

Patric Young and the Gators focused on their inside presence to great effect in Saturday's victory. Read the story on page 16.



Florida, Gainesville draw tons of tourists

▶ ABOUT 89.3 MILLION VISITED FLORIDA IN 2012.

CHAD FURST

Alligator Contributing Writer

Larry Glines knows the way to Florida well. The 19-year-old UF physics freshman, born and raised in Las Vegas, made the trip to Florida with his family frequently, visiting Gainesville before attending UF.

He was just one of the millions of visitors who flock to the Sunshine State each year.

A record 89.3 million visitors came to Florida in 2012, breaking the 2011 record by about two million, according to a Visit Florida press release.

This increase can also be seen in Gainesville. John Pricher, assistant director of Visit Gainesville, said UF

accounts for most of the visitors to Gainesville, especially during football season and graduation.

In 2012, about 1,765,000 people stayed in Alachua County hotel rooms, an increase of more than 3 percent from 2011, according to Smith Travel Research.

As Florida's tourism numbers continue to increase, some believe 2013 will be another record-breaking year.

"Obviously the past is a good predictor of the future, and considering that Florida continues to grow, I don't see why it wouldn't," said Jordan Meyer, director of communications and marketing at the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Glines said he's glad to be staying in Florida for longer than just a visit.

"I like the people, and I kind of like the rain because I come from the desert," he said.



Kelly Logan / Alligator Staff

Sticking to His Guns

Mayor Craig Lowe speaks to demonstrators on Bo Diddley Community Plaza on Saturday evening. Read the story on page 8.

Police investigates robbery, sexual battery at the Enclave

Man was arrested, then released

KATHRYN VARN

Alligator Writer

Gainesville Police is investigating a Saturday morning armed robbery and attempted rape at a southwest Gainesville apartment complex.

At about 3 a.m. Saturday, a woman was walking down the second-floor stairwell of Building D of The Enclave Apart-

ments complex, located at 3000 SW 35th Place, when a man wearing black clothing approached her with a knife, said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

The man first asked for the woman's wallet and keys and then attacked her, forcing her to bend over and put her hands on the stairs, Tobias said.

The woman pushed the man and tried

to run away. In the process, her tooth was knocked out, Tobias said.

The woman's friend heard her scream and ran back to the stairwell, Tobias said.

The man then pulled out a silver handgun and pointed it at the friend.

Both women ran away to a car, where another friend was waiting for them and drove them to Shands at UF, Tobias said.

When GPD arrived at the complex, an officer found Roderick Kantrel Pittman, 28, of 2427 NW 147th St., outside Building

D, Tobias said.

Pittman told the officer that he walked to the apartment complex from the Ridgeman Commons Apartments, located in the 3600 block of Southwest 34th Street, to meet with a girl in Building C, Tobias said.

The officer noticed that Pittman had a cut on his arm. Pittman said he got the cut from jumping over a fence.

The officer searched Pittman and found

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CAMPUS

TEDxUF gets 1,600 attendees talking about pursuing passion

ALEX HARRIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Welcome to the conversation.

Those were the words that TEDxUF 2013 curator Stefan Wolff said Saturday as he welcomed the audience of about 1,600 people.

The independently organized TEDxUF event brought together nine speakers who embody TED's main principle — "ideas

worth spreading."

"TED is not to make yourself famous. It's not to get paid," said Wolff, a 20-year-old economics junior. "It's because you feel like you have a story worth sharing."

The speakers were united by a theme of "Pursuing Passion," but they covered a wide array of topics, including gene therapy, finding your authentic self and racial issues.

This was the fourth TEDx

"I'm really interested in the ones about design, but they're all really good, honestly."

Sara Schwartz

TED volunteer

event held at UF, and it has quickly proved itself to TED organizers.

"As of last year, we're in the top 10 percent of all TEDx conferences in the world," Wolff said.

The ranking is based on the number of people attending, which makes TEDxUF one of the biggest TEDx events in the world.

The popularity of TED drew volunteer Sara Schwartz.

Schwartz, a 19-year-old architecture sophomore, had watched many TED videos over the years.

"I'm really interested in the ones about design, but they're all really good, honestly," Schwartz

said.

A favorite speaker of Schwartz's was Rebecca Brown, the head of the Streetlight program, which pairs volunteer college students with ill or dying teenagers.

Brown's moving speech on death and dying brought many in the audience to tears, Schwartz said.

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Officials light dry Paynes Prairie brush on fire — on purpose

A helicopter dropped fire on Friday, pg 9.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Diversifying UF

The panel and audience discussion will look at the history of different racial, ethnic and gendered populations at UF and the relationship of curricular programs to the growing and changing UF faculty, staff and Student Body. The event is at 6 p.m. in Smathers Library, Room 1A. For more information, visit www.humanities.ufl.edu.

Speech contests set for Tuesday

Talking Gators Toastmasters will host its annual Speech and Table Topics Contests on Tuesday. The winner of each contest will go on to the Area 70 competition in March. The event begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031. The event is open to everyone. For more information, go to talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org.

Falafel Fest 2013

Want to taste falafel? UF Hillel and Jewish Awareness Month are hosting Falafel Fest 2013 on Tuesday at 6 p.m. The event will take place in the Hillel side yard off University Avenue. Sample falafel from Farah's, Sababa UF at Hillel, Falafel King Sandwiches and Gyro Plus.

UF Amnesty International

On Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas, UF Amnesty will hold its biggest awareness event of the semester, the Day of Action. Come out for food and fun activities. Join in the fight for human rights.

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Gators for Haven Hospice is an

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organization that provides networking opportunities for hospice volunteers at UF while promoting the goals of Haven Hospice. Come to the meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in CSE, Room E222, to find out more.

Symphony Orchestra concert

The UF Symphony Orchestra will host its final concert of the Spring semester Thursday. Performances will include Morton Gould's "Latin-American Symphonette" in celebration of the composer's 100th birthday, Richard Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde: Prelude and Love-Death" with soprano Elizabeth Graham in celebration of the composer's 200th birthday and Igor Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of its Paris premiere. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the University Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, check out www.arts.ufl.edu.

Meditation classes

There will be an expansion to a weekly meditation class with Kelsang Chokyan and Jose Davila in Gainesville. The new series is entitled "Love Without Pain." Classes will consist of guided meditations, a talk and discussion. The classes

are suitable for everyone from beginners to experienced meditators. The classes start Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sacred Earth Center.

UFPD Office of Victim Services peer advocates

The UFPD Office of Victim Services is looking for peer advocates to serve for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. All peer advocates must complete a formal application and undergo a criminal background check. Please contact the office directly with any questions at 352-392-5648.

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.. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

March 1, 1979: Kappa Alpha fraternity reported their Confederate flag as stolen. The 4-by-8-foot "stars 'n' bars" flag was taken in the middle of the night from the fraternity house dining room wall, according to fraternity member William Wagner. He said it went missing a week earlier, but he didn't report the theft because he thought the flag had been taken to the cleaners.

Feb. 27, 1986: The committee that oversees UF research projects postponed a UF neurosurgeon's proposal to study brain damage in monkeys. Dr. Christian Leonard's research plan included suctioning off parts of the monkeys' brains and then studying their social behavior. She suspected the monkey would become withdrawn and depressed after the surgery. They would be killed after the experiment. Local animal rights advocates attended the committee meeting in protest of such research projects.

Feb. 29, 1996: MTV talent scouts came to UF to find acts for a new season of their show "Fame or Shame." They said they wanted as many weird acts as possible for the "quirky talent show full of stupid human tricks." Some of the "talents" included blowing spaghetti through one's nose or tap dancing in flippers. About 500 people showed up for the first day of auditions.

March 1, 2002: Lohse Beeland, the director of student activities, calculated the total cost of all the fliers and other promotional materials handed out around campus to be \$72,000. This did not include the cost to create the fliers. It was simply a calculation of how much money it cost for the UF Physical Plant Division to clean up the ensuing litter. Each event promoted on campus was thought to cost \$570.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS

Southwest Archer Road crash sends three people to Shands at UF

► TRAFFIC WAS TEMPORARILY SHUT DOWN.

CHRIS ALCANTARA
Alligator Staff Writer

A two-car crash sent three people to the hospital and caused westbound traffic near the intersection of Southwest Archer Road and Gale Lemerand Drive to shut down Friday afternoon.

At about 1:30 p.m., Jerome Williams was headed west on Southwest Archer Road in his white Ford Expedition.

Williams, 40, drove at a "high rate of speed" while in the center lane, said Gainesville Police spokesman Officer Ben Tobias, and when he tried to switch to the right-hand lane, his car slammed into the back of a red Ford Mustang.

The Mustang, driven by Coral Swiger, 67, of Belleview, Fla., spun around and crashed into a palm tree, Tobias said. Her husband, Ricky Swiger, 64, also of Belleview, Fla., was in the passenger seat.

The crash happened in front of Shands Medical Plaza, where several staff members said they heard the cars collide.

Shana Nelson, a 30-year-old residency program coordinator

for UF's Department of Radiation Oncology, said she heard the tires screeching and saw smoke outside the building.

"We heard two loud booms," she said.

Nelson said five to six plaza staff members went to help Williams and the Swigers before police and Gainesville Fire Rescue arrived at the scene.

Police blocked off westbound traffic between Southwest 16th

Street and Gale Lemerand Drive for more than an hour. Officers also redirected traffic from Southwest 13th Street to Southwest 16th Avenue.

Tobias said ambulances took Williams and the Swigers to Shands at UF for nonlife-threatening injuries.

Just after 3 p.m., police reopened all westbound lanes on Southwest Archer Road.

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David Carr / Alligator Staff

Two cars collided near the intersection of Southwest Archer Road and Gale Lemerand Drive on Friday afternoon. The crash sent three people to Shands at UF for treatment.

InsideUF

Your campus news source

Fair focuses on majors, minors

University of Florida students will have the opportunity to learn more about their educational opportunities at the fifth annual Majors and Minors Fair put on by the Career Resource Center and Student Government.

Held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Reitz Student Union Colonnade,

the fair will give students all the information they need about the different majors and minors offered at UF.

Representatives from 45 colleges and departments, including professors, advisers, current students and student ambassadors, will attend to provide guidance to students who are confused about their current area of study or wanting to change or revise it.

The fair will provide specific information

on the different majors and minors, including required courses and GPA, faculty-to-student ratio, opportunities for non-majors to take classes, career prospects, professional and student organization affiliations as well as the overall process of switching or adding majors and minors.



For freshman Haley Stoner, the fair provides a perfect outlet for understanding all the areas of study offered at UF that she says Preview didn't quite provide. Stoner has already

switched her major several times and is only in her second semester at the university. Now a mechanical engineering major, she is contemplating tacking on an extra major or minor and sees the fair as a more efficient way of deciding which one.

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"The fair seems like something that could really help exploratory students," she said.

Stoner believes students should constantly be aware of their choices and never be afraid to change their majors. For her, the Majors and Minors Fair is a way to condense all the searching into one event.

The Career Resource Center sees it this way as well.

"It's a good opportunity for students to explore their options before registration," said Angel Iverson, assistant director for career events at the CRC. "Students don't even have to come prepared they can feel free to explore and ask questions as they come up."

The Majors and Minors fair is open to UF undergraduate students only. More information can be found at <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/students/StudentMajorsFair.html>

By Jenna Mescon

UF Gator Perks

University of Florida Employee Discount Program

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Former Times editor speaks

Howell Raines, former executive editor of The New York Times, will bring his years of experience in political journalism to the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at 6 p.m. today in Pugh Hall.

The event is open to the public and will be streamed live at www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu. Mike Foley, a master lecturer in journalism at UF, will interview Raines, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, about a variety of topics, including the future of journalism.

Photo exhibition ends soon

The exhibition of photographs by Anne Noggle at the Harn Museum of Art ends March 17.

"Anne Noggle: Reality and the Blind Eye of Truth" uses self-portraits and photographs of family and friends to explore female vitality, aging and beauty. An acclaimed artist whose work is included in many collections, Noggle became a professional photographer at age 40, after serving as a Women Airforce Service Pilot and as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

The Harn hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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UF Supreme Court deadlocks

► THE COURT WILL RECONVENE LATER.

COLLEEN WRIGHT

Alligator Writer

The UF Supreme Court did not come to a conclusion Sunday night regarding the constitutionality of UF's Student Government executive branch's power to remove directors.

Billy Vranish, the former director of external affairs, appealed to the court after Student Body President Tj Villamil fired him Jan. 28.

The court deadlocked over two issues: the constitutionality of the Governmental Boards, Commissions, and Subsidiary Organizations codes and how they may contradict the UF Constitution; and the basis of why Vranish was terminated.

The codes state the Student Body president and the SG Executive Committee can fire directors because of an action contrary to law, a bad job or not doing his or her job. The Constitution reads that officers of executive departments can be removed by the Student Body president.

Solicitor General Ryan Gilbert, who represented Villamil in the hearing, argued that Villamil terminated Vranish because he was not doing his job.

Vranish alleged that Villamil fired him because of different political beliefs. Vranish, who was appointed by former Student Body President Ben Meyers in May 2011, said he was thinking of being Meyers' campaign manager if Meyers decided to run in the 2013 SG elections, which he didn't.

Acting Chief Justice Tim Mason said Vranish's argument might not stand without concrete evidence that Villamil discriminated for political reasons.

"We're not equipped to figure out what he did or did not say," he said.

Mason invited Chief Justice Matt Michel to join the court at the next hearing to debate the constitutionality of the case. Michel recused himself from the hearing because of his personal connection with Vranish.

The court will reconvene at a later date to further discuss the case.

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UF hoping to build credit

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writer

To stay current with the regulations affecting credit and debit card payments, the university created a committee to establish a standardized policy.

Currently, places that accept credit card payments like the University Athletic Association, the UF Foundation and Shands at UF are on different contracts. The committee wants to make everything consistent, said Stuart Hoskins, senior associate controller.

He said the growing popularity of electronic payments comes with risks, and the committee is concerned with adhering consistently to the rules set in place by credit card companies.

The university is also concerned about having airtight policies to keep information secure, Hoskins said.

"We know we are dealing with very sensitive information. Identify theft is a frequent topic. That's why credit card

companies have created these standards," he said.

The committee is still inviting its members but will begin meetings next month.

The agenda will include ensuring the privacy and security of payment card data stored and transmitted through UF by developing standards for application processes, contracts with third parties, terms of use and audit requirements.

"We need to do everything we can here to make sure information is secure," Hoskins said. "We know this is the way people want to pay their bills."

UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes agreed. "You want your credit cards to be safe, don't you?" she said. "We have a lot of you."

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Sikes

Newberry High School students join cycling conversation

They were promoting sustainability

JOVAHN HUERTAS

Alligator Contributing Writer

A group of high school students hit the Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail on Saturday, raising awareness about the benefits of cycling.

The Newberry High School Climate Change Corps hosted its Environmental Bike Rally at the Boulware Springs Park trailhead, located at 3300 SE 15th St.

About 10 club members gathered at the entrance of the trail, handing out water bottles and granola bars to cyclists and pedestrians.

The students also displayed a cardboard

poster that gave information on how a person can reduce his or her carbon footprint. One way is through cycling.

Cynthia Holland, a science teacher at Newberry High and adviser to the Climate Change Corps, said cycling not only helps reduce carbon emissions, but it can also be a good way to stay fit.

"It's healthy for the environment and healthy for people," she said, "a win-win situation."

Club members interacted with more than 100 people at the trail, Holland said.

But they didn't do it alone. Several members of the Gainesville Cycling Club helped

club members raise awareness to passers-by about cycling.

Allyson Gill, vice president of the Gainesville Cycling Club, said she was impressed with the students' work at the event.

"The kids were very knowledgeable about the carbon footprint issue," she said. "I'm proud of what they're doing."

"The kids were very knowledgeable about the carbon footprint issue."

Allyson Gill

vice president of the Gainesville Cycling Club

The event was part of the club's participation in the Lexus Eco Challenge, a national competition among high school and middle school students to make a positive impact in

the environment, said Blake Stefanelli, a Newberry High junior and club member.

In January, the group was announced as a finalist in the Air & Climate portion of the challenge, allowing the students to compete for a \$30,000 prize in the last round.

As part of their goal to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, Stefanelli said he and the others built a solar water heater for the school roof and planted seedlings at the Watermelon Pond Wildlife and Environmental Area.

"Not only do we educate people, but we do things ourselves to help out," he said.

For Holland, the events showed students the value of volunteering in their community.

"They see how they can make a difference," she said. "It's really empowering to them."

There may be more witnesses to the crime

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two condoms and a knife, Tobias said. The officer didn't find a gun on him.

Police then arrested Pittman on a loitering and prowling charge.

Later, during a lineup, the victim and her friends couldn't identify Pittman as the man they saw Saturday morning.

Police booked Pittman into the Alachua County Jail just after 6 a.m. Saturday. He was released at about 1 p.m. after he met bond.

Tobias said GPD is now turning to the public for help in the case.

After an interview with the victim and her friends, Tobias said there may be more possible witnesses to the crime, including two college-aged men in the parking lot and one white man who may have seen the crime from the second floor.

If you have information about this investigation, contact GPD detective Chris King at 352-393-7660. You can also submit an anonymous tip by texting "GPDFL" plus your tip to 274637.

Contact Kathryn Varn at koarn@alligator.org.

Nine spoke, two performed Saturday

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Brown was one of about 30 speakers solicited before the team chose the nine speakers and two performers, Wolff said. He said his team sought speakers based on their ideas, not their merit.

"The job, at the end of the day, of the curator is to make sure the people on stage are doing their ideas justice and really being proponents of ideas worth spreading," Wolff said.

Other than the speakers, a major highlight of the TEDxUF event was the possibility to network, said Tommy Goode, a 24-year-old iOS developer for Feathr, a Gainesville startup company that creates applications for conferences.

Participants' information was gathered at sign-up and upon their arrival, they received a name tag with their information and a personal profile on the TEDxUF app, developed by Feathr.

"We are hoping that there are other conference directors here

that are observing and seeing how well this app is going to work out," Goode said.

The app offered a map of the event, a schedule and a contact list of every attendee.

People could meet new connections and add them to mul-

tiplied social networks all on one app.

"We were looking for new and innovative ways to get to the audience and get them to connect with each other, and this was the perfect marriage of both needs," Wolff said.



Alex Yamato / Alligator

TEDxUF speaker Rebecca Brown talks about challenging the stigma about death at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday.

Atypical UF engineering student wins \$25,000 in sweepstakes

JENSEN WERLEY
Alligator Contributing Writer

Justin Correll has gotten lucky before.

In elementary school, he entered a raffle and won a bicycle.

Now, he is getting a new bicycle again, this time with some of the \$25,000 he won in a Kaplan sweepstakes.

Correll, a UF electrical engineer-

ing junior, has led a life not typical to the average college student.

At age 30, he is back at school after joining the workforce as an electrician.

He's been back for two years and transferred to UF over the Summer in order to make a better career for himself. It was over the Summer in the Reitz Union when he and two friends were approached by a Kaplan representative to enter the

sweepstakes.

His friends were skeptical, but Correll decided to enter anyway.

Fast-forward to December: Correll was sitting on a bench, waiting for a call from an internship he applied for.

While going over what he would say in the interview, he received a phone call from a number in New York. He answered the call, and a woman told him he was the winner

of \$25,000.

Correll received his check two weeks ago. He waited to tell his family. He said he and his parents aren't the type to get excited about things easily, but this was an exception.

"Most people don't know what to say," Correll said. "What do you say?"

The contest, sponsored by Kaplan as a way to give back to its undergraduates, has been going on for 10 years, said Jeff Thomas, Kaplan director of graduate programs.

One name gets selected in the random drawing.

The money comes from profits made by Kaplan classes and textbooks the company sells.

Thomas said one reason the company has the contest is to interest students in taking higher education classes such as getting a master's or law degree.

However, he said none of the winners are obligated to go to graduate school after they win.

Many do choose to go to graduate school, and others choose to join the workforce. Correll said he plans to get his master's after he gets his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Correll, who felt relief when he won the sweepstakes, already used the winnings to pay off the \$10,000 credit card debt he incurred through his life change from full-time electrician to full-time student.

Part of the debt came from a \$4,000 renovation he had to make to his Jacksonville condo in order to rent it out so he could move to

Gainesville.

Correll said the rest of the money will go into a savings account to help him pay off his student loans and help pay for graduate school.

He said before he won the money, he and his wife were barely able to get by.

However, Correll will use the money for a few fun things. He hopes to make a big purchase soon: a \$500 Cannondale road bike, a used one in good condition.

"Most people don't know what to say. What do you say?"

Justin Correll

UF electrical engineering student

"My biggest pet peeve is having to wait an hour for the bus," Correll said.

He also hopes he and his wife of two years, Trissillian Correll, will be able to travel, either at the beginning of Summer or this December.

When Correll does begin to start studying for graduate school, he said he would use Kaplan to help him prepare for the GRE.

"I think it would be bad karma if I didn't use them," he said.

Correll said he has gotten lucky in the past before like with winning the bike in elementary school. Usually he doesn't win things, he said.

However, Correll did get the internship he was waiting to hear from on the day he got the call from Kaplan.

He said quitting his job and going back to school was a gamble.

"All those choices that were iffy paid off," Correll said.



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Justin Correll, 30, a UF electrical engineering junior, won \$25,000 from Kaplan Test Prep's annual Where Will You Take You sweepstakes.

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Editorial

Jog Hog: Amazing 101-year-old runner retires

It's the week before Spring Break. Feeling a little down? Or stressed? Are you nervous or excited about the rest of the semester?

Let's slow things down with a little inspiration to keep you truckin' along. The world's oldest marathon runner retired. He turns 102 years old April 1.

"I fear that when I stop running, people will no longer love me," said Fauja Singh, who is nicknamed the "Turbaned Tornado," according to the Malaysian Insider. "At the moment, everyone loves me... I hope nobody will forget or ignore me. When you become old, you become like a child and you want the attention."

He started running when he was 89. Why?

The Associated Press explained he started running as a "way to get over depression after his wife and son died in quick succession in India," and the death of his son in 1994 "took a particularly hard toll on Singh because of its grisly nature. Singh and his son, Kuldip, both farmers, were checking on their fields in the middle of a storm when a piece of corrugated metal blown by the wind decapitated Kuldip in front of his father's eyes."

The rest of his children have since moved away from their home, so he decided to move in with his youngest son, who lives in London. That's where he found other Sikh marathon runners.

Can you imagine being in his position? He was definitely in the twilight of his life when he decided to run his way out of depression instead of completely giving up.

"From a tragedy has come a lot of success and happiness," Singh said before the race as he explained how running has changed his life, allowing an illiterate farmer to travel the world, meet dignitaries and stay in five-star hotels," according to the report by the AP.

His story is incredible, and there are countless lessons we can learn from it.

Singh certainly sounds like one of the most positive and strong people alive on this planet right now. He has overcome an immense mental and emotional hurdle to find a way to thrive.

How do you do that? How do you pick yourself up and keep going? How can you strive to find the bright side of things and push through the terrible times?

Singh is amazing and handles situations with a level head on his shoulders.

"The reason for my good health is that I exercise daily and follow a proper diet regime," he said, according to the New York Daily News. "I take happiness in biggest proportions though my actual diet is very small."

His mental health is probably directly connected to his physical health. If you're eating healthy and exercising at least a little, then odds are you'll be doing better in the brain department, too.

We can't forget there are millions of people who are going through tougher times than we are.

There's no need to compare personal problems to those around the world, but maybe we can turn to Singh's story when we need a pick-me-up.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you think gun laws should be stricter?

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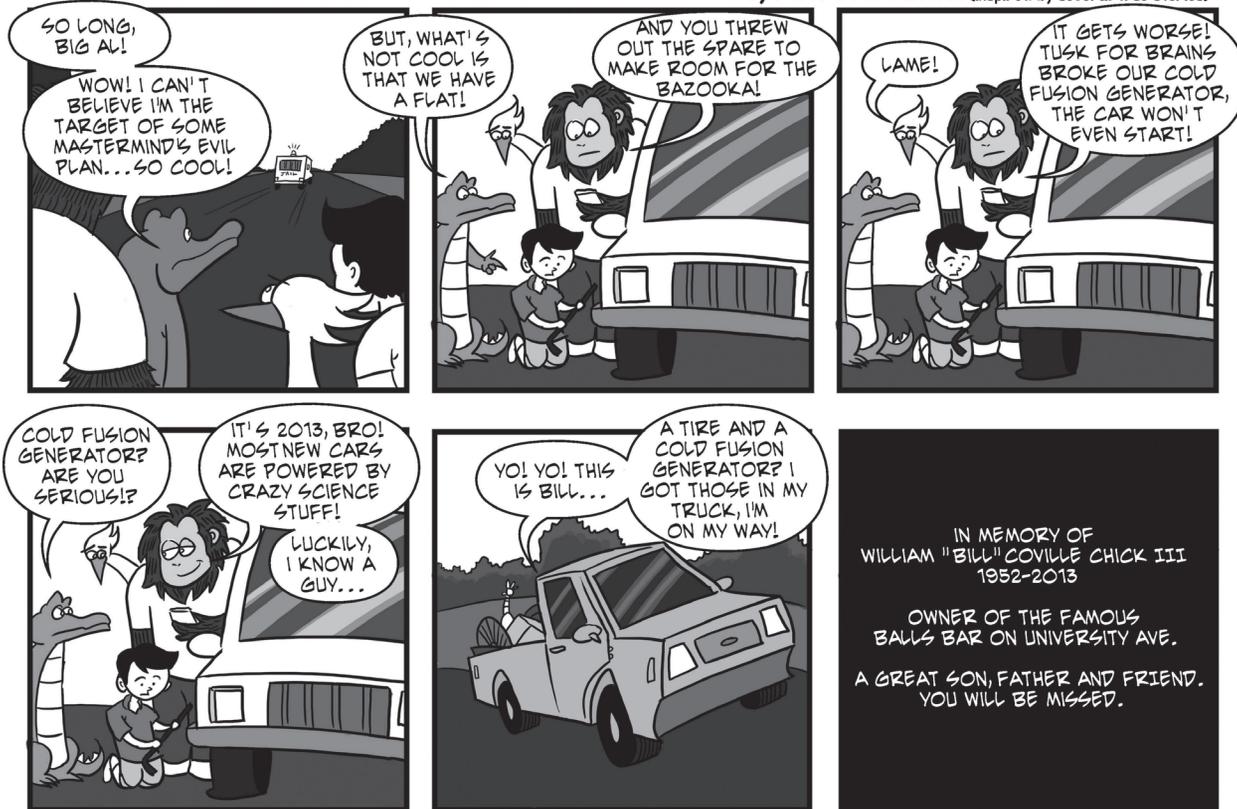
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Column

Women in UFC are kicking major butt

Ladies and gentlemen, step right this way to an event that can both knock your teeth out and knock your socks off. I'm talking the real grit: the first women's mixed martial arts match ever for the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

This ain't your bikini mud wrestling or lingerie league, folks. Mixed martial arts was once called "human cockfighting" for a reason. The Ultimate Fighting Championship is full of fights that leave prized fighters broken, unconscious or bloody, but that has never stopped people from paying to see it.

Stepping into the arena we have Liz Carmouche, a former Marine and Iraq War veteran who takes down her opponents with a vicious rear choke. She is up to give Ronda Rousey, the touted industry favorite, a run for her money. Rousey is an Olympic bronze medalist in judo who has reigned undefeated since the start of her mixed martial arts days.

With a face that could break men's hearts and a signature armbars that can break their backs, Rousey has put the Ultimate Fighting Championship into a media frenzy as it calls her the first female Ultimate Fighting Championship superstar.

So, here is the part that turns this match from a publicity gimmick into a regular event for the Ultimate Fighting Championship: Would you pay to see it?

So far, the consensus seems to be yes. Rousey against Carmouche packed a full house, and the sports reporters all seemed to agree it was a good fight that lived up to the publicity hype.

The real unsung hero out of this entire event, other than the fighters, is Dana White, the president of the Ultimate Fighting Championship. White once famously said there would never be a women's mixed martial arts match allowed in the Ultimate Fighting Championship, but the story goes that all of that changed once he met Ronda Rousey.

With a rock-solid confidence in Rousey as a fighter, White then promoted the first women's Ultimate Fighting Championship title match and watched as his golden girl put Carmouche into an armbars hold until she tapped out.

All of this sounds like a Lifetime story about how some



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corporate mega-lord had a change of heart and helped lead a historical change to a brutally competitive sport, but really, it was a story about money, and that just makes it better.

White's opposition to a women's Ultimate Fighting Championship fight wasn't based on misogyny but on profit. He simply

didn't believe anyone would pay to see two women fight. But with the rise of women mixed martial arts fighters in the 2000s, White understood this was a cash cow that couldn't be ignored.

Despite his bold claims that women would never fight in the cage, White was negotiating years ago to bring fighter Gina Carano into the Ultimate Fighting Championship, but it never panned out. White saw you need more than just one superstar to make something like a women's division legitimate, so I think he has been biding his time until more women mixed martial arts fighters were fierce competitors until he unleashed a full women's title match to the Ultimate Fighting Championship audiences.

White then publicly announced his "change of heart" to the media in order to generate publicity and more ticket sales for the upcoming Rousey against Carmouche fight. He promoted the fight as the main title fight, and fans were welcome to pay an arm and a leg on pay-per-view to watch "history being made."

Some might call White an opportunist looking to make a buck, but, to be honest, thank God he played it the way he did. If women's matches in the big league are a step forward for women in mixed martial arts and people will also pay to see it, then that alone will push forward its acceptance all that much faster.

At the end of the day, we see two types of people that the world can't live without: businessmen willing to take a risk and women ready to step up to a fight.

Lauren Flannery is a business administration sophomore at UF. Her column usually runs on Tuesdays.

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

Guest column

Satchel's pizza is a work of art

If you're a person who enjoys having a slice of cold pizza for breakfast, Satchel's Pizza isn't for you. No doggie bag necessary.

Satchel's Pizza, established by Steve "Satchel" Raye in 2003, begins its day building beautiful pizza pies for hungry hipster customers at 7 a.m. when the dough is made, said day manager Jim McRae.

This unique pizza place greets customers upon arrival with clinking chimes blowing in the breeze, eclectic and vibrant colors of geometrical stained glass window panes, and the fragrant smell of sweet dough and pizza sauce. Even the walls are covered by local artists' best pieces of the month.

Despite all the competition, the real art is scattered all over the menu: the pizza. Every order, each individual slice, is made to perfection and by no miracle, either. Satchel's Pizza understands the value of consistency in culinary art.

"It's about training the kitchen staff to do things perfectly. The first hardest thing to do is the crust. The second hardest is the sauce. We figure out how to bake, prep and press, and we figure out consistency," McRae said.

Carina Seagrave Speaking Out

The produce choices are tenfold, but for my little slice of heaven, appropriately brought out to my table to "You Are My Sunshine" playing softly in the background, I chose to order the Mama, which comes with

four toppings of the customer's choice.

For me, it was artichokes, sun-dried tomatoes, spinach and mushrooms. With fresh and almost always local produce bought from Rainbow Produce just down the road from the restaurant, Satchel's Pizza strives to give back to the community, said McRae, which is exactly what happens when my plate of art is sat on the table.

The single slice of an 18-inch pie comes layered in tenderly warmed vegetables with mozzarella cheese that holds together as it's pulled apart like wistful lovers.

Cut into a symmetrical triangle — isosceles for the mathletes out there — the piece is colored with that of clear intent to make it as pleasing to the eye as possible. The spinach is spread on top of the cheese like a cool bed with green satin sheets, followed by mushrooms, the light lime artichokes and the pop of red provided by the sun-dried tomatoes.

Steam comes off the edge of the pizza with each bite. Luckily, the space between the pointy tip that is eagerly bitten first and the line of the crust seems miles from my nose.

The crust hits my tongue with a zap of salt, followed by the sweetness of the wheat dough that is crunchy at first but opens up to a fluffy inside.

Mark Rodriguez, a member of the kitchen staff, said this pizza, like thousands of others before it, has been put through a three-day process, which includes 10 to 20 minutes of dough-making followed by two days of proofing, or letting the dough rise. The dough is then stretched, sauced and cheesed, and cooked for six minutes. On the toppings go and back in the oven for seven more minutes, he said.

"I definitely think about looks," Rodriguez said. "You don't just want to plopp the toppings on there all sloppy."

Once my slice had been buttered, it was sent out to me for the real test. Although people eat pizza every day via a delivery brand or, I daresay, maybe DiGiorno, Satchel's Pizza is an experience. One slice is like a garden grown on the sweetest smelling, golden-brown soil.

Once the pizza is under your nose and no longer seen by your eyes, you discover the texture of the combination of vegetables and crust.

The vegetables are well-cooked but not overcooked, an admirable feat, considering the pizza serves as their only heating pan. As a whole, the elements of the piece of the pie work together to impress any picky palate and, as any good restaurant sporting Italian food should, bring together a community of pizza lovers.

"We try to be a sustainable sort of restaurant, use recyclable materials — buy all local as much as possible to give back to the community without driving prices," McRae said. "It's a family feel more than anything, a different atmosphere in the sense that it's a local place and not a chain — I think that's important."

But to the food lovers we all are, the important thing is the value of a great slice of pizza that is treated like a real work of art. And my slice of Satchel's pizza was a masterpiece.

Carina Seagrave is a journalism student at UF.

Guest column

Trayvon Martin and the end of an era

We are at the end of an era of compromise and complacency.

We have no more time for armchair activists and social media pundits.

We do not live in a post-racial society.

One black man elected to our highest office does not negate the fact that black and brown youth are in a state of emergency.

Children are our society's canaries in a mine.

It's time to stop pretending our canaries aren't dying.

It's time for us to make decisions about our own lives. We've decided that we have worth.

On Feb. 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin was killed by George Zimmerman on his way home from a convenience store in Sanford, Fla.

Trayvon, a 17 year-old boy, was seen as inherently dangerous: a criminal, a second-class citizen by virtue of being black.

He was ultimately shot for being somewhere Zimmerman deemed inappropriate.

In 1955, two men also decided a black child's life held no value.

Emmett Till, a 14-year-old, was dragged out of his home, taken to a barn, shot in the head and mutilated until unrecognizable because he stepped out of "his" place.

In 1787 — 226 years ago — at the Constitutional Convention, our Founding Fathers formally decided the life of a black person was not equivalent to that of a white person in America.

In fact, our Constitution claimed that we, who were already enslaved and abused, were three-fifths of a white whole and called it a compromise.

Surely not a compromise we agreed on!

The founders of this nation set a precedent, one that continuously manifests itself in our society.

So much so that on Feb. 26, when Zimmerman decided to shoot and kill Trayvon as he walked home, Florida was all but ready to send Zimmerman on his way.

As a result, we began to awaken and gain a new consciousness.

We took to the streets.

We protested.

And for a short period of time, we stood together, and we decided this was not justice.

Out of this turmoil arose the Dream Defenders, and we've been building ever since.

We've been building because we are living in a state of emergency.

Look at our public schools, for example.

What was once a visit to the principal or counselor's office in our parents' day is now a degrading ride

in the back of a police car.

Jonel Edwards Speaking Out

Shoving in hallways (battery), taking something from a classmate's book bag (theft or robbery) or being a class clown (disorderly conduct) are all grounds for arrest in Florida schools.

In Alachua County, where black students make up about 32 percent of the student population, they account for 76 percent of school-based arrests, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Black students are about two to three times more likely to be suspended, expelled or arrested than white students for the same kind of conduct.

It's not because black kids behave worse than other students.

You would think after 226 years, black youth would stop being unfairly treated like criminals and second-class citizens.

As Malcolm X said, "The young generation don't want to hear anything about 'the odds are against us.' What do we care about odds?"

We have decided we are ignoring precedent.

We've decided we are whole.

We will no longer be second-class citizens in the country that was built on our backs.

It's time we remember how we felt a year ago today. It's time we remember how we felt when voter suppression laws swept this state.

It is time we remember no human is illegal.

It is time we stand our ground and demand our kids be taught rather than dismissed and senselessly killed.

It is time we stop reacting and start building: no more Trayvon Martins, no more Jordan Davises, no more Rodrigo Diazes and no more Emmett Tills.

So, we welcome you to the Dream Era; it's only just begun.

Join us on March 5, the first day of the legislative session, on the steps of the Old Capitol of Florida, where we will deliver the real State of the State address.

The Dream Era is an era that will be propelled by black and brown youth who spent their formative years criminalized, marginalized, tossed aside and forgotten.

We've found beauty in the dark; we found strength in our struggle and determination through despair.

Now, we're ready to set new precedents.

Jonel Edwards is a political science senior at UF. She is the vice president of the UF Dream Defenders and the president of the Gator Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



City candidates talk transportation, park plan during forum

▶ ALL SIX MAYORAL CANDIDATES ATTENDED.

BILLY KENNEDY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville city election candidates discussed transportation needs, the closing of a former jail and building renovations during a forum Saturday afternoon.

The Alachua County League of Women Voters hosted the third candidate forum of the 2013

Gainesville city elections at the First United Methodist Church, located at 419 NE First St. About 65 people attended the event.

The forum began with the mayoral debate and was attended by all six candidates: former commissioners Ed Braddy and Scherwin L. Henry, former Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority board member Pete Johnson, incumbent Craig Lowe, Donald E. Shepherd Sr. and Mark Venzke.

Candidates talked about the city's plan to turn the former

Gainesville Correctional Institution into a homeless center.

Henry said he supported the plan.

"This would be an asset to not only the eastern part of the city, but the city and county as a whole," he said.

Shepherd agreed, saying the purchase would be "one more step toward our city growing to be a better city."

Candidates also talked about the city's Vision 2020 Master Plan, which is a \$50 million initiative to

improve city parks.

Johnson said the plan was "ambitious" and was concerned if the city could afford it.

Braddy was against the plan.

"We don't need to build the Taj Mahal of parks," he said.

On the topic of transportation needs, candidates discussed their positions on a new funding initiative to fix roads in the city.

Lowe supported new funding and said adding a bus rapid transit system is important.

"We need to have a future-ori-

ented view on transportation," he said.

Venzke agreed, saying he saw a need for new, safer bikeways.

Braddy, however, was also against bringing a bus rapid transit system to Gainesville.

"The dynamics simply do not work here," he said.

The forum also featured the City Commission District 4 debate. W.E. "Mac" McEachern, 20-year-old UF building construction junior Alfredo Espinosa and incumbent Randy Wells all attended.

LOCAL

Gainesville Improv Fest gets silly during weekend shows

JOSE ZOZAYA

Alligator Contributing Writer

Eager improvisational comedy fans and supportive families gathered last week for the eighth annual Gainesville Improv Festival.

From Wednesday to Saturday, the festival celebrated improvisational and sketch theater, featuring 24 groups from Florida and across the country.

The groups performed pure improvisation, scripted comedy and musical comedy acts.

The festival also included a series of educational workshops for attendees featuring comedy instructors from across the U.S.

The festival held performances at High Dive, 210 SW Second Ave., and the Squitieri Studio Theatre, located inside the UF's Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

The four-day festival featured two shows per night with three acts performing.

And to make sure local flavor was present, each show featured a North Florida improv comedy group.

The Shock T's, a musical comedy group

from Chicago, made their Gainesville debut Saturday night, performing in a nearly sold-out show at the Squitieri Studio Theatre.

During the performance, the group performed original songs.

In one song, they sang about people not enjoying William Shakespeare's literature.



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Members of UF's Theatre Strike Force perform during the last night of the 8th Annual Gainesville Improv Festival at Squitieri Studio Theatre on Saturday.

The group consists of Sarah Shockey, Tyler Paterson and Tim Dunn.

Shockey, 25, said she met Paterson, 29, and Dunn, 28, while taking classes at the Second City, a comedy theater and improvisation school located in Chicago.

Shockey said one way the group creates new material is by continuously bouncing ideas off each other.

"It's all a collaborative effort," she said. "It's like quilting little, fun ideas together."

The festival also featured a performance from UF's own Theatre Strike Force.

Adriana Robles, a 19-year-old UF telecommunication sophomore and a second-year Theatre Strike Force member, said she was excited to perform with her group in front of some of her comedic heroes.

At the same time, she said, it was a challenging experience.

Robles added that she credits the festival's success to the support among comedy groups within the improv community.

"We all tell each other we have each other's back," she said. "Everyone's got your back."

Former NYT editor to speak

LAUREN RICHARDSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

Howell Raines, former executive editor of The New York Times and a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, will speak about his career in journalism at 6 p.m. at UF's Bob Graham Center for Public Service in Pugh Hall.

Mike Foley will lead the free event in an interview format. Foley, a master lecturer in UF's College of Journalism and Communications, will ask Raines about his experience stepping into position five days before Sept. 11, the Jayson Blair scandal and his opinions on the present state of journalism. Following the program, attendees will be able to ask questions.

"I think a young journalist or someone wondering about journalism could certainly use his insight into the business, both then and now," Foley said.

About 150 people are expected to attend, said spokeswoman Shelby Taylor.

UF student Leila Milgrim said

she's excited to hear Raines speak.

"I'm excited to gain insight about the business from such an established guy who has had such a great career," the 21-year-old journalism senior said.

Raines began his career at The New York Times in 1978 as a national correspondent based in Atlanta. He held several positions for the publication over the years, ending as executive editor in May 2003, when he was dismissed because of the Jayson Blair scandal.



Raines

An internal investigation found 36 of Blair's stories over a six-month period contained faked bylines or evidence of plagiarism.

The Hugh Cunningham Professorship in Journalism Excellence and the College of Journalism and Communications are sponsoring the program.

Mayor shies from the big guns

▶ HE PLANS TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION.

BEATRICE DUPUY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville Mayor Craig Lowe announced plans to present a resolution supporting gun safety to the City Commission during a demonstration on Bo Diddley Community Plaza on Saturday.

The demonstration was held to urge Rep. Ted Yoho, of Gainesville, to support laws to reduce gun violence.

Lowe said Gainesville can advocate to federal and state legislatures to approve regulation that includes the removal of loopholes in background checks and limits on magazine capacity.

"Gun violence is a serious problem in our country," he said. "I think we need a comprehensive approach to that problem that includes a regulation of firearms."

The demonstration was or-

ganized by Karen Epple, the MoveOn.org Gainesville council coordinator.

Epple, 59, said both Yoho and Sen. Bill Nelson will be voting on bills regarding gun violence, and she wanted them to know their constituents want gun control.

"We can't stand idle and not do anything when 20 kids are killed."

Eileen Roy

Alachua County School Board chair

"Every day, 270 people in the United States are shot in murders, assaults, suicides and police interventions," she said.

More than 30 people attended Saturday's demonstration. Attendees had the option to wear name tags with the number of individuals they know who have been affected by gun violence. Epple wore the number three.

"My sister and my mother both were held at gunpoint by men who supposedly loved

them," she said. "My brother was a police officer, and several times he had people try to shoot him."

Alachua County School Board chair Eileen Roy was one of the speakers at the event.

"We can't stand idle and not do anything when 20 kids are killed," she said. "Everybody is worried about the schools, and I'm responsible for the schools."

Also present was an impersonator acting as Abraham Lincoln, who Epple said was a victim of gun violence.

Although impersonator Lew Welge, 57, was not wearing a name tag with a number, he said his alcoholic father once held him and his mother at gunpoint.

"If we had looked the wrong way or made a snide remark, my mother and I might both be dead," he said.

Attendees had the opportunity to sign petitions supporting actions to reduce gun violence. The event ended with a candlelight vigil for victims.

LOCAL

Officials light dry Paynes Prairie brush on fire — on purpose



David Carr / Alligator Staff

A Florida Forest Service helicopter drops small chemical-filled spheres that resemble ping pong balls over Paynes Prairie on Friday. The prescribed burn was aimed at ridding extra vegetation and combating the spread of hardwood trees.

ALEX HARRIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

A helicopter streaked through the Friday morning sky, dropping tiny spheres that ignited dry brush and sent plumes of smoke into the air.

It wasn't doomsday but an aerial ignition-controlled burn at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park.

The burn was part of a partnership between the Florida Forest Service and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Normally, prescribed burns are done by a ground crew who walks through the area using personal flamethrowers.

Friday's aerial ignition burn, however, used a helicopter to burn areas unavailable to ground crews, said David Jowers, park manager of Paynes Prairie.

"You can burn larger parcels of property in a shorter period of time and get all the smoke up and out of the area and safely accomplish the goal," he said.

The burn had been planned nine different times this winter, but because of weather conditions, it had to be called off, Jowers said.

On Friday, however, weather conditions were ideal for the burn.

About 15 volunteers donned in fire-retardant gear walked through the prairie, lighting ground fires in several spots of the 750-acre burn zone.

Meanwhile, a helicopter flew over the burn zone, dropping small chemical-filled spheres that ignited when they hit the ground.

Amber Roux, a Paynes Prairie park specialist, said the spheres, which resemble ping pong balls, are filled with flammable chemicals.

"At the time that they're dispensed, they're injected with another chemical that causes a chemical reaction," she said. "It's delayed enough to get the sphere off the helicopter and hopefully to the ground as it's combusting."

Roux said Friday's burn was aimed at ridding the prairie of extra vegetation that could be hazardous in a wildfire situation. The burn also aimed at combating the spread of invasive hardwood trees.

"[The burn] helps promote the kind of wildlife habitat necessary for the wildlife in this ecosystem," she said.

UF Family Weekend successful

SARAH FRICK

Alligator Contributing Writer

An inflatable jousting ring, a slam dunk trampoline and Florida's only traveling zip line were enjoyed by about 500 attendees at UF's Family Weekend Spring Edition 2013: Always Orange, Forever Blue.

The Division of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students Office hosted the first Spring family weekend Friday through Sunday. Any undergraduate or graduate students' family members were welcome to attend.

Dean of Students Jen Day Shaw said she hopes attendees experienced family bonding, fun and fellowship with other Gator families and university employees.

Students and their family members also took advantage of free admittance to Gator Nights, as well as reduced tickets to Gator athletic events, including basketball, lacrosse, gymnastics, baseball and tennis.

Dan Fox, Spring Family Weekend program chair and Campus Diplomat, worked with the New Student and Family Programs division of the Dean of Students Office to ensure Family Weekend happened accord-

ing to plan. He said he enjoyed providing a platform on which students and families could bond together over exciting activities.

"We here at the University of Florida care a lot about our students and want them to have the best possible experience while here at the university," said the 19-year-old marketing sophomore, "and by holding this Family Weekend, it is just another reason for a UF student to appreciate his university and be proud to be a Florida Gator."

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Dan Fox

Spring Family Weekend program chair

Yesenia Gomez, a student Preview coordinator, said students are so busy that it's nice for them to be able to relax for one weekend. She assisted Family Weekend by running check-in Friday afternoon.

The 21-year-old psychology junior said she hopes this was the first of many more successful Spring family weekends for UF's campus.

Food Truck Rally to return

► IT WILL BE MARCH 16.

HANNA MARCUS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The first time the food trucks rolled to a stop and raised up their windows on the High Dive parking lot in January, they sold out of food in hours.

On March 16, Gainesville's Food Truck Rally will return, and after careful planning, rally organizers and food vendors say they will be better prepared.

The next event will include more space for trucks and a 5 p.m. starting time for attendees, said Pat Lavery, an independent promoter for Glory Days Presents!

"We did a lot of brainstorming and noticed what could be improved," Lavery said. "We're trying for everyone to have more inventory, so they can serve longer and have the trucks better staffed and prepared to be able to move the lines

faster."

The rally will be again hosted by Glory Days Presents! and the Pelican Brothers Food Truck. To reduce wait times, Lavery said admission to the event and concerts will be free.

"We're hoping people will come eat, enjoy the concert and then come out and eat again," he said.

Jason Howey, the 37-year-old owner of the Grilled Cheese Wagon, participated in the January rally. He said he and the other vendors were surprised at the response from the community.

"I've never participated in anything like that before," he said. "It's an interesting dynamic."

This time, however, Howey said he will be more prepared by bringing a bigger staff and additional equipment.

"We'll definitely be bringing the second griddle this time," he said. "That should ensure we can move more items from the griddle to the people and do it faster."

Man, dog and bus spread kindness while visiting campus

► HE'S ON A 9,000-MILE BUS TOUR.

COLLEEN WRIGHT

Alligator Writer

Bob Votruba was watching TV in Cleveland when the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings became breaking news. As the father of three then-college-aged children, he wondered about how he could counteract the gunman's actions.

So, Votruba founded One Million Acts of Kindness. And on Friday, nearly six years later, his Kindness

Bus was parked on Buckman Drive to spread messages of peace to UF students.

"Being a dad — that's what got me into this," Votruba said.

UF was one stop on his 9,000-mile bus tour to raise awareness about bullying and adolescent suicide. The tour began in October and will go around the nation before ending with a 1,300-mile bike ride in New York City.

On Friday, 57-year-old Votruba walked around UF's campus with his 5-year-old Boston terrier, Bogart, asking students to do small acts of kindness like holding a door open

for someone or saying thank you.

"There will be lives saved because of this ride," he said.



Votruba

remember someone who was bullied," he said.

UF journalism freshman Carmen Kelly walked by the bus Friday and noticed its message of love and

peace toward children.

"I like seeing that kind of stuff around campus," the 19-year-old said.

Votruba visited campus in March 2010. He proudly carries around a picture of Bogart posing next to the Bull Gator.

Votruba called One Million Acts of Kindness his individual lifetime goal. He has been invited to the White House by Lynn Rosenthal, the advisor on violence against women, and has been featured on the Oprah Network and CNN.

Votruba drives his bus with Bogart to each destination and then

bikes around the city spreading his message. His school bus has an 87-square-foot living space with a kennel for Bogart and some storage room.

Votruba said his living expenses are mostly from his own savings with a few donations.

He said his main message is to have a goal of kindness and get involved in a charity. He said humans should treat each other without judgement and with respect.

"We should all be like dogs," he said.

Contact Colleen Wright at cwright@alligator.org.

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13 Charged particles
15 Black-and-blue mark, e.g.
16 Suffix for pay
17 Soft hit that barely makes it over the infield
19 Cranberry-growing area
20 Africa's Sierra
21 Fed. retirement org.
22 "T" on a test, usually
23 Like dodos and dinosaurs
26 Foray
28 Archaeological age-determination process
31 Texting units: Abbr.
34 Rowboat mover
35 Wish granter
36 "How was ___ know?"
37 Abrasions
40 Sinus doc
41 Not exactly robust
43 Simpsons neighbor
44 Makes really angry
45 Completely absorbed
49 Lawyer's customer
50 Accessory often carried with a wallet
54 Merle Haggard's "___ From Muskogee"
55 N.J. neighbor
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59 Sign in a limo that aptly concludes the sequence formed by the last words of 17-, 28- and 45-Across
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11 Metaphorical state of elation
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Florida Gulf Coast completes sweep against Florida



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Senior Vickash Ramjit runs to third base during Florida's 8-3 loss to Florida Gulf Coast on Saturday at McKethan Stadium. The Eagles swept the Gators during the weekend series.

► UF WAS SWEEP FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2009.

JOSH JURNOVOY

Alligator Staff Writer

Florida had a chance to salvage a bad weekend against Florida Gulf Coast.

Second baseman Casey Turgeon led off the bottom of the 10th inning with a single and advanced to third on a pickoff attempt that went into right field. With Turgeon 90 feet from home, Eagles pitcher Harrison Cooney intentionally walked Zack Powers and Justin Shafer to load the bases with no outs.

After two flyouts to center and a fielder's choice, Cooney got out of the inning unscathed.

"Swings got too big," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "We got to stay short to the ball and just hit a fly ball. Just give us a chance to score a run. It's as simple as that."

The 17th-ranked Gators (3-5) left a season-high 11 runners on base as they fell to the Eagles 7-4 on Sunday at McKethan Stadium.

Florida lost 8-2 on Friday and 8-3 on Saturday.

The series marked the first time UF has been swept since losing a weekend series at Arkansas

in 2009.

The Eagles took advantage of the Gators' squandered opportunity, capitalizing in the top of the 11th.

In his third inning of relief, Shafer retired the leadoff batter before giving up a single to Brandon Bednar and walking pinch hitter Tyler Selesky. Left fielder Sean Dwyer then sent the first pitch he saw over the right field scoreboard.

"I was going to sit off-speed." Dwyer said of his plate approach against Shafer.

"They had been working away all day. Luckily, he left something up. (I) put a good swing on it."

Freshman shortstop Richie Martin said Florida didn't bounce back as it should have after failing with the bases loaded in the 10th.

"It obviously took some of our tempo," Martin said.

"We had to go back out on defense and perform, but we didn't do that. It's put us in another hole."

Sophomores Shafer and Powers led off the sixth inning with back-to-back singles.

After catcher Kevin Stypulkowski advanced them with a bunt, designated hitter Taylor Gushue tied the game 2-2 on a

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

UF men's team knocks off Auburn, wins SEC crown

ROBERT JUDIN

Alligator Writer

The Gators' wait is over.

After watching Auburn win the Southeastern Conference championship 16 straight times, Florida finally finished on top.

The Gators captured the 2013 SEC Swimming and Diving Championships after 11 straight second-place finishes, snapping the Tigers' long reign on top.

UF won with a total of 1,408 points.

"We have been chasing Auburn and nipping at their heels every year and we've been close a couple of them," coach Gregg Troy said in a release.

"This kind of takes us over the top from the standpoint that it gets the monkey off our back."

Florida's women finished third behind

SEC champion Georgia and second-place Texas A&M.

But the women did not leave College Station, Texas, empty-handed. Senior Elizabeth Beisel earned the Commissioner's Trophy as the high point winner for the second consecutive year.

"This kind of takes us over the top from the standpoint that it gets the monkey off our back."

Gregg Troy

UF coach

Natalie Hinds was named SEC Female Freshman Swimmer of the Year.

"It's a good building point towards the NCAA meet," said Troy, who was named SEC Men's Coach of the Year. "It's not an end in itself, but it certainly is a good conference win."

Gators defeat Cardinal

MICHELLE PROVENZANO

Alligator Writer

Brianna Morgan let out a yell of relief as she clinched the match point for a Florida victory.

The freshman battled through three lengthy sets to finalize a 4-2 win against Stanford on Sunday at Ring Tennis Complex.

Morgan previously struggled to maintain control with her serve, losing to Cardinal senior Stacey Tan, who closed up the two-point gap to 5-4.

But Morgan battled and found relief on the right side of Tan's court just after the two went to deuce.

"I feel like I blacked out," Morgan said. "All I saw was Lauren (Embree) running at me, and I was like, 'Oh, I must have won.'"

Morgan's singles match was the lon-

gest the freshman played this season, battling through more than 3 hours of tennis.

"It says a lot about an athlete, I think, to have the lead, lose the lead and then act like nothing happened," coach Roland Thornqvist said. "Clearly, she was really nervous, and to be able to handle the nerves like that shows that we've got some real potential to work with."

The looming rain-fall proved fortunate for the Gators. The match moved indoors during the last three singles matches, which resulted in two UF wins.

"We told [Thornqvist] that we wouldn't be upset if we went indoors," junior Alexandra Cercone said. "We've had experience practicing in there, and Stanford hasn't, so we figured maybe

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Patric Young led Florida's increased focus in the paint in Saturday's 71-54 win against Arkansas. See story, page 16.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Florida rallies to defeat Alabama

PHILLIP HEILMAN

Alligator Staff Writer

Alabama has become a sight for sore eyes for Jattera Bonds and Florida this season. But Sunday's matchup hung in the balance longer than expected.

For the second time in Southeastern Conference play, the Gators snapped an extended losing streak with a victory against the Crimson Tide. Using a late second-half run, Florida upended Alabama 67-61 in Foster Auditorium.

The Gators beat the Crimson Tide 87-54 on Feb. 3 in the O'Connell Center to snap a five-game losing streak. Sunday's win ended a three-game skid for UF.

"This is a great sign of this team growing and maturing and playing the way that we should play in the face of adversity," coach Amanda Butler said. "They kept fighting and finding ways to make a difference. They handled the challenges that their coaches issued to them and made plays in critical, critical moments."

Nothing proved more critical than Florida's response to Alabama taking a 13-point lead with 10:36 remaining.

Following a jumper by Jasmine Robinson, the Crimson Tide led 53-40. Florida responded with a 21-4 run during the next 6:26 to take a 61-57 lead.

Alabama (12-15, 2-12 SEC) never countered.

"We went out there and ran and played defense and did all of the small things that we took for granted in the beginning of the game," sophomore Kayla Lewis said. "We just had to come out and play hard to dig out of that hole."

Bonds led the Gators with 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting. The Crimson Tide has struggled to slow the junior guard, who scored 16 points on 4-of-6 shooting in UF's

33-point blowout of Alabama earlier this season.

Bonds also grabbed six rebounds and collected four assists on Sunday.

"She plays to win every time she steps on the floor," Lewis said of Bonds. "But where she has grown as a player is picking her spots. They were giving her spots, and she was scoring. She took advantage of every opportunity there was for her to score."

Lewis finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds for her third-career double-double.

Neither team found any consistent offense in the first half. The two squads combined for 23 turnovers and just 23 made shots prior to halftime.

Florida (16-12, 5-9 SEC) led 32-31 at the break despite exhibiting some of its sloppiest play of the season.

Junior guard Lily Svete scored all 11 of her points in the first half. She made her first three attempts from behind the arc before missing her final five tries.

Alabama opened the second half with an 8-0 run and used a 22-8 advantage during the first 9:24 to take a 13-point lead. But the Gators answered to avoid another crippling defeat.

"We had some players that we had been waiting on earlier in the game to come alive that came alive," Butler said. "It was just a tremendous amount of fight."

The victory was Florida's first at Alabama since 2009. The Crimson Tide has dropped eight consecutive games to fall into a tie for last in the SEC with Ole Miss.

"[Alabama] plays hard in this gym," Lewis said. "They took [Arkansas] to triple overtime. They play very well here. We had to be prepared for that, which we were, and came out with this win."

A radio broadcast contributed to this reports.

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Jattera Bonds (10) drives the lane during Florida's 68-57 loss to Vanderbilt on Feb. 21 in the O'Connell Center.

Missed opportunities result in Gators' first loss of 2013

MISSOURI DEFEATED FLORIDA 4-3 ON SATURDAY.

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN

Alligator Writer

Florida was scheduled to play 14 innings in its doubleheader against Syracuse and No. 7 Missouri in the

Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic on Friday. The Gators and the Tigers nearly played 14 frames alone.

After winning its first 15 games, No. 5 Florida (16-1) fell to Missouri (9-1) 4-3 in 12 innings, setting the record for the longest game in UF history.

The Gators failed to take advantage of numerous opportunities with runners in scoring position.

After tying the game 2-2 in the fourth inning, Florida put a runner on second in two of the final three frames before extra innings. But Missouri pitcher Chelsea Thomas struck out three Gators with runners in scoring position in the fifth and sixth innings to escape jams. Thomas notched 19 strikeouts in the game.

"She has a really good drop ball,

and she'll change it up," freshman Kelsey Stewart said.

The international tiebreaker rule took effect in extra innings, placing a runner at second to begin each half inning. But it still took four frames before either side scored a run.

Hannah Rogers replaced Lauren Haeger after the fourth inning, and had one of her best performances of the season. Rogers tossed 7.2 innings in relief, striking out nine batters.

Despite her strong pitching, she picked up the loss.

Both teams scored runs in the 11th, setting the stage for the 12th inning.

The Gators nearly escaped the 12th without any damage.

Catcher Aubree Munro caught the placed runner at third base on a failed squeeze bunt, but Rogers surrendered a double to Missouri junior Mackenzie Sykes and gave up consecutive singles to end the game.

"Hannah gave it her all, and we couldn't have asked for anything better," Stewart said. "It just sucked that we put ourselves in that situation."

But the weekend was not a total loss for Florida.

Following its defeat on Friday, Florida played Georgia Tech (9-7) in its final game of the Palm Springs, Calif., tournament. Rogers again relieved Haeger early in the game, pitching four innings out of the bullpen.

Florida's offense was mostly dormant for the first five innings but came to life in the sixth inning after Bailey Castro singled, pitches hit Briana Little and Munro and senior Kelsey Horton walked.

Stewart came up with the bases loaded and cleared them with a three-run double, providing the difference in the Gators' 5-3 win.

"I was just getting back to what I was doing the first weekend," Stewart said, referring to her performance at the Kajikawa Classic in Tempe, Ariz., which earned her Southeastern Conference Player of the Week honors.

On Thursday, Florida picked up wins against Loyola Marymount and Oklahoma State.

The first game saw a potent Gators offense score eight runs, including two homers. But the second game showcased Haeger in the circle. She fanned eight batters en route to a complete-game shutout.

The pitching was also strong in the Gators' first game on Friday as Alyssa Bache started against Syracuse. Bache pitched a complete game, surrendering one run while matching a career-high nine strikeouts.

Despite suffering the first blemish on their record this year, Stewart said the weekend was positive for the Gators.

"Yeah, we lost," Stewart said. "But there's a lot of positive things to take from it. We have so much fight."



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Second baseman Kelsey Stewart (7) catches a ball during warmups between innings in Florida's 9-1 win against UNC Wilmington on Feb. 17 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

LACROSSE

Sophomore midfielder breaks school record in dominant win

MAX MATTERN

Alligator Writer

Sophomore Shannon Gilroy wrapped up a long week and a half for the Gators with her name in the record books.

Gilroy scored five goals and recorded a record-breaking eight draw controls in No. 3 Florida's 17-7 win against UAlbany (0-1) on Sunday at Dizney Stadium.

The Gators (6-0) beat the Great Danes 21-4 in draw controls.

"It carries a lot of momentum," Gilroy said. "And when we have

possession of the ball, the other team can't score."

Gilroy's eight draw controls sets a program record. She finished the day with 104 for her career.

"I just do my best when it comes to the draw," Gilroy said. "I plan on going straight up in the air every single time, and I do my best to get it."

Senior Brittany Dashiell is the all-time leader in draws for Florida with 156. Dashiell surpassed 100 in 35 games. Gilroy only needed 27.

"She dominated the draw, that's what she does," coach Amanda O'Leary said of Gilroy's play. "She's not only a threat on the draw but offensively."



Gilroy

In addition to dominating the draw, Gilroy led her team with five goals. She leads the Gators with 16 scores this season.

Senior Ashley Bruns accounted for four goals for the second time

in three days. She is tied with senior Kitty Cullen, who had three on Sunday, for second on the team with 13 scores.

The Gators converted 17 of their 31 shots. Their shooting percentage measured more than .500 for only the second time this season.

Since Florida's season-opening 5-3 win against North Carolina on Feb. 9, the Gators' offense has opened up. They have averaged 15.4 goals in their past five games.

"I credit [assistant Erica

LaGrow] with putting together a really good offensive game plan," O'Leary said. "Those players are really well prepared. Obviously, it's up to them to execute, and they did."

UF's offensive spurt came in five games during an 11-day stretch.

"They never hung their heads and said, 'Oh my gosh, five games in 11 days, that's just overwhelming,'" O'Leary said.

"They lived up to it, they worked hard and came out with five victories."

Sister gymnasts compete together for first time at elite level

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Staff Writer

For freshman Bridgette Caquatto, Friday night's gymnastics meet was more than her college debut.

No. 1 Florida's 196.975-196.075 win against No. 23 Kentucky in the O'Connell Center was the first time Caquatto and her sister Mackenzie competed on the same team since they became elite gymnasts.

"When I was in the elite world, she was always a senior when I was a junior, so I ac-

tually never competed with her too much," Bridgette said. "I've been looking forward to a day like this. I wish it would've gone a little better for our team and for both of us, but it was really exciting."

Prior to Friday, Bridgette had only competed for Florida in exhibition during Florida's 197.65-196.025 win against Auburn on Jan. 25 and in Florida's 197.575-196.175 victory against Arkansas on Feb. 1. The freshman had been held to only exhibition action, because she was still rehabbing after under-

going shoulder surgery on May 31 to repair a partially torn rotator cuff. Coach Rhonda Faehn debated redshirting Bridgette earlier in the week, but she changed her mind before Friday's meet.

"As a coaching staff, we all really decided that she needs the experience," Faehn said. "She is capable of being a 9.9 on two events minimum. ... It was just a decision that she really has the potential to be a very big contributor, and we wanted to be able to see her out there."

Bridgette started her college career by performing on bars and floor Friday. However, a miss on bars and out of bounds on floor resulted in a low 9.225 and 9.65, respectively.

"It was not the night that I wanted to have, but I was thankful that they put me

out there," Bridgette said.

With Mackenzie and Bridgette both competing on Friday, it was the first time the Gators had sisters in the lineup since Lynn and Karen McDonnell performed at the NCAA Championships on April 6, 1984. But that wasn't the only change for UF.

For the first time since Feb. 18, 2011, Florida competed without an all-around competitor.

Even with the lineup change, the Gators got off to a strong start on vault and bars. Florida used four new personal bests in the first two rotations to give the Gators a 99.025-98 lead against the Wildcats.

But two misses on beam from Bridget Sloan and Mackenzie led to a dismal 48.525, Florida's lowest beam score this season.

Still, the Gators regrouped in the final rotation. Jamie Shisler and Kiersten Wang used career-best performances on floor to help Florida earn its second-highest score on floor this season with a 49.425.

"The first two events were incredible and the last event was really wonderful with the way they pulled it together," Faehn said. "Beam was very uncharacteristic for them. They're a very strong beam team. ... There were so many positive highlights (Friday). I don't want the few mistakes to overshadow the really great moments that were there."

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Florida all-around gymnast Bridgette Caquatto performs her floor routine where she scored a 9.650 during Florida's win against Kentucky on Friday in the O'Connell Center.

Weather forced match indoors

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that could be a one-up on them."

Cercone's was the first of the three singles matches to clinch match point for a 3-2 lead indoors.

The junior fell short in the first set against Stanford's 10th-ranked Krista Hardebeck, a 6-4 decision played outside.

Once Cercone went inside, she dominated Hardebeck, winning the second set 6-4 and clinching the third set 6-3 by spiking the ball to Hardebeck's corner on serve.

"She's just a master of manipulating pace," Thornqvist said. "Under pressure, I think on one of [Hardebeck's] sides, she broke down a little bit, and Alex did a really good job find-

ing that time after time."

Cercone's victory helped the Gators end the back-and-forth tie on the scoreboard and overcome the doubles loss.

During doubles, Florida tied scores on all courts early on, but Stanford snuffed out UF's chances, clinching four points against the Gators on Court 1 and three points on Court 2 to claim the doubles point.

Embree and Sofie Oyen could not overcome short slices in the frontcourt from Stanford's Kristie Ahn, who held serve advantage to win 8-4.

However, Oyen battled back against Ahn and gave her a dose of her own game during singles. Oyen shut out Ahn in two sets with a 6-2, 6-2 result.

Olivia Janowicz also battled back after losing on the doubles

court, defeating Stanford's Lindsey Kostas 6-2, 6-2.

Freshman Danielle Collins was the only player to lose in doubles, falling to No. 33 Ellen Tsay 6-2, 6-2.

The Cardinal's Nicole Gibbs challenged Embree all over the court, sending balls to both sides and giving her a run to frontcourt with choppy ground balls. The match went into a third set, but Morgan's win ended play to give the Gators their victory early.

Thornqvist said the team did well at giving Stanford grueling matches, despite the back-and-forth battle on the scoreboard.

"It's a team of warriors," Thornqvist said.

Cercone added: "No matter what the score is, we're going to be fighting 'til the very end."

Florida surrenders 4-2 lead

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run-scoring single up the middle.

The Gators went up 4-2 when Gushue scored on the first of Vickash Ramjit's two infield singles and an RBI groundout from center fielder Cody Dent.

The lead would not last. O'Sullivan attempted to get four innings out of reliever Johnny Magliozzi, but the sophomore right-hander ran out of steam in the top of the seventh.

After retiring the first two batters on flyouts to the warning track, he gave up a single to Sean Dwyer and an opposite field two-run home run to Eagles' first baseman Brooks Beisner, tying the game 4-4.

Beisner finished the series 6 for 12 with two home runs, two doubles and six RBI.

"They hit great," Cooney said of his teammates.

"Squaring a lot of balls up. When we (were) getting guys on, we were getting them over, getting them in."

Florida was not able to do so, but Dent said the team will not panic because of the early struggles.

"It's a long season," Dent said. "It's the beginning of the season we have to come out here and work hard. Focus on getting back on track for Tuesday and carry that into the weekend."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Increased inside presence keys win

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The Gators' frontcourt frustrated forward Marshawn Powell and the Razorbacks all Saturday night.

As Powell received the ball on the left wing with 10:45 remaining in the first half, he drove down the baseline only to find junior forward Casey Prather standing outside the restricted area.

Powell committed his second foul of the night on the play. Both came on charges drawn by Prather.

While Prather yelled in excitement after the second charge, Powell shook his head at a referee and walked to the Razorbacks bench, where he stayed for the remainder of the first half.

"It was huge, because it got Powell in foul trouble," point guard Scottie Wilbekin said. "Obviously, without [Powell], they're not as good of a team."

Prather's play was representative of how dominant Florida was in the paint offensively and defensively against Arkansas in its 71-54 win in the O'Connell Center.

The Gators outscored the Razorbacks in the paint 42-18. On two-point attempts, UF shot 53.8 percent.

In Florida's first meeting with Arkansas — an 80-69 loss in Fayetteville, Ark., on Feb. 5 — the Razorbacks went 51.3 percent on shots inside the arc.

"We respected them more," center Patric Young said.

"Last time, we didn't respect

them when we went to their place.

"We were probably a little complacent."

Young led UF's inside effort with 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Coach Billy Donovan said Young did a better job demanding the ball.

"My daughter could have thrown the ball inside to him," Donovan said.

"He was open. He made himself available. He wanted it. He had a presence."

Prather grabbed a career-best nine rebounds to go along with eight points on 4-of-7 shooting. Forward Erik Murphy added 12 points and made 3 of his 4 two-point field goal attempts.

"We had to get the ball in the paint. When we get the ball in the paint — whether it be on post-ups, drives — our offensive efficiency is better."

Erik Murphy
UF forward

Florida attacked the rim more frequently Saturday than during its 63-60 loss against Missouri on Tuesday.

The Gators attempted 61.1 percent of their shots from behind the arc and lacked a post presence against the Tigers but took 37.1 percent from three-point range on Saturday.

"We had to get the ball in the paint," Murphy said.

"When we get the ball in the paint — whether it be on post-ups, drives — our offensive efficiency is better."

Wilbekin added: "Coach (Donovan) just drilled that point to us."

Powell scored seven of the Razorbacks' first eight points, but the Gators held him scoreless for the remainder of the contest.

In the first 3 minutes of the second half, Powell picked up two more fouls but still remained in the game. Young drew both fouls in the post.

Aside from Coty Clarke, who scored 18 points on 8-of-8 shooting, Arkansas look rattled in the paint after Powell's first-half departure.

Less than 2 minutes after Powell checked out of the game, Young swatted a jump shot from forward Jacorey Williams. About a minute later, Prather rejected guard Michael Qualls' layup out of bounds.

With guard Michael Frazier II out until Saturday's game against Alabama after suffering a concussion midway through the second half against Arkansas, Florida will need to find balance on offense like it did on Saturday.

Donovan named freshmen DeVon Walker, Braxton Ogbueze and Dillon Graham as potential replacements for Frazier in Florida's rotation against Tennessee on Tuesday.

"When we rely on threes, it goes good and bad," Boynton said.

"(During) the Missouri game, we started out good in the three, but we relied on the three, and it hurt us in the end of the game. So we definitely have to get a presence at the basket."



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Patric Young (4) attempts an alley-oop dunk during Florida's 71-54 win against Arkansas on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.

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