

Florida softball ace Hannah Rogers has carried the load as a starter and out of the bullpen this season. Read the story on page 14.



# One year later, rally commemorates Trayvon Martin



Aundre Larrow / Alligator Staff

Gainesville resident Nancy Jones, 50, repositions a light display created by Occupy Gainesville to commemorate the anniversary of Trayvon Martin's death.

## MOISES REYES and ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writers

A year after Trayvon Martin's death, about 45 people gathered at Bo Diddley Community Plaza on Tuesday evening, commemorating a life lost and demanding justice.

The event, hosted by UF Students for a Democratic Society, was an open forum.

George Zimmerman, a Sanford neighborhood watchman, told police last year he shot Martin, 17, out of self-defense.

Police's decision to not initially charge Zimmerman for the shooting sparked nationwide controversy. Zimmerman has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in the case. His trial is set for June 10.

The event was part of a national SDS call for action to demand that Zimmerman receive a guilty verdict.

Skye Schmelzer, a 20-year-old UF history junior and one of the lead organizers of the SDS event, said Martin was an innocent life lost because of his race, and people need to remember him and continue to fight for justice.

But Schmelzer said Tuesday's event is not just in memory of Martin.

"It's about taking action," she said. "When you take action you can win your demands, and that's what we are doing."

SDS also demanded the immediate repeal of Florida's Stand Your Ground law. The law, which allows for the use of deadly force in some cases of self-defense, was upheld Friday by the Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection.

Monique Haughton Worrell, a UF law professor and director of UF's Levin College of Law's Criminal Defense



Martin

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Senate validates election results, welcomes members

### COLLEEN WRIGHT

Alligator Writer

Newly elected and re-elected student senators raised their right hands and pledged as their victories were approved Tuesday night.

UF Supervisor of Elections Stephen Davis presented the Spring 2013 Student Body election results before the new senators were sworn in. The senators presented then validated the results.

UF Supreme Court Chief Justice Matt Michel swore in the 50 new senators who were elected last week based on their colleges and classifications.

The Student Senate held two meetings Tuesday: one with the old senators and one with the newly elected ones.

As the new term starts, senators have to vote for a new Student Senate President

and Senate President Pro-Tempore.

Senators nominated Sen. Lauren Verno and Sen. Morgan Vollrath to replace former Senate President and Student Body President-elect Christina Bonarrigo.

Verno won with 67 to 22 votes.



Bonarrigo

"I'm ready to serve the students and make the Senate greater than its ever been before," Verno said after the meeting.

Sen. Cory Yeffert was elected as the new senate president pro-tempore to replace

Daniel Landesberg, who resigned Tuesday.

"I had a good run in the Senate," Landesberg said after the meeting. "I'd

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# Maya Angelou at UF tonight

► THE FREE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT 7 P.M.

### SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Staff Writer

Maya Angelou will speak at 8 p.m. today at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Angelou, a Pulitzer Prize nominated poet, will speak on behalf of Accent Speaker's Bureau, Black History Month and Women's History Month.

"Everyone was in agreement," Accent chairman Josh Holtzman said. "She is both a role model and activist in the African-American and feminist community."

The Phillips Center seats 1,700, and Holtzman, a 22-year-old UF history and political science senior, said he hopes to "pack the house." The free tickets will be distributed at 7 p.m. at the Phillips Center box office.

Angelou's honorarium is \$45,000 and Accent is paying \$33,000, Holtzman said. The rest of the money comes from Black History Month and Women's History Month.

Holtzman said Angelou will touch on topics related to black history and women's history, in addition to her literary achievements.

During a phone interview Tuesday, Angelou said that throughout her life segregation ended, voting was reformed and social media was created.

"Everything has been a change," she said. Angelou said she worked hard to have the life she does.

"I don't regret anything," she said.

The next Accent show, on March 12 at the Phillips Center, will feature Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel in celebration of Jewish Awareness Month.

Contact Samantha Shavell at [sshavell@alligator.org](mailto:sshavell@alligator.org).

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### UF Amnesty International

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas, UF Amnesty International 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.

### Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice

Gainesville religious and community leaders will join with the Coalition of Immokalee farm workers today at 3 p.m. at University Lutheran Church to recognize UF students who will spend their Spring Break joining farmworkers in a two week, 200-mile March for Justice from Fort Myers to Publix corporate headquarters in Lakeland. They will again ask Publix to join the Fair Food Program. For more information, call 352-371-6992.

### Presentation: Is It Possible To Live Waste Free?

Join the Office of Sustainability and learn how Grant Baldwin and Jen Rustemeyer of "The Clean Bin Project" attempted to live waste-free for a year. Learn how sorting, recycling and easy ways to compost can reduce your overall landfill waste. The event is from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Reitz Union, Room 284.

### The Clean Bin Project

Find out whether it's possible to live completely waste-free by watching "The Clean

## FORECAST

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Bin Project" at the Florida Museum of Natural History at 7 p.m. Join the Office of Sustainability and the Florida Museum of Natural History to present the film. Grant Baldwin and Jen Rustemeyer will answer questions after the film, which is being shown for the first time in Florida. Enjoy locally produced snacks from High Springs Orchard and Bakery, and learn about waste reduction efforts from Alachua County, the Office of Sustainability and Keep Alachua County Beautiful.

### Gators for Haven Hospice

Gators for Haven Hospice is an organization that provides networking opportunities for hospice volunteers at UF. 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. in the University Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, check out [www.arts.ufl.edu](http://www.arts.ufl.edu).

### Got something going on?

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# Animal clinic participates in World Spay Day

▶ ABOUT 25 CATS WERE SPAYED AND NEUTERED AT A REDUCED COST.

**KELCEE GRIFFIS**  
Alligator Writer

Felines in plastic crates moaned and meowed as their owners unloaded them from trucks and SUVs, and set them on the rain-spattered sidewalk Tuesday morning.

Veterinary technicians ushered the cats inside and transferred them to stacked wire cages to await surgery.

The cats had made the journey to be spayed and neutered as part of World Spay

Day in Alachua County.

No More Homeless Pets Inc., located at 4205 NW Sixth St., provided spaying and neutering to about 25 cats at a reduced cost in honor of the occasion.

Sandi Richmond, the clinic's executive director, said the number of pets that are euthanized by Alachua County Animal Control has dropped by about 86 percent since 2002.

This is largely due to citywide efforts to control animal populations, she said.

Richmond said she previously focused on adoption but realized limiting dog and cat reproduction can be a more effective method to reduce the euthanasia rate countywide.

"We live in the tropics, where animals

breed all year around," she said. "Adoption was not the answer. We had to do something different."

Jessica Ashley, the clinic's lead veterinary technician, said neutering male cats takes about three minutes, and spaying female cats takes about 10 minutes.

After the animals leave the operating table, she said, they get to go home. In between, they're placed in a recovery unit while the anesthesia wears off.

"We call it the beach because the animals are laid out on towels recovering under heat lamps to keep them warm," she said.

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# Warm temps increase risk of droughts

**SOFIA RATTES**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

With a rise in temperatures across northeast and central Florida this winter, the warm weather has increased the chance of possible droughts in the near future.

Don Brandes, water shortage coordinator for the St. Johns River Water Management District, said the warm weather has caused plants to use more water for photosynthesis while more water from the ground evaporates.

"Conditions improved sharply during the summer with heavy rains, but by fall it began to dry out again," he said. "Even though we had very heavy rains during the summer, most of it just ran off because it was so heavy; very little of it soaked into the ground."

*"Conditions improved sharply during the summer with heavy rains."*

**Don Brandes**  
water shortage coordinator

Water shortages can also have negative effects on the ecosystem, which in turn can impact people, said Wendy Graham, hydrologist and director of the UF Water Institute.

Graham said a water shortage last summer before Tropical Storm Debby caused a large algae bloom on the Santa Fe River.

Although there is no way to predict climate fluctuations, Graham said raising awareness about droughts and water conservation can be most effective.

"When it comes to water that people use, the most discretionary use that people could cut back is for water landscape irrigation," Brandes said.

# LOCAL Local restaurants wrap up in falafel fest

**BEN BAUMER**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The title for best falafel in Gainesville came down to a split decision.

Gyro Plus, Farah's, Falafel King Sandwiches and Sababa UF came together Tuesday night for the first ever Falafel Fest at UF Hillel, located at 2020 W. University Ave.

Sababa UF came out on top in the popular vote while Gyro Plus won over the panel.

Both restaurants will receive a plaque from Hillel to go along with bragging rights as the best falafels in town.

Falafel, a common Arabic food, is a deep-fried patty made up of ground chickpeas and is often served within a pita stuffed with salad.

The event, which was free to the public, allowed participants to sample falafel along with pita and sauce from each restaurant before casting a vote.

Matthew Weithorn, chairman for Jewish Awareness Month at Hillel, said about 120 people voted along with a three-judge panel.

UF Hillel hosted the event in conjunction with the Jewish Student Union and with support from Islam on Campus.

The event was a preliminary celebration to kick off March's Jewish Awareness Month, said Jeffrey Kaplan, a 27-year-old Hillel campus impact specialist.

Riley Sullivan, 22, co-owner of Sababa UF, said winning the popular vote accomplished his goal of "full falafel domination" during the event.

Kaplan said the event was aimed to celebrate Middle Eastern culture through food.

"A lot of people don't always associate being Jewish with Middle Eastern culture," he said. "Hopefully this shed some light on that."



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Jonathan Church, 21, a Burrito Brothers Taco Co. employee, and Simon Nash, 20, a Santa Fe philosophy and political science junior, pick falafel and hummus to sample.

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# UF engineering students take charge of electric car donation

KATHY PIERRE

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department recently received a gift from a private donor in the form of a car.

Joe Harris, a civil engineer and owner of Harris Civil Engineers, donated an electric 1996 Mazda Miata to the department. He chose UF because his brother, John Harris, is the chair of the department.

Joe Harris changed the convertible from a gasoline-powered two-seater into a car that runs an average of 26 miles on 10 12-volt batteries.

He decided to convert the car after his friends complained of it having engine problems. Their options were to buy a new engine or buy a new car. Joe Harris' daughter, who was 14 at the time, suggested buying it and converting it into an electric car.

Joe Harris said the project, which cost about \$7,000, "took

three or four months of studying and ordering parts on the Internet."

The original plan was for Joe Harris to get the car into working condition and give it to his kids to drive once they got their licenses. He ended up driving it to work for two years, and during that time he tested the car's boundaries when it came to power. Joe Harris said he had experiences driving to downtown Orlando and the car almost died.

*"I'd usually ask people if I could charge up first."*

Joe Harris

owner of Harris Civil Engineers

"Most light poles and shopping centers have outlets to plug it in," he said. "I'd usually ask people if I could charge up first."

The problem was managing the battery power of the car.

The batteries in the car would not charge and discharge evenly, causing them to burn out faster. Joe Harris went through three sets of burned-out batteries before he started to look for an alternative.

"Should I buy more batteries or should I just sell the car?" Joe Harris said.

But he decided to donate it. He said he knows electric cars are the future, but batteries are not the way to go right now.

"I'm hoping that a smart group of people will be able to figure it out," he said.

John Harris said this car will be a campus vehicle and will get people excited about electrical engineering.

"If we only wanted an electric car we would go out and buy one. We want to play with it," John Harris said.

He wants to see the car being experimented on and used by students in the engineering field. The car is currently being worked on by a mechanic to bring it up to driving condition standards, but it should be on campus within a few weeks.

# Colorado university's rape defense tips cause online uproar

## The list referenced vomiting on attackers

KELSEY WONDERLIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

Tina Lamb believes urinating or vomiting on a rapist might not work.

Lamb, the coordinator of UF's Rape Aggression Defense program, said attackers are not concerned with physical attraction but instead are seeking control.

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs caused a stir last week with an update to its pub-

lic safety page suggesting women could urinate or vomit to deter a rapist.

The list of 10 tips for "What To Do If You Are Attacked," which includes vomiting or urinating to deter the attacker, was taken down the next day and replaced with an explanation and an apology — but not before it hit the Internet. Users criticized the list by tweeting less serious tips and using the hashtag #UCCSTips.

Lamb said strategies like the ones

mentioned in the UCCS list should not be relied on without substantial self-defense training.

"Ideally, a woman should have something other than just that," she said. "There are no absolutes in this world. Nothing will work all the time, every time."

Rape Aggression Defense, known as R.A.D., is an internationally recognized self-defense program designed specifically for women, Lamb said. In the R.A.D. class, women learn tactics including

verbal techniques, ground defense options and ways to escape bear hugs and choke holds.

The update to the UCCS page explains that the tips were intended to be used as a supplement to the R.A.D. course.

R.A.D. teaches women how they can protect themselves without having to rely on others.

"Our best success stories are women who never have to engage in a physical confrontation — they recognize potentially dangerous situations much sooner and take proactive steps to avoid them," Lamb said.

She said people who take the

class typically leave with a greater sense of independence and a realization of their physical power.

Having the confidence to look someone in the eye while walking decreases vulnerability, said Christa Parmerlee, a UF R.A.D. instructor.

"They know you're there and that you see them," she said.

Parmerlee admits to being shy prior to her experience with R.A.D. training, which she credits with building up her confidence.

"What I love about it is seeing the look on the students' faces when they have completed the course and seeing the look of 'I did it,'" Parmerlee said.

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## LOCAL

# Complaint leads commission to consider fairground noise control

**BILLY KENNEDY**
*Alligator Contributing Writer*

In response to an emailed complaint sent to the Gainesville City Commission last year, county officials are considering changes to noise rules at the Alachua County Fairgrounds.

In the email, originally sent to city officials in September, Gainesville resident Eva Squires wrote that at 1:45 a.m. on Sept. 22, she was awoken by noise coming from a show at the fairgrounds.

Squires lives on Northeast 17th Terrace, which is about 1.5 miles from the fairgrounds, located at 3100 NE 39th Ave. It wasn't the first time she's had to deal with the noise, she wrote.


**Hutchinson**

Commissioner Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson said the commission is considering time limits on amplified noise. He suggested shutting off music between midnight and 7 a.m.

"We own the fairgrounds," he said. "We can base the rental

"This is, in fact, the second time I have made a trip over to said fairgrounds to track rave music that I could hear clearly inside my home after 12 a.m.," she wrote.

The show in question was part of Life in Color's E.N.D. Tour.

During a meeting earlier this month, county commissioners discussed potential fixes for noise at the fairgrounds.

agreement for the fairgrounds on whatever reasonable criteria we come up with, and one of those would be that all amplified music be turned off by a certain hour."

Robert Avery, Alachua County parks superintendent, said Feb. 19 he, too, is evaluating options and will make a recommendation to the county manager and the County Commission.

The process, he said, could take four to six weeks.

Avery said a change in noise rules could affect future bookings at the fairgrounds.

He added the rules' impact at the fairgrounds would be minimal because few large concerts are booked there.

"Concerts will likely not rent the fairgrounds if they have to stop at midnight," he said.

## Tj Villamil addressed the Students Party

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like to give some younger people the opportunity to serve a role here and impact the experience of students on campus."

Yeffet won by 40 votes against Sen. John Bryan.

"I'm looking forward to the up-

coming term," Yeffet said after the meeting.

Michel swore in Verno and Yeffet to their new positions, which took effect during the second meeting.

Before the new senators were inducted, senators who were leaving gave farewell speeches thanking colleagues and giving advice to new

senators.

Sen. Rachel Kellerman said goodbye to her friends after two years in the Senate.

"We all get involved on campus for different reasons," she said. "We're all here for one reason — for the students."

Sen. Kyle Collins left the Senate on a different note.

"I don't have the time nor the patience to say everything that's wrong with this body of people so with that I'll say goodbye," he said.

Bonarrigo chronicled her experience as a four-time senator. She reminded senators to remember their districts, colleges and residence halls, and to not get lost in the big projects.

During Student Body President Tj Villamil's report in the first meeting, he addressed the Students Party. He said although a prominent minority party is the check and balance of the Senate, the Students Party has weighed down SG with its rhetoric.

"The Students Party has no respect for the Swamp Party," Villamil said.

He also congratulated the Swamp Party on a historic election.

"This is a Student Government you can be proud of," he said.

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**Tony Sadiku / Alligator**

UF Supreme Court Chief Justice Matt Michel swore in the newly elected student senators Tuesday evening in the Reitz Union.

## Stand Your Ground laws under scrutiny

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Clinic, presented a report to the 19-member task force in September that aimed to determine the impact of the law since its passage in 2005.

Worrell concluded there wasn't enough data to find any solid connections between the law and its effect on Floridians.

"From the meetings that I attended while in South Florida, the public opinion was overwhelmingly against 'stand your ground' laws," she said.

Worrell said the Criminal Justice Center and UF's Department of Criminology are continuing to research the issue.

Gainesville Police spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said GPD doesn't take any official position on the law.

"We're gonna enforce any laws that are on the books," he said. "It's not up to us to question or comment on those particular laws."

During the rally, SDS members handed out petitions for people to sign asking state representatives to repeal the law.

Victor Yengle, a 24-year-old UF economics senior, spoke on behalf of CHISPAS, a UF immigrants' rights organization. Yengle said he was glad to see so many people in support of the cause.

"But it also saddens me because we are people of color who still have to fight for equality," he said. "We claim to be a nation born of equals. That's no longer the case for Trayvon."

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# Police seeing drug climbing in popularity among all age groups

**► GPD HAS MADE 16 ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION SINCE JAN. 1, 2012.**
**NICOLE GERMAN**
*Alligator Contributing Writer*

Christiana, a 21-year-old UF junior, said she took one for the first time at a Tiësto concert two years ago.

"I described it to people as literally the best day of my life," Christiana said.

Molly, a form of Methylenedioxymethamphetamine, has become one of the new drugs

of choice for people wanting a high.

The drug can cause increased heart rate, increased perspiration and high body temperature, said Gainesville Police spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

Tobias said the drug has been around for a while, but more people have started using it in the last three years.

GPD has made more than 15 arrests for possession of molly since Jan. 1, 2012, but, with the drug becoming more readily available, it's starting to stem into a more apparent problem, he said.

"It used to be that MDMA was limited

pretty much to young white males and females. Now, it's branching all races, all ages — people young and old are starting to take the drug," Tobias said.

*"I described it to people as literally the best day of my life."*

**Christiana**
*family, youth and community sciences major*

He said because it is a powder or a crystalline substance, it makes it easier for people to put anything into a capsule.

Tobias said it becomes more dangerous be-

cause it doesn't require any kind of pill press and essentially anything can be put into the capsules, such as baking soda or other toxic substances.

Users don't feel the effects immediately after one pill, so they take another one and another and keep on that cycle. When someone takes a drug orally it can take up to an hour for it to go through the bloodstream.

Priscilla, a 20-year-old UF junior, said she didn't know what to expect when she took the drug. It made her feel tingling and happy.

"You get a lot of energy and all you want to is just dance," she said.

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Editorial

## Gun Control: Michelle Obama's arms censored in Iran

We promise this will be the last Oscars-related editorial this week, but we feel the need to address the entire concept of Michelle Obama presenting an award during the ceremony.

The whole show left us with a bunch of questions. Why did it take so long? Does Seth MacFarlane think he's hilarious and not sexist? Where has Barbra Streisand been for the past decade?

Multiple times we thought to ourselves "WHY IS THIS HAPPENING AT ALL?" But that was mostly during the musical performances from movies that came out when we were in high school. Themed evening be damned, half of those performances weren't necessary.

Whatever.

Another strange thing was FLOTUS herself "appearing" at the awards show to help present an award.

Some bloggers are taking it harder than others.

"It is not enough that President Obama pops up at every sporting event in the nation," wrote Jennifer Rubin for Washington Post. "Now the first lady feels entitled, with military personnel as props, to intrude on other forms of entertaining (this time for the benefit of the Hollywood glitterati who so lavishly paid for her husband's election)."

"Her Deus ex machina moment was just obscene, and rather frightening in what it suggests about how low we have fallen as a nation," wrote Joel Pollak for Breitbart.com. "Healthy societies do not create political personality cults."

It's one of those times when there was literally nothing to complain about and people still buried themselves in piles of spiteful hatred.

Susan Milligan, of U.S. News, disagrees with the negative commentary.

"This is about people who so hate the Obamas that they simply cannot stand seeing either one of them getting attention or having any fun," she said. "It was just someone who is famous in one arena crossing over to another fame-filled arena. So what?"

To fellow Americans, it probably wasn't a big deal in the grand scheme of things. It was just a weird surprise in the middle of a generally annoying awards show broadcast.

Did you know that FLOTUS' dress was censored to cover more of her chest and shoulders in an image shown in Iran?

"Although modest by American standards, the designer gown, which exposed the shoulders and partial chest of the first lady, violated the codes of modesty enforced in many Muslim countries," reported ABC News.

"We've persistently seen Iranian news agencies, whether they're partially or fully state-run, use fabrication and use other means to distort images," said Patrick Ventrell, the deputy State Department spokesman. "It's something that we've seen in the past here in this department. We've seen photos manipulated. We've seen official statements manipulated. So there would be nothing new. It wouldn't surprise me."

Hush up about your stupid politics, Americans.

Your first lady is censored in Iran, a country that already didn't like "Argo," and that might be more important for once.

### Reader response

**Today's question:** Have you ever taken molly?

**Tuesday's question:** Have you been affected by the pollen?

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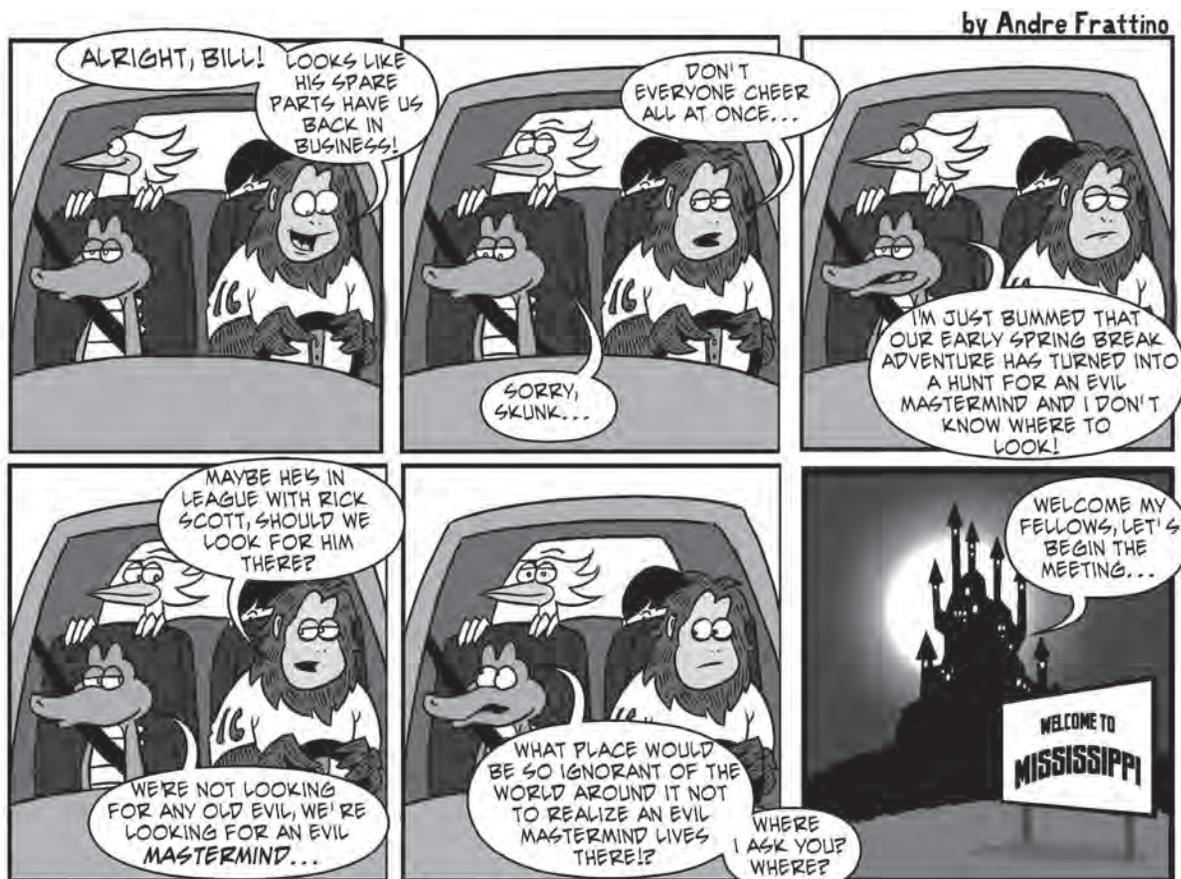
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### Column

## Why I didn't vote in last week's elections

After a few weeks of chaos, the Student Government elections are finally over. I'm not really sure who won. Oh, right, the same people as last time. But we call them the Swamp Party now.

I am like the majority of students at UF — I don't care.

I don't care about SG. I don't care about elections. I don't care about these two opposing parties. I don't care what they do with the \$17.5 million to which my student fees contributed.

They're in my space. I just want to get to class.

When I'm in the on-campus traffic areas, such as Turlington Plaza and the Reitz Union Colonnade, I try to not look at the leeches creating obstacles for me to get from Point A to Point B.

I talk on the phone, I text and I look away. I even try to walk away. And they follow me. This is harassment. When they ask me if I voted, I say "yes." I lie. Five seconds later, another leech asks me the same question. I lie again.

I've even traveled out of my way, past my typical route, to try to avoid confrontation and dishonesty.

It would help if I knew what these parties stood for, not who stood for them last week wearing their party's attire.

The Unite-turned-Swamp Party is run by Greeks: the real Greeks and the wannabes, aka multicultural sororities and fraternities and the like. The Students Party is run by everyone else.

I'll admit I'm at fault, too. I've been approached by many Swamp Party and Students Party supporters, all overly friendly and eager to talk.

I have never stopped and had a conversation with them. I've never questioned them about how their party can help me, how much they know about their party and how forced they are by their social organization to stand there and talk to me on a hot day of 90 degrees.

But I will give props to how polished the entire Swamp Party campaign is for having the best designed shirts and a well-organized and informative website that contains all the information I need, albeit biased, about SG elections.

I wish I saw this website before I was bombarded by stalkers on my way to class. Maybe I would have voted.



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One major issue the Swamp Party faces is its branding. It's always the same party with the same people, just with different names.

Swamp Party, Gator Party, Unite Party and currently Swamp Party — again. Changing the name doesn't change its image. We're not that dumb.

The Students Party is the "other," "independent" and lesser-known party. It is considered weak, new and inexperienced.

The orange shirts with a seemingly iron-on photo of the Century Tower are the worst. Is there a graphic design major who can design a shirt? You can add it to your portfolio.

I have always admired The Students Party for not disrupting my day and for not being "in my face" when I am on campus. I knew that if I needed them, at my convenience, they would listen.

This year, however, it decided to market itself comparative to the ever-strong Swamp Party; it campaigned right behind them by reaching out to us students. What's confounding is that I saw two people who cut their orange shirt to tanks, like frat tanks.

Last year the election was very close; The Students Party lost by a record 114 votes. I thought it was making progress, slowly rising in popularity.

This year, it lost by more than 3,180 votes.

What happened? Where did the supporters go? Did they all graduate or give up?

Life is tough. You can't trust people anymore. Perhaps leeching around campus is not the way to garner our votes. It does get our attention — our negative attention.

All the attention I received the days before elections pushed me away from the entire SG battle. I felt power in lying to them about my voting status and felt power in not being part of their drama.

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

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

UWire

## Hagel's Israel stance clouds his appointment

Among the highly skeptical political appointments over the past month, Chuck Hagel's appointment to the secretary of defense position has been the most controversial. Why is that?

Hagel, a former Republican U.S. senator from Nebraska, is a decorated Vietnam War combat veteran and a recipient of two Purple Hearts. His track record on foreign policy and defense is somewhat liberal.

The current Georgetown University professor has long been considered an isolationist in regard to foreign policy. In 2002, he wrote that the U.S. should be inspiring allies to work on "making a better world" as opposed to ruling by a sense of "divine mission," particularly when accusing a country of having weapons of mass destruction without clear evidence — something Hagel was clearly skeptical of.

The Senate Armed Services Committee hearing last Thursday brought together a shameful narrow spectrum of ideas, and here's why: With the plethora of unique opinions Hagel has held on various issues, the most overwhelming topic of discussion wasn't his support of chemical weapons in 1997. Nor was it his opposition to 2007 surge in Iraq. No, it was Israel.

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Conservatives stamped Hagel as the biggest threat to Israel's national security in ages, claiming he was soft on terrorism and a modest supporter of the Israel state. Democrats bombarded Hagel with questions, using the hearing as a time to exhibit their full-fledged support of Israel.

Hagel claimed that, above all, he was a U.S. senator, not an Israeli senator. This, of course, is referring to Hagel's controversial opinion that the influential "Jewish lobby" intimidates lawmakers into supporting Israel's foreign policy, even if it's detrimental to U.S. interests.

What's the point of staying true to traditional conformity when it's not questioned once in a while?

If Israel needs \$2 billion or \$3 billion of our tax money every year to comfortably defend our nation's best interest, then so be it. Our mutual allegiance is an integral and strategically unique piece in the puzzle of world affairs.

If not, it may be beneficial to bring some back to those suffering within our own borders.

*Logan Nee is a columnist for The Maine Campus at the University of Maine.*

UWire

## Minimum wage laws are unproductive

I recently returned from an incredible semester spent in America's distant and more attractive sibling: Australia. My experiences there gave me a new perspective on — among other things — minimum wage laws.

While studying at the University of Canberra, I worked part-time for a pub near the school. Although this meant passing a bartending certification exam, it basically required knowing that alcohol poisoning is bad. Moreover, thanks to Australia's obscenely high minimum wage, the job paid an impressive-sounding \$23 an hour.

Because our dollar is currently worth less than Australia's, this ended up being a fantastic salary when I got back to the U.S. It was considerably less remarkable, however, when I was actually in Australia.

Unfortunately, it turns out that doubling everyone's wages doesn't make everyone twice as rich — it just makes everything twice as expensive. Vending machines, for example, charge \$4.50 per drink, and I couldn't find a barbershop that charged less than \$35 for a buzz cut.

I learned more about minimum wage laws while traveling around New South Wales. I met two young Germans who had come to Australia through a program called WWOOF, or Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms. In exchange for helping out on a small farm, travelers who sign up with WWOOF obtain free room and board all over the world and learn how to grow food in the process. However, because the work is unpaid, minimum wage advocates are less than thrilled about the idea.

According to a March 7, 2011, Redding article, Allan Griggs, a California farmer who participates in the program, is now "forced to pay his WWOOFers the minimum wage of \$8 an hour if they work more than four hours a day," which "may make it economically impractical for him to use them in the future." Minimum wage laws ostensibly exist to improve existing opportunities. When it comes to WWOOF, however, the laws are simply taking opportunities away.

If this sounds like the exception to the rule, consider this: According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses employ about half of U.S. workers. Like the Griggs family farm, these firms do not have secret pits of money they delightfully withhold from their employees. Whenever the minimum wage is increased, these businesses may have to employ fewer people. This, ironically, leaves the most downtrodden workers jobless and thus worse off than they were before.

Unsurprisingly, there is a wealth of research link-

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UWire

ing minimum wage with unemployment. A 1981 National Bureau of Economic Research paper by Charles Brown found that teenage employment drops

whenever the minimum wage is raised by a certain amount.

In January 2011, a joint study by economists from the universities of Pennsylvania and Chile, titled "The Labor Impact of Minimum Wages," found that minimum wage increases have "a significant negative effect on the probability of staying employed."

Conversely, the data minimum wage advocates have to offer is less than compelling and, frankly, suspicious. A 2006 Show-Me Institute Paper by Dave Neumark said the study "cited most frequently by minimum wage advocates" is a 1994 phone survey of New Jersey restaurants by David Card and Alan Krueger. Sure enough, the Economic Policy Institute — a think tank on the frontlines of the minimum wage cause — has cited this "landmark New Jersey study" as recently as July 2012.

However, in 1996, a different think tank, the Employment Policy Institute, thought to obtain the actual payroll data from these restaurants. A 16-page paper titled "The Crippling Flaws in the New Jersey Fast Food Study," showed that Card and Krueger's numbers bore "no relation to numbers drawn from the payroll records of the restaurants the New Jersey study claims to cover." Tellingly, even the most credible minimum wage advocates have continued to recycle this discredited study for 18 years.

The repetition, apparently, isn't working. Even the U.S. Department of Labor seems to be aware of the damage these obstructive laws can do. According to the DOL website, exceptions to the minimum wage are now sometimes allowed for workers with disabilities, full-time students and youth under age 20.

If the minimum wage benefits the least productive workers, why on earth would those very workers seek to be exempt from it? Likewise, if raising the minimum wage helps the poor, why don't we raise it by hundreds of dollars instead of a petty few?

The answer, of course, is that anyone who subjects these laws to common sense can see they make none. The minimum wage exists only because it's been imposed on us by utopians who cared more about whether the policy sounded nice than how it would actually work.

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# Dean of UF's dental school resigns

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The dean of UF's College of Dentistry is stepping down after about 24 years in the college. Teresa Dolan announced her resignation last week.

During her time as dean, she landed the largest contribution to the college — \$5.6 million from the Naples Children and Education Foundation. The college also remained in the top 10 for schools in the U.S. that receive support from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

Dolan said her time as dean was a success because the faculty worked well together.

"We developed a very collaborative culture," she said.

Dolan is leaving to become vice president and chief clinical officer of DENTSPLY, a dental product supply company.



Dolan

"This is a pretty unique opportunity to work as a dentist in the headquarters," she said.

She begins her new job in York, Pa., on July 31. York, she said, is the home of the York peppermint patty, a treat she enjoys.

UF Provost Joseph Glover said Dolan elevated the college's educational and research programs to national recognition. He said he was sad to see her go.

"Our loss is Pennsylvania's gain," Glover said.

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# UF students perform first ASL play

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Alligator Contributing Writer

"Two Rooms," UF's first production using American Sign Language, was performed last week. The play, staged by the School of Theatre + Dance, garnered about 200 attendees in total and was adapted to incorporate Deaf culture by the Signing Gators.

Joanna Byun, a 20-year-old UF sociology sophomore, was the lead actress and is Deaf.

"It's really wonderful," Byun said, speaking through a sign

language interpreter. "I'm so happy that Deaf people are being showcased in this."

*"I'm so happy that Deaf people are being showcased in this."*

Joanna Byun  
UF sociology sophomore

In order to incorporate Deaf culture, the main characters were written as deaf, and two characters playing interpreters were adapted into the play.

Laxmi Woodham, who played

one of the interpreters, said interpreting sign language in the play was a lot harder than it is in real life.

"Normally, we would wait until we got the message and then start voicing," the 24-year-old UF English junior said. "In the play, we were simultaneous, because we had a script to work on."

Byun hopes the play will lead to more ASL productions.

"Really, this should be happening a lot more," she said. "There are so many people who don't know ASL or anything about Deaf culture."

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# Florida sees rise in drug overdose deaths

**NUMBERS HAVE BEEN RISING FOR YEARS.**

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Drug-related deaths increased in Florida during 2011, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention press release published last week. But since 1999, the numbers have continued to increase.

From January 2011 to June 2011, 4,329 drug overdose deaths were reported in Florida — a 4 percent increase from 2010, according to the Medical Examiners Commission Interim Drug Report.

A large portion of the overdoses in recent years are related to the use of opioids found in many prescription drugs, said Barry Setlow, a UF associate professor of psychology and neuroscience.

"Opioids are more widely available and more widely pre-

scribed," he said.

Setlow said many drug users don't realize prescription drugs can be deadly.

"Because they are prescription drugs, they are perceived as being more safe opposed to heroin," he said.

William, who didn't want to give his full name, is a recovering drug addict and a public relations specialist for Narcotics Anonymous in Gainesville.

He said he's seen a recent increase in meeting attendance, adding that the support group's population is also getting younger.

"There are a lot more people in their 20s and 30s than there used to be," he said.

Setlow said prescription drug education and awareness could help prevent future overdose and abusers.

"Just because it came from mom or dad's medicine cabinet does not mean it's perfectly safe," he said. "These things can kill you."

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7 Real heel	4 Hagen often mentioned on "Inside the Actors Studio"	33 California's Big ___	52 Comparable to a March hare
10 German exports	5 Head, slangily	34 Not dis?	53 Words with lamb or mutton
14 Beau coup	6 Key of Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto	36 Chow	56 School sports org.
15 Eight-time Norris Trophy winner	7 Funnel-shaped	39 Avatar of Vishnu	57 Like Cheerios
16 Bit attachment	8 Compass-aided curve	40 Wd. derivation	58 Half of seis
17 "Largest port in NW Africa"	9 Pulitzer category	43 Some Duracells	61 Fire truck item
19 "Black Beauty" author Sewell	10 Like a spoiled kid, often	44 Silly talk	62 G.I.'s mail drop
20 Metric distances: Abbr.	11 Unwritten reminder	45 Foil maker	63 Paul McCartney, for one
21 Athos, to Porthos	12 Cab storage site	47 Capsizes	
22 Word with dark or gray	13 Hunted Carroll creature	48 Neighbor of Isr.	
24 "Warrior's cry"	18 Microwave maker		
27 Hersey novel setting	23 Braves, on scoreboards		
30 Rob Roy's refusal	24 Against		
31 Four-time Grammy winner Lovett	25 Exactly		
32 "Picnic side dish"	26 Mauna ___		
35 23-Down's div.	27 "Whoso diggeth ___ shall fall therein": Proverbs		
37 As found	28 Fundraiser with steps?		
38 Pupil surrounder			
41 Ft. Worth campus			
42 "Knocking sound"			
46 Australian six-footers			
49 Punching tool			
50 "SNL" alum Mike			
51 "Delighted"			
54 Animals who like to float on their back			
55 Female hare			
56 "Hardly!"			
59 Violin holder			
60 "Island nation in the Indian Ocean"			
64 A sweatshirt may have one			
65 Rocker Rose			
66 Sedative			
67 Overnight lodging choices			
68 Low grade			
69 Incursions ___ or, phonetically, what the answers to starred clues contain			

**DOWN**

1 With 2-Down, "Rio Lobo" actor
2 See 1-Down

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**Answers**

- Collinwood
- Five — two compound eyes and three simple eyes
- Ava Gardner
- 1931
- Martin Van Buren
- Woody Allen
- Sheltered bay
- "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
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## Gators suffer fifth straight defeat

**JOSH JURNOVOY**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Kevin O'Sullivan sat in the dugout and talked to his team for 20 minutes immediately following Tuesday night's game.

His message: Something needs to change.

"It's all on us," freshman designated hitter Brady Roberson said. "They can't teach us much more than what they've been teaching us. We got to start playing with passion. We're playing scared, almost. That's not us."

Florida (3-6) dropped its fifth straight game in a 7-6 loss to North Florida (6-2) in 10 innings at McKethan Stadium.

"This is not a time to panic or start pointing fingers," O'Sullivan said. "We just got to play better."

The Gators were again forced to lean on their struggling bullpen. Starter Keenan Kish lasted just two innings, giving up two runs on one hit and two walks. He threw 52 pitches.

Jonathon Crawford is the only Florida starter to last five innings this season. He tossed 5.1 hitless innings in Friday's 8-2 loss to Florida Gulf Coast.

"Our starting pitching hasn't been great," O'Sullivan said. "We're averaging, three-plus (innings) per start. I mean I know we're on a pitch count, but I figured we'd be further along than three-plus a start, so the bullpen has been worked."

With the game tied 4-4 in the top of the seventh inning, the Ospreys took the lead when Drew Weeks hit a leadoff triple to right-center off UF sophomore reliever Ryan Harris.

UNF went up 6-4 two batters later when Tyler Marincov scored on a single up the middle off the bat of third baseman Paul Karmeris.

Harris threw a career-high 3.2 innings and 60 pitches. He gave up three runs and picked up the loss.

During Florida's five-game slide, the bullpen has surrendered 24 earned runs on 34 hits in 30 innings.

Through nine games last season, Florida relievers had thrown a total of 35.2 innings.

"We can't go the whole year like this," O'Sullivan said of the bullpen's workload.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Gators rallied.

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## UF drops close contest to UT

**LANDON WATNICK**  
Alligator Writer

Tennessee's Jordan McRae was too much for No. 8 Florida to handle on Tuesday night.

McRae scored a game-high 27 points on 9-of-20 shooting as the shorthanded Gators (22-5, 12-3 Southeastern Conference) fell to the Volunteers (17-10, 9-6 SEC) 64-58 in Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, Tenn.

The junior guard's 27 points are the most the Gators have allowed an opposing player to score this year.

UF trailed 58-52 with 3:34 remaining and had multiple opportunities to rally back.

After guard Mike Rosario missed a three-pointer with 2:54 left, guard Scottie Wilbekin cut the Vols' lead to 58-54 with a layup. On UF's next possession, guard Kenny Boynton missed a three from the right wing, giving the ball back to Tennessee.

UT center Jarnell Stokes provided the dagger by making a layup and drawing a foul with 54.5 seconds left. He made the free throw to complete the three-point play and put the Volunteers ahead 61-54.

On the next play, Wilbekin drove down the left lane and found center Patric Young for a dunk to cut Tennessee's lead to five.

But after a turnover from UT's Trae Golden, Rosario was called for an offensive foul on a layup attempt with 28.3 seconds left.

"We had some very, very good looks and some drives and some plays and we did not finish plays, didn't finish shots," coach Billy Donovan said. "That was a big, big factor in the game."

The Volunteers then made 3 of 4 free throws to clinch the win.

Rosario led Florida with 16 points on 5-of-14 shooting. Young added 15 points, while forward Casey Prather chipped in 10.

Prather exited the game with 2:48 remaining after taking a blow to the

head from Rosario on a rebound attempt. Donovan said Prather might have a concussion.

Prather has already suffered two concussions this season.

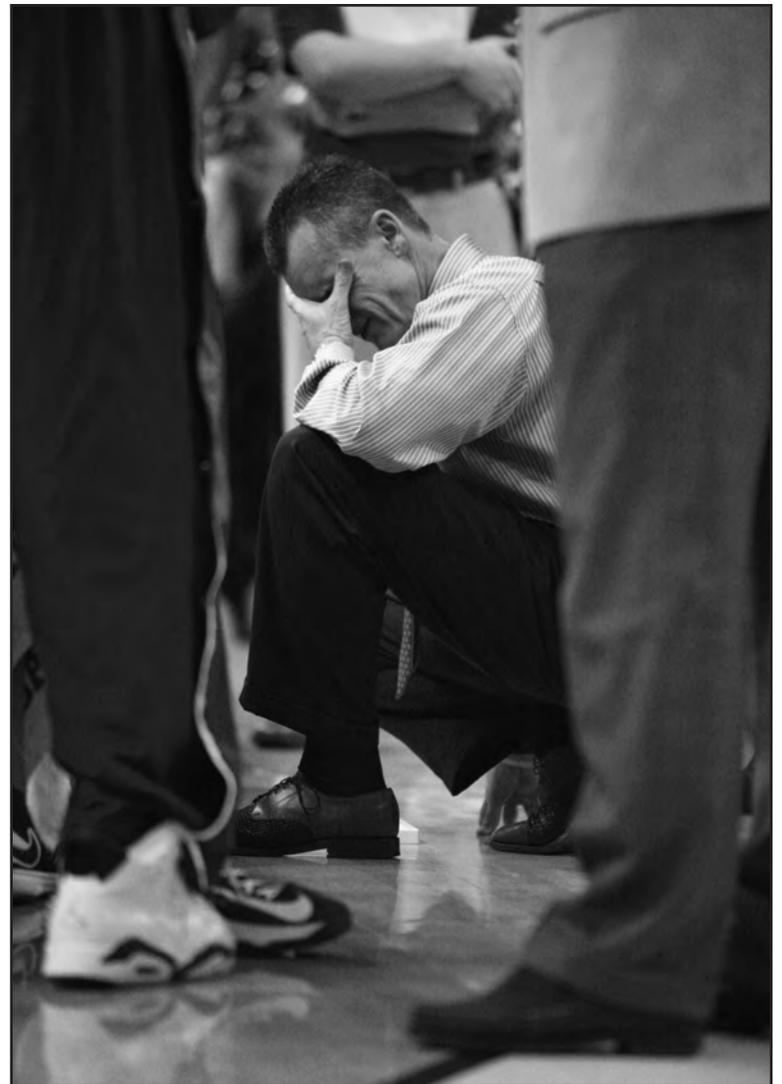
"He may be out," Donovan said. "Just obviously, it continues on. We'll have to deal with it."

Filling in for guard Michael Fra-

zier II (concussion), guard Braxton Ogbueze and forward DeVon Walker did not take any shots.

Florida's lead in the SEC standings on Alabama shrunk to one game. The Gators play the Crimson Tide on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.

*A radio broadcast contributed to this report.*



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Coach Billy Donovan rubs his eyes during a timeout in Florida's 71-54 win against Arkansas on Saturday in the O'Connell Center.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Florida struggling to establish consistent inside presence

**PHILLIP HEILMAN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Earning trips to the foul line has been anything but charity recently for the Gators.

Florida has attempted 262 free throws in 14 Southeastern Conference games this season, an average of 18.7 attempts per contest and the fifth-highest rate in the conference.

But during the past four games, the Gators have attempted just 36 free throws, a rate of

nine per game. Opponents have attempted 85 free throws during the same span.

Though the sample is small and influenced by Florida committing intentional fouls at the end of three of the four contests, coach Amanda Butler identified the low rate as a sign the Gators have failed to develop a strong inside presence.

"When you look at the games, in particular as of late that we have struggled with, low-block play has been central to that," Butler



Mercer

said. "That's where we've had a hard time defending. That's where a lot of our fouls have come, and that's where we've lacked a little bit of presence and consistency."

Florida has faced two of the conference's elite post players in the past four games.

Texas A&M center Kelsey Bone, who is

tied for third in the conference in scoring with 17.6 points per game, finished with 31 points in the Aggies' 78-71 win against the Gators on Feb. 14.

Bone attempted 11 free throws in the victory. Florida shot just seven as a team.

Three days later, Georgia forward Jasmine Hassell finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds as the Bulldogs defeated the Gators 62-57. Hassell shot seven times from the foul

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Junior ace Hannah Rogers started and pitched in relief for the UF softball team last weekend. See story, page 14.

### UF Golf update

The men's team placed fourth at the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational in Ponte Vedra Beach. The women tied for 10th place at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Read the story online at [alligatorSports.org](http://alligatorSports.org).

### Bracketology

ESPN men's college basketball analyst Joe Lunardi projected Florida as a No. 1 seed in the South Region of his latest mock bracket released on Tuesday.

**SOFTBALL**

# Junior pitcher taking on more responsibility for Florida



Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

Junior ace Hannah Rogers winds up to pitch during Florida's 9-1 victory against UNC Wilmington on Feb. 17 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. Rogers tossed 18.2 frames for the Gators at the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic in Palm Springs, Calif.

**ADAM LICHTENSTEIN**

Alligator Writer

Hannah Rogers had a busy weekend. The junior right-hander entered the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic leading the Gators in innings pitched by 18 frames. When Florida returned from Palm Springs, Calif., she led by 22.2 innings. Rogers tossed 18.2 innings in three games for No. 4 Florida (16-1) during the weekend, including 11.2 innings in relief. No other Gators pitcher threw more than 14 frames in the tournament. Rogers' first game of the weekend was similar to most of her other outings this season. The junior struggled with her command but overcame four walks to escape Loyola Marymount with a complete-game victory, allowing two runs. "(I'm) just making sure that I'm hitting good spots and trying to keep the batter from guessing what's coming," Rogers said. The Florida scored eight runs for Rogers, who averages six runs of support per start. "Your team's hitting balls and scoring for you," Rogers said. "It's a lot easier to pitch when you're ahead." Rogers did not start another game in the

tournament, but she made her second and third appearances in relief. Sophomore Lauren Haeger started Florida's game against No. 6 Missouri on Friday but pitched only four innings. Rogers came out of the pen to start the fifth and tossed 7.2 frames. Although she took the Gators' only loss of 2013, Rogers' relief appearance against the Tigers was one of her best outings this season. In nearly eight innings of relief, Rogers struck out nine and walked four. She gave up two runs, but only one was earned. Rogers relieved Haeger for a second time on Saturday against Georgia Tech and made another strong appearance. The junior fanned five without walking a batter en route to her seventh victory in 2013. Sophomore Alyssa Bache tossed seven strong innings against Syracuse on Friday and tied a career-best mark with nine strikeouts. While Bache leads the team in ERA, she has tossed the fewest innings. Rogers, the staff's ace, will continue to get the brunt of the work in the circle. "She competes," coach Tim Walton said. "She makes pitches when she has to, and I'm very proud of that."

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# Winning run advanced to third base on balk



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Sophomore catcher Taylor Gushue calls out to the mound during Florida's 4-3 loss to Duke on Feb. 15 at McKethan Stadium.

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Casey Turgeon led off with a single, and Jordan Shafer followed with a double. A Zack Powers groundout brought Turgeon home to make the score 6-5, and Shafer crossed home with the tying run on a Taylor Gushue sacrifice fly to center.

UNF center fielder Alex Bacon reached on an infield single to begin the 10th.

*"We need the light switch to turn on."*

**Brady Roberson**  
UF designated hitter

After advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt from Kyle Brooks, he moved to third thanks to a Harris balk.

Catcher Corey Bass then hit a double over Harrison Bader's head in center field to drive in the game-winning run.

"I feel like we're going to come out to practice one of these two days and turn it around," Roberson said. "We need the light switch to turn on."

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# UF relying on freshman in post

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line and dominated Florida in the post.

"They're not just the best in the conference, those are two of the best kids in the country," Butler said. "But then at the same time, we need to have a post player that is going to step up and say, 'I am going to make this my job. I am going to be the one that makes a difference.'"

Butler has challenged freshman Christin Mercer to be the difference-maker UF needs.

With no room for error as Florida nears the end of the regular season and prepares for the SEC Tournament, Mercer said she is focused on being the inside presence the team needs.

"If we play strong inside and get to the free-throw line, then other teams start to sink in," Mercer said. "That's when our guards have the ability to do what they need to do to, and it all goes together."

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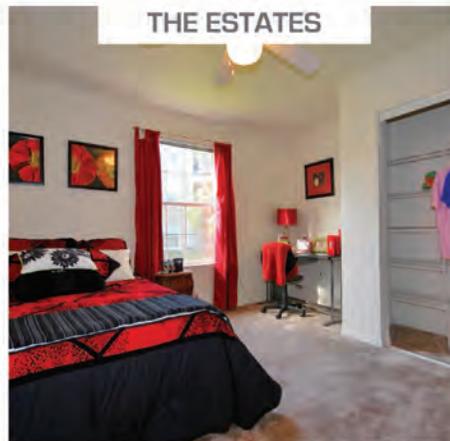
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