigt handed over his wallet and information to the group.

The next night, a group stole 21-year-old UF student Ryan Eugene Davis' Samsung Galaxy S III cellphone in the same area, according to a GPD incident report. On Jan. 29, Davis saw Roddey and the boy in the Midtown area.

Davis called police, who responded at

about 9:30 p.m. Police arrested Roddey and the boy, according to the report.

Police now believe they were connected to Voigt's robbery as well. Officers charged them again Wednesday afternoon.

Police issued additional charges to Roddey in the Alachua County Jail, where's he's been since Jan. 30. As of Thursday night, Roddey remained in custody with a \$175,000 bond.

Contact Kathryn Varn at kvarn@alligator.org.

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The car show is free to the public, pg 3.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Graduate professor honored

There will be a celebration honoring the contributions of graduate research professor Howard M. Johnson at the Straughn Center from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Johnson has served on the council for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has had continuous NIH support for more than 30 years. He has published more than 290 journal articles and has presented at countless scientific forums.

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. Learn about Chinese medicine with demonstrations including acupuncture, tui na, cupping, auricular therapy and qigong. Tour the college and acupuncture clinic, listen to music and meet faculty, students and alumni. 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. The film follows an office worker who is on the verge of retirement as he begins to relive real and imagined memories from his life. 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 at the Unified Training Center, 809 W. University Ave. Dancers and non-dancers are welcome to dance the

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night away to the tunes of DJ Chad "Big Daddy" Young. New dancers can attend 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, and people who don't think they can do it themselves can participate. 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 can be found at www.txttag.me/hackathon.

Run for Your Heart 5K

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

Phi Kappa Tau presents 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 Saturday 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 of its proceeds to the philanthropy if customers mention Phi Kappa Tau when they order. For information, email vicepresident@ufphitau.com.

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Hot rod owners show off cars for heroes

► THE CAR SHOW IS FREE.

KATHY PIERRE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Your car must be 30 years old or older to ride.

Ride through Gainesville, that is, during the second annual Hot Rodding for Heroes car show this weekend.

The event starts this afternoon with a golf tournament at the Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club, located at 9905 SW 44th Ave. On Saturday, participants will drive their antique cars from Santa Fe College to the Haile Plantation Village Center. The tour will end with a car show.

Adam Brown, board member for the event, said 300 cars participated in last year's event.

He said he expects this year's number of participants to go up.

"As with most car events," he said, "most people just kind of decide the day or night before."

The event's goal is to raise money for the Veterans Bridge Scholarship, Brown said.

The award will go to veterans enrolling at either SFC or UF after returning home from overseas and receiving the GI Bill.

"When you separate from the military and start school, it's obviously a huge change of life," said Danny Makowsky, vice president of the SFC Collegiate Veterans Society.

Watching the show is free to the public. About 10,000 people attended last year.

"If you don't own a classic car, you can still come out and enjoy it," Brown said.

RESEARCH

Study finds meth causes brain damage

SOFIA RATTES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Methamphetamine might get people higher — a higher risk for long-term damage to the brain, that is.

A recent study on methamphetamine and its long-term effects questions the recovery process for addicts.

Habibeh Khoshbouei, an associate professor of neuroscience in the UF College of Medicine — along with Ashley North of Meharry Medical College and their colleagues — studied mice that were induced into meth addiction, examined their behavior and looked at the activity in the hippocampus, a region of the brain involved in memory retention and formation.

The researchers studied the effects of meth on the animals and the impact on the animals' change in behavior after they stopped receiving the drug, Khoshbouei said. They also wanted to see the changes in brain chemistry due to meth

addiction.

The study resulted in the mice that took meth not having any changes in their hippocampal activity. Their observed behaviors did not change. Researchers also examined the mice after they stopped taking the drug.

The animals experiencing withdrawal showed changes in memory. These effects were seen two weeks after withdrawal began, which is equivalent to one year of withdrawal in humans.

"The results tell us that when you treat drug addicts, you should consider the short-term treatment — if you want to give them drugs or counseling — but we've got to know that because of the long-term consequences," Khoshbouei said, "they should consider addiction as a chronic disease and as a changing of biology, so we have to treat these

people who are drug addicts for a longer period of time."

Khoshbouei compared the changes that occurred in the brains of mice experiencing meth withdrawal to neurological changes seen in degenerative brain disorders.

"The good news is addiction is a treatable condition, but the bad news is that exposure to methamphetamine specifically increases risk of long-term disease changes in the memory and hippocampal activity," Khoshbouei said.

She said exposure to methamphetamine and drugs in general is very toxic.

Hayley Kamin, a 25-year-old UF doctoral student studying developmental psychology, said people have to accept withdrawal will be a long-term process.

"You have to remember that it is a period, and it is going to take time, and you have to be willing to accept some of the negative or unpleasant effects of making that life change," she said.



Khoshbouei

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LOCAL

Athletes wrestle with Olympic drop

KELCEE GRIFFIS

Alligator Writer

In the wake of the International Olympics Committee's decision earlier this week to drop wrestling from the 2020 games, Gainesville athletes and experts are expressing concern over the impacts of the decision.

Throwing out wrestling might not only disappoint viewers, but it could discourage young athletes from pursuing the sport, said Josh Weinberg, a 20-year-old biology sophomore and captain of UF's wrestling club.

"I think wrestling is a sport that changes lives," he said. "I think that kids ... won't do it because they won't be able to go as far as they want to."

However, Gainesville High School wrestling head coach Ryland Wagner said it shouldn't discourage young wrestlers because most are dreaming of short-term goals such as becoming a high school champion.

"I don't feel like it will affect the kids individually across the board," he said. "It's very rare that you get a kid saying, 'My goal is to be an Olympic champion.'"

Zaman Abbas, a 22-year-old sport management senior and vice president of UF's wrestling

club, said the decision will probably not be finalized.

"I definitely think it's going to be overturned," he said.

Kyriaki Kaplanidou, an assistant professor in UF's department of tourism, recreation and sport management, said cutting wrestling is a choice between tradition and finances.



Weinberg

"There's a contradiction because wrestling is a historical component of the games themselves," she said.

She said the cut is partially to cater to a younger Olympics viewing audience.

The committee examined TV ratings and ticket sales, she said, to gauge the audience's interest levels in different sports and found wrestling lagging. It has been short-listed with seven other sports, including karate, wakeboarding, softball and baseball, according to an International Olympics Committee release.

Kaplanidou said an international wrestling organization is taking the clue and discussing what needs to be done to appeal to a younger demographic.

Wendy's protestors want fair wages for farm work

► THEY SOUGHT PASSAGE OF THE FAIR FOOD AGREEMENT.

ALEX HARRIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Rev. Les Singleton held a disassembled hamburger and pointed at its single, tiny tomato slice.

He was part of a protest Thursday afternoon attempting to encourage Wendy's to pay farm workers a fair wage for the tomatoes they pick.

"You'd have to use a whole bag full of hamburgers to go through a pound of tomatoes, and we're asking for a penny a pound," said Singleton, a 70-year-old pastor.

Singleton and about ten others were at the Wendy's on 1711 N. Main St., on behalf of the Gainesville chap-

ter of the Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

The two groups sought passage of the Fair Food Agreement, said Richard MacMaster, a retired UF history professor. He said Thursday's goal was to push for Wendy's to agree to the same deal other companies have.

MacMaster said about 95 percent of tomato growers back the agreement, but its success depends on buyers' support.

Candy Herrera, a 27-year-old UF Latin American studies graduate student, said about 80 percent of all tomatoes purchased in the U.S. are grown in Immokalee.

"All the processes that go into getting the food there so conveniently for you ... comes at the disenfranchisement of other people," she said.

Gainesville mother hopes for change for wheelchair-bound son

He's a former UF student

ELENI KOUVATSOS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Timothy Bird loves watching action-packed thrillers and spending time on his computer. But he is not your average 23-year-old.

He doesn't have a driver's license, can't text his friends or sing in the shower. In fact, he can't even take a shower.

At 7 years old, Timothy was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a disease that causes rapid muscle degeneration in the body.

His mother, Dee Bird, said she didn't know she was a carrier of the genetic disorder when she gave birth to her son.

"He couldn't ride a bike," she said. "He couldn't climb stairs."

Despite being confined to a wheelchair since age 10, Timothy graduated from Sebring High School in Sebring, Fla., and was accepted to UF in 2007.

He completed his first semester that Fall but had to take the next semester off because of his health.

When Timothy returned to school in the Fall of 2008, he studied to become a veterinarian but switched his major to history.

"That's when he got really sick," Dee Bird, 52, said.

Timothy was in the hospital with pneumonia for two weeks during that semester. It was then that he

lost his ability to swallow, and he became weaker, she said.

Despite this setback, he still completed the semester.

"He's brilliant," Dee Bird said. "He passed all his classes with A's and B's."

Timothy, however, has not returned to school since 2008.

Today, he relies on a ventilator to breathe and can't move his arms or legs. He has trouble talking, and when he does speak, his words are a raspy whisper.

His mother enlists nurses, like Valerie Evans, to come to their west Gainesville apartment to help Timothy brush his teeth, change his clothes, bathe him and feed him through a tube connected to his small intestine through his abdomen.

Evans often brings her teacup Yorkshire terrier, Lenny, to the Birds' residence.

When he is not lying in bed, Timothy sits in his wheelchair with pillows piled on his lap to support his arms. Lenny then climbs up on the pillows, lies close to Timothy and licks his face.

Although having dogs around the house is good company, Evans said she wishes Timothy had more young people visit him.

"I'm 63," she said. "I'm no fun."

People with Duchenne muscular dystrophy typically live into their 20s, but with the right equipment,

they will live to their 30s, according to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Birds can't afford the proper equipment for Timothy's medical necessities.

Dee Bird said she is hosting a series of penny drives, called Pennies

for Timothy, to raise money for the equipment. The first drive will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Gainesville Mini Market, located at 7208 W. University Ave.

One item Bird needs is a ramp to load his wheelchair into his mom's truck. Without it, Dee Bird said she

can't take her son anywhere without calling a van service three days in advance.

"When the doctor wants him in the office right now, I have no way of getting him there," she said.

Donations can also be made at www.muscles4timothy.org.



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Timothy Bird, 23, gets a haircut from his mother, Dee Bird, in their west Gainesville apartment Feb. 5. Timothy attended UF for two semesters, studying microbiology and then history.

The developers are working to accommodate smartphone-less riders

SNAP, from page 1

their van is there or that it waited for them.

Ashley Armbruster said the new system is easy for people with smartphones.

"You just use your Gatorlink to log in, and you can track your van through it and don't have to worry about missing a call because the notifications pop up on our app," the UF ath-

letic training junior said. "Unfortunately, we don't have the capability to notify people who don't have smartphones. So, that's a really big downfall to the system because not the entire population has smartphones."

Kyle Rodriguez said he thinks the new system is inconvenient.

"Even when they did call you and said the driver was on his way, you had to wait a while in the first place," said the 19-year-old

UF sustainability and the built environment sophomore.

Totuit, the company that developed the app, is aware of the issues and concerns of students who do not own a smartphone. Castronover said the company is working on an upgrade to the program that will allow a text message or a phone call to notify students their van has arrived.

"Part of the problem is it's a very small per-

centage of the student population that doesn't have smartphones," Castronover said.

The SNAP app provides users an easier way to request a ride, shows where their van is on a map and gives an estimated time of arrival.

"It's really much more functional," Castronover said. "It's super, super quick and super, super easy — three clicks and done."

LOCAL

Local artists display works in winter art fair this weekend

MICHELLE JACKSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

Local artists will showcase their artwork to Gainesville area residents this weekend during the sixth annual Winter Fine Art Fair at Tioga Town Center in Newberry.

The event will showcase about 80 artists from North Central Florida and will feature live entertainment and local food, said Roz

Miller, public relations director for the Winter Fine Art Fair at Tioga committee.

"It's a very festive weekend," she said. "All we need is for the weatherman to cooperate."

The art fair is produced by the Gainesville Fine Arts Association, said co-show director Sharon Vogel.

This year, the committee chose to feature local artist Peter Carolin as the first poster artist for the event to honor his 50th birthday, Vo-



Madias

participate.

gel said.

The event will last three days, starting Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continuing Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Miller said the art fair committee selects and invites the artists who can

On Saturday, Michigan artist Janis Madias will judge each artist's showcase, Miller said. Winners will split a \$2,000 cash prize.

Miller added she expects about 15,000 people to attend the art fair over the next three days.

"People especially like Friday night because they can get an early jump on their weekend activities and can stop by on their way home from work," she said.

UF charges to the top of national Peace Corps rankings

► UF WAS PREVIOUSLY RANKED NO. 4.

KATIE BURNS

Alligator Contributing Writer

As many graduates prepare for jobs requiring suits and high heels, 107 UF alumni are having experiences where boots and backpacks are the norm.

UF ranks No. 1 on Peace Corps' 2013 Top Colleges for large schools. UF tied for first place with the Uni-

versity of Washington.

However, budget and contract conflicts have left the UF International Center without a designated recruiter this year, said David Sammons, dean of the UF International Center.

"We very much value the opportunity for our students to consider Peace Corps as an option when they graduate, and we would like to continue to be a major contributor of volunteers," Sammons said.

This is the first time UF has held the No. 1 spot, according to a

Peace Corps press release. UF was ranked No. 4 last year.

There are 107 undergraduate alumni from UF serving overseas as Peace Corps volunteers.

"Students are drawn to Peace Corps for a sense of service and an interest in humanitarian effort," said Alethea Parker, Peace Corps public affairs specialist for the Southeast region.

Chad Chernet, a returning Peace Corps volunteer who is now a recruiter for the organization, graduated from UF in 1999.

"This ranking illustrates the well-rounded character of the students at the University of Florida..."

Chad Chernet
Peace Corps recruiter

"As an alumni of the University of Florida, it does not come to a surprise to me that UF is currently ranked No. 1 in currently serving volunteers because the Student Body has always put others before themselves," he said.

Parker said the recruiter previously assigned to UF did a great job. He is excited about the possibilities Chernet brings to a campus.

Chernet said he thinks Peace Corps fits well within the idea of service that is close to the heart of the Gator Nation.

"I'm certain that UF will remain committed to volunteer work, both internally and domestically, and is going to serve as a leader in the area of community development," he said.

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Editorial

It's the most election-y time of the year. With kids passing out fliers, and candidates asking "HEY DID YOU HEAR—?" It's the most election-y time of the year.

Welcome to the just-put-in-your-headphones-or-carry-a-lot-of-things-or-look-really-sad-or-angry-or-use-that-time-to-call-your-mom edition of...

Darts & Laurels

One of the biggest manhunts in recent history ended this week, and there's kind of no one to claim the \$1 million bounty. "He calls his rampage 'my last resort,' according to the manifesto," said a report by CNN. This is another instance where better and more available mental health care in this country would have prevented deaths and injuries. We give a take-a-deep-breath-everyone-and-calm-down **DART** to **Christopher Dorner**.

We love New York City's mayor, Michael Bloomberg. He's like our grandpa who actually cares about the country and isn't too racist. (Don't look at @ElBloomberg on Twitter.) This week, he gave his last State of the City address. "One product that is virtually impossible to recycle and never biodegrades is Styrofoam," Bloomberg said in his annual speech, according to the Los Angeles Times. It is "something that we know is environmentally destructive, that is costing taxpayers money, and that is easily replaceable." Good for you, sir! We give a maybe-that's-why-the-rent-is-too-damn-high **LAUREL** to **Bloomberg**.

A fifth "Die Hard" movie opens in theaters this week. Could that, like, be too many "Die Hards"? "We are very excited about the 'Die Hard' marathon," said an AMC spokesman to New York Times columnist Joe Nocera. "It will be a great time for our guests." The company had its "security measures in place," the spokesman told the New York Times. Seems like all the time is the best time to be concerned about overzealous gun nuts in this country. We give a at-least-the-movie-is-rated-high-enough-that-not-every-kid-will-grow-up-watching-mindless-violence **DART** to **Bruce Willis**. Maybe hang up the ol' acting hat. Imagine if Kevin James had to star in a movie called "2 Fat 2 Furious." No one would be happy.

According to The Independent, U.S. health experts "revealed that an 'ongoing, severe epidemic' of sexually transmitted diseases is sweeping the country, with over 20 million new cases diagnosed every year." Gross. Really? Valentine's Day was this week, so the number probably increased by a ton. We give a well-you're-young-you're-allowed-to-have-irresponsible-fun **FLART** to **American youth**. The report also said "over half the 20 million infections were contracted by people aged 15-24." Let's just try to tone it down a bit, folks.

We'd like to take this time to remind you that some people are entirely not very honest at heart. This is about the email from last week. "The email in question was sent by Leah Miller, a liaison between the Swamp Party and its fraternity house representatives for the upcoming SG election," said the Alligator's report. "It asks the 25 representatives to collect 'I Voted' stickers from everyone in their rosters and supply the party with a \$250 check." Super squirrely. "The email's final lines read: 'DELETE THIS AFTER YOU GET THE INFORMATION!! WE CANT HAVE ANYTHING ON RECORD! Sketchy, but do it! Thanks!'" Take two minutes to sit down and think if you want to elect a party that can't even secretly email correctly. We give a don't-let-us-tell-you-what-to-do-but-also-remember-the-Unite-Party **DART** to **some Student Government officials**.

Have a safe weekend, and go Gators!

Reader response

Today's question: Do you feel safe walking around Midtown alone?

Thursday's question: Will you be my Valentine?
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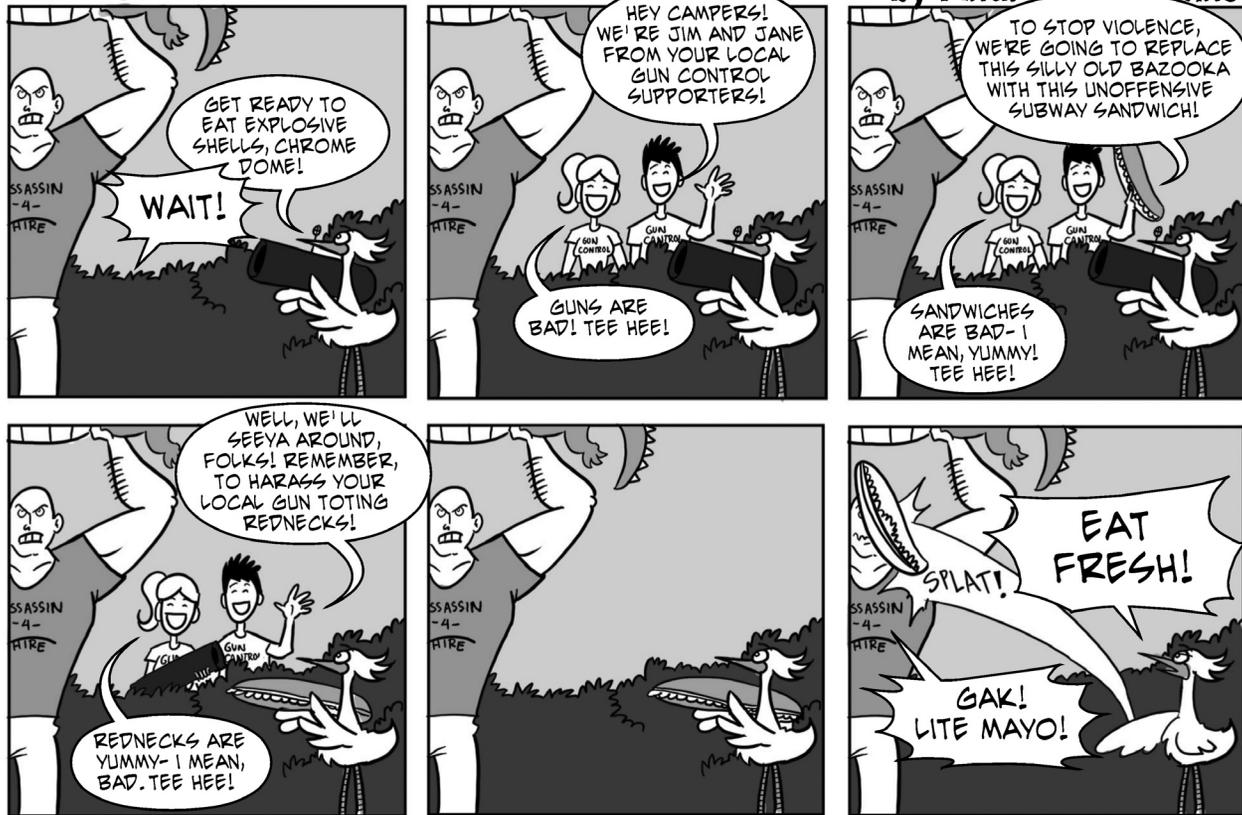
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Letters to the Editor

Activity and service fees: an involuntary Ponzi scheme

How many graduate students have gone to any of the concerts paid for with student fees? How many routinely attend any of the guest speakers paid for — at least in part — with the fees?

I and many other graduate students would have loved to have been part, but we could not attend. As graduate students, we fulfill our graduate coursework, study for exams, compose manuscripts for submission to journals and pursue research. In addition, as graduate assistants, we grade assignments, teach courses and mentor undergraduates so they obtain the best chances of succeeding in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

For those of us unable to obtain fellowships or assistantships, we maintain outside employment so we can pay tuition, rent, and activity and service fees. We miss out on many of the things funded through the Student Government budget not because we have to.

There is a gross inequity with regard to the types of activities and events sponsored by SG and paid for — in part — with graduate student funds. For example, assuming funding for the Graduate Student Council came entirely from graduate student contributions, GSC's budget would account for less than 3 percent of graduate student contributions.

It is both puzzling and problematic that an organization with an interest in promoting graduate student research would receive such a small share of graduate funds with the remainder going instead to nonacademic activities with little relevance to graduate pursuits. Florida law obligates SG to utilize fees for the benefit of the entire Student Body. For too long, graduate students have paid for activities they may never use or enjoy.

As the graduate assistants' union demonstrated the lack of transparency and burden imposed by fees, it is time that SG recognizes these faults in its administration. Graduate students deserve to have their money spent in better ways with increased attention to their interests, even if it means SG giving every graduate student a refund for their fees. Students should get what they pay for.

The Students Party and I believe this is a reasonable request, and we will fight to ensure all students receive efficient and effective use of their student fees.

Nic Knowlton

Senate candidate with the Students Party

Qualifications still matter in Student Government

As a director for the Multicultural Affairs Cabinet, I have devoted my term in office to serving others and making this campus more inclusive.

In fact, all of cabinet is devoted to bringing relevant programming to the Student Body in order to foster growth, academically or by extracurriculars.

In order to effectively represent the Student Body and run the cabinet effectively, the Student Body vice president needs to have experience.

Jenna Goldman does not have any experience in cabinet and is not qualified to run the cabinet.

It takes more than a couple of weeks in Senate to have enough experience to lead such an important and vital part of our Student Government.

When I learned Jenna Goldman was the Students Party vice presidential candidate, I thought to myself about what a disservice she is doing to the students at the University of Florida.

I was enraged at party leaders that they would offer up a candidate with little to no experience.

It would be unfair to the students for her to be elected vice president.

She is not prepared in how to run a whole branch of government — let alone a single cabinet.

Ms. Goldman has no experience with Student Government programming. She has no experience leading such a large cabinet. She has no experience advising directors of cabinet.

During SG elections this upcoming Tuesday and Wednesday, I hope the Student Body votes based on qualifications and experience.

Jenna Goldman is not the best choice for Student Body vice president.

A vote for Jenna Goldman is a vote for inexperience.

When voting, I encourage students to look at the facts. There is too much to lose if the wrong decision is made.

Ricky Salabarria
Director for Multicultural Affairs

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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CLUE	ACROSS	ANSWER
1. Cut up		DCLIES
5. Stick		NLICG
6. Erroneous		MISAS
7. Manner		HOEDTM
CLUE	DOWN	ANSWER
1. Free from harm		SRUEEC
2. Copy		TIEMITA
3. _____ muffin		SIGELHN
4. Stopped briefly		ADSPUE

CLUE: The invention of this dates back to the late 1950s.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 AOL and NetZero
5 Alley biters
9 Like some questions
14 Medieval defense
15 Slim woodwind
16 Having a designated assignment
17 Intangible quality
18 Rise dramatically
19 Capital name derived from an Arabic term for "the conqueror"
20 Catch that's burnt sienna and cerulean?
23 "Platoon" war zone
24 Peevish mood
25 Battery terminal
27 Not just search for
30 Adenoid, e.g.
31 Reclassification of 2006
32 Soufflé recipe word
33 One of the Smurfs
36 The world total was approx. \$70 trillion in 2011
37 Paid endorsement, in slang, and an apt title for this puzzle
40 Say nothing good about
41 Dating from
43 "___ uncertain world ..."
44 Hit on the head
46 Napery
48 Charley, in Steinbeck's "Travels With Charley"
49 Tax-exempt entity, usually
51 Ergo
52 "___ So Fine": Chiffons hit
53 Result of Pepsi shortages?
58 Roll out of bed
60 Dollar alternative
61 Airline with blue-striped jets
62 Slips through the cracks

63 They may be loaded
64 Rest area reater
65 Dog in a horned helmet
66 Chatty bovines?
67 Nailed obliquely

DOWN
1 Eye-catching Apple
2 Grow displeased
3 Normal beginning?
4 Patronizes, in a way
5 Herding dog
6 Member of the Kaiser's fleet
7 Heliprot site
8 Wink without batting an eye?
9 Marina Del Rey craft
10 Author LeShan
11 Bootblack's buffer?
12 "WarGames" org.
13 Carol start
21 Victorious
22 Common '80s-'90s failure
26 Cool
27 Stacy Lewis's org.

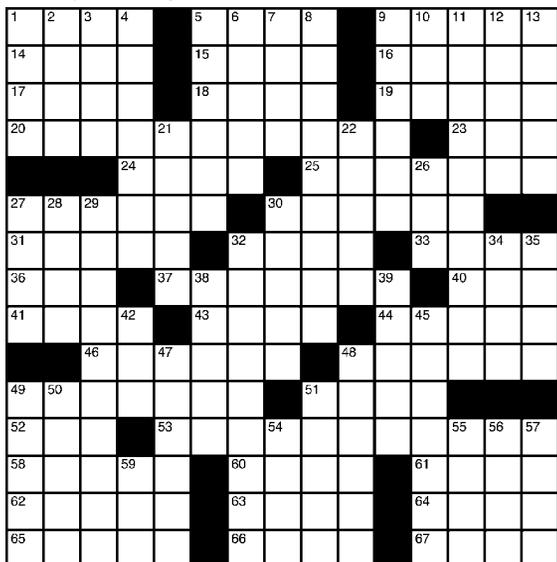
28 Auto pioneer
29 Spec on an architect's blueprint?
30 Senate wear
32 1975 film sequel
34 Water holder
35 Fantasy author McCaffrey
38 Deceive
39 Near
42 Cone home
45 Least pessimistic

47 Superlatively sweet
48 Stages
49 Opposite of order
50 Shoebill's cousin
51 Ruse
54 New Balance rival
55 Dairy bar
56 Identify
57 Decreased
59 Msg. from the Bible

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Worship Guide

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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You are always welcome!

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Gators aiming to maintain quality with shot selection



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Senior forward Erik Murphy (33) attempts a pass during Florida's 69-52 win against Kentucky on Tuesday in the O'Connell Center. Murphy leads the Southeastern Conference in three-point percentage.

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With a little more than a minute left in the first half of Florida's 69-52 win against Kentucky, junior Scottie Wilbekin passed the ball to redshirt senior Mike Rosario after struggling to get open. Seconds after getting the ball, Rosario had Kentucky's Jon Hood guarding him at the arc.

Rosario then passed to junior Casey Prather.

The forward was already trying to break past Kentucky's Ryan Harrow when Hood came over to double team Prather. Instead of trying to go up over both players, Prather found an open Rosario on the baseline and sent it over to him for an easy layup.

Even though the Gators had a 14-point lead, they were still making sure they had an open look before letting one go.

"The biggest thing I always look for is the quality of shots," coach Billy Donovan said. "I'm always looking at the kind of shots we're getting. I think Erik Murphy and Mike Rosario and Michael Frazier (II) and Kenny Boynton and Scottie Wilbekin, when those guys are open, when they have their feet set and their legs under them, I feel confident with our team making those kinds of shots."

However, Florida didn't have

many shots like that in an 80-69 to Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., on Feb. 5.

Midway through the first half against the Razorbacks, Wilbekin went up for a shot while being guarded by Arkansas' BJ Young and Fred Gulley. Although Wilbekin made the jumper, Donovan wasn't pleased with his shot selection.

"If you don't play well on the road — you know you don't have your crowd behind you, you don't have that environment behind you — it's hard to win," Donovan said. "Our guys will understand going into [Saturday's] game (against Auburn) that we have to play well."

After struggling with shot selection against Arkansas, UF has gotten back on track.

During Florida's 83-58 win against Mississippi State on Saturday, UF finished with 31-of-59 shooting for 52.5 percent. The Gators continued the trend against the Wildcats.

On Tuesday, Florida finished the game making 49.1 percent from the field. The Gators also dominated in the first half from behind the arc.

They made 5 of 7 three pointers in the first half. And despite only making one three in the second half, Florida still made 42.9 percent

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Junior holding UF together

Three months ago, no one knew when Casey Prather would begin his junior season. After suffering a pair of concussions in the preseason, Prather didn't play until Nov. 23 — Florida's fifth game.

One month ago, coach Billy Donovan thought Prather's season might be finished. During UF's win against LSU on Jan. 12, Prather came up gimpy after what appeared to be a routine offensive rebound and putback.

Donovan feared that Prather's left ankle was broken until X-rays came back negative. Still, the high ankle sprain was another setback.

Eight days ago, Donovan said: "We're not really getting anything out of Casey right now. Although he returned to the lineup on Jan. 30, Prather hadn't fully recovered from the ankle injury. Donovan said Prather "has not been himself" in practice. Whether it was an issue of strength or confidence, Prather wasn't close to his normal form.

Now, in the wake of Will Yeguete's regular-season ending knee surgery, Prather is a



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critical piece of a Final Four contender. Recognizing the void left by Yeguete, Prather accepted the challenge of getting back into form, adding more individual workouts to his normal routine.

The results have been obvious.

In UF's past two games, Prather played 22 minutes or more for just the second and third time this season. He averaged 12 points and four rebounds in the two games despite admitting that his ankle was still sore.

Beyond the stats, Prather gave UF the lanky defensive presence at the top of the press that is sorely missed with Yeguete on the sidelines.

Although he probably won't stuff the box score on a nightly basis, Prather is the type of player elite teams need — an athletic, rebounding disruptor.

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Florida struggles in paint in road loss to Texas A&M

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The Gators traveled to College Station, Texas, on Thursday looking to win their third straight game in Southeastern Conference play.

Instead, the No. 11 Aggies showed why many consider them the class of the SEC and a Final Four contender, preventing the Gators from collecting a signature victory that would help earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Led by center Kelsey Bone, Texas A&M overcame an inconsistent first half and withstood a furious rally in the final minutes from Florida (15-10, 4-7 SEC) to earn a 78-71 victory in Reed Arena.

"It's really frustrating," said Lily

Svete, who scored 15 second-half points. "Trying to dig yourself out of a 20-point hole is really difficult. If we would have come out with a better start in both halves, I think we would have won."

UF Women's Basketball

Jennifer George could not execute in the paint. She scored just six points on 3-of-14 shooting while struggling on defense.

"Jennifer didn't give us very much tonight," coach Amanda Butler said. "Maybe we need to mix things up again."

Bone, who entered Thursday as the SEC's third-leading scorer with 17.1 points per contest, finished with 31

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Michael Alford and UF will play in the 2013 ITA Indoor Championships this weekend. *Read the story online at alligatorSports.org.*

Golden Spikes Award

USA Baseball named Gators pitcher Jonathon Crawford one of 50 players on the Golden Spikes Award Preseason Watch List on Thursday. Former Florida catcher Mike Zunino won the award in 2012.

Golden arches

On Thursday, Florida women's basketball commit Ronni Williams became the first-ever Florida signee selected to the McDonald's All-American Game.

Senior leads SEC in three-point shooting

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from the perimeter.

"Guys can hit open shots on our team, I'm not worried about that," forward Erik Murphy said. "I have confidence in everybody. ... We're just trying to move the ball and share it. Whoever has an open shot, just take it."

As Florida heads to Auburn on Saturday, it will be relying on Murphy's example in shot selection. Murphy currently leads the Southeastern Conference in three-point percentage with 49 percent.

Although the Gators (20-3, 10-1 SEC) should have no problem grabbing a road win against the Tigers (9-15, 3-8 SEC), Donovan wants Florida to maintain its focus.

"I know it sounds like a coaching cliché, but we have to improve from day to day and game to game," Donovan said. "I think that's really important, because that is the only thing you can do right now. As I said before, when you come off a win or a loss there is always some kind of residual effect. ... We are going to the next game right now and the only way you can get better is put the past behind you."

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Prather leads Florida in steal percentage



David Carr / Alligator Staff

Junior forward Casey Prather (24) attempts a shot during Florida's 69-52 win against Kentucky on Tuesday in the O'Connell Center.

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According to KenPom, the closest comparison to Prather based on his advanced statistical profile is Victor Oladipo, arguably the most valuable player on the nation's No. 1 team — Indiana.

Obviously, Prather isn't Oladipo. But, as UF's leader in steal percentage, the 6-foot-6, 208-pound Prather at least has the athletic potential to be the type of game-altering defender the 6-foot-5, 214-pound Oladipo is.

Prather's 64.1 shooting percentage may be unsustainably high, but the number still signifies how far his offensive game has come.

While Prather's efficiency is boosted by his many highlight-reel dunks, he's shown an ability to knock down a mid-range jumper and has even hit 2 of 6 from beyond the arc.

At only 208 pounds, Prather can't guard centers the way the 240-pound Yeguete can. But he'll make a comparable effort at the other four spots and match Yeguete's impact on the offensive glass.

Prather makes up for his defensive rebounding deficiency versus Yeguete by being a better and more involved offensive player. And he's done it while being admittedly less than 100 percent physically. If Donovan's comments from last week are any indication, Prather is still learning to mesh on both ends of the floor.

The Gators need defensive, rebounding grinders like Prather and Yeguete. With the very real possibility that Yeguete won't be back, Prather is UF's primary glue guy.

Luckily for Florida, he's already proven he can step up, and he's only going to get better.

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Svete had 15 points

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points and pulled down 10 rebounds for her 12th double-double of the season

"[Bone is] very skilled," Butler said. "She never tries to get outside of what she's supposed to do and obviously takes great pride in owning that low block."

Texas A&M (20-5, 10-1 SEC) led 34-27 at halftime and used a 20-6 run to open the second half. Bone scored 12 of her 31 points during the stretch.

Svete, who was held scoreless in the first half, made four more threes in the final 2:08, finishing 5 of 6 from behind the arc, to help UF cut Texas A&M's lead from 16 to five with less than a minute remaining.

"My teammates just really did a good job of creating for me and finding me open, so I just wanted to knock them down," Svete said. "I really wasn't even thinking about it."

The Aggies withstood the late run with clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch.

Texas A&M made its last nine attempts from the foul line in the final 34 seconds of the contest, thwarting what would have been Florida's largest comeback win of the season.

"Just tremendous fight ... they would never give up, and I am really, really proud of that," Butler said. "But it's not excusable, the mistakes that we made."

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.

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Jennifer George attempts a shot during Florida's 88-81 loss to Ole Miss on Jan. 24 at the O'Connell Center.

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Whitson's injury leaves Florida rotation shorthanded

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Pitching and defense were supposed to be the Gators' foundation this season.

One half of that equation took a significant hit on Wednesday as the program announced that No. 2 starter Karsten Whitson would be out indefinitely with shoulder fatigue.

Perfect Game's Kendall Rogers reported

Thursday that Whitson will miss the 2013 season after undergoing a procedure performed by Dr. James Andrews.

No. 17 Florida begins the 2013 season against Duke tonight at 7 at McKethan Stadium. Jonathon Crawford will start Friday night. The other two weekend starters have little experience on the mound at the college level. Sophomore Justin Shafer will start on Sunday, and freshman Tucker Simpson will take Whitson's spot on Saturday.

Shafer, who played primarily in the outfield in 2012, was conserving his arm prior to earning a spot in the weekend rotation.

"I still spend most of my time in the field," Shafer said on Jan. 31. "I just take it easy throwing wise since I'll be pitching more, so I don't throw as much in practice. I just hit, and when we're playing in the scrimmages, I toss it in. I don't really throw."

Before spring practice, the plan had been to use Shafer in relief and call him in from

the outfield as needed. As a freshman last year, Shafer threw just six innings and struck out seven batters with a 4.50 ERA. He made 44 starts as a designated hitter or outfielder.

But Shafer was dominant in spring scrimmages. O'Sullivan said Shafer retired 36 of the 38 batters he faced. Still, O'Sullivan plans to continue to use Shafer in the outfield when he isn't on the mound.

"We like two-way players," O'Sullivan said. "Justin didn't pitch a whole lot last year, because frankly, we didn't need him to. But he's earned his starting role."

O'Sullivan said the weekend rotation UF will use against Duke is not permanent.

O'Sullivan will evaluate his starters through the season's first few weeks. He hopes to settle on a rotation before Southeastern Conference play begins in a three-game series against Kentucky on March 15.

"We like two-way players."

Kevin O'Sullivan

UF coach



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Sophomore Justin Shafer bats during Florida's 6-2 win against Georgia Tech in the NCAA Gainesville Regional on June 2, 2012, at McKethan Stadium. Shafer will begin the season as UF's No. 3 starter and will pitch against Duke on Sunday at noon.

The 6-foot-6 Simpson was the No. 1 right-handed pitcher and the No. 4 overall player in Alabama in the class of 2012.

In addition to a fastball, Simpson throws a curveball, a slider and a changeup. As a high school senior in Oxford, Ala., he posted an ERA of 1.89 and struck out 149 batters in just 83 innings.

"He's around the zone," O'Sullivan said of Simpson's control. "Probably the most important component: he's very competitive. He's pitched in some big games. He's been a guy who's been on the national scene for quite some time. He's certainly ready for this challenge."

Simpson, a freshman, has already developed a reputation within the team.

"He's a goofy kid," sophomore second baseman Casey Turgeon said.

O'Sullivan admitted that Simpson is known for playing jokes but said the freshman will have the right mentality on Saturday.

"Once you cross the white line, he's competitive," O'Sullivan said.

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