

Marquis Dendy and Florida placed second at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday. Read the story on page 16.



# Early voting for city elections begins today

▶ EARLY VOTING ENDS SUNDAY.

**BILLY KENNEDY**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students and Gainesville residents can cast their ballots early for the March 19 city elections starting today.

Residents can vote at the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office, 12 SE First St., until Sunday.

Early voting polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

This year's race has Ed Braddy, Scherwin L. Henry, Pete Johnson, Donald Shepherd Sr., Mark Venzke and incumbent Craig Lowe competing for the mayoral seat. Alfredo Espinosa, W.E. "Mac" McEachern and incumbent Randy Wells will vie for the District 4 City Commission seat.

There is also a charter amendment on the ballot that would change the date of city elections and terms of office.

If the amendment passes, beginning in 2017 city elections would take place every other odd-numbered year rather than every year. It would also change mayoral and City Commission terms from their three-year terms that start in May to four-year terms that begin in January 2018.

In order to vote, residents will need a valid picture and signature ID or must have filled out a provisional ballot.

Pam Carpenter, supervisor of elections, said in the past, her office hasn't seen many people in line during the early voting week.

"Any time would be a good time to come out and cast your ballot," she said.



Javier Edwards / Alligator

## Learning to Chomp

Firefighter Joey Gonzalez, right, teaches Odette Hinson, left, how to operate the Jaws of Life at the Second Annual Citizens Fire Academy held Saturday at the Gainesville Fire Rescue training facility. See the story on page 4.

## LOCAL

# Nests moved before prairie construction

**ANDREW KAYS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Two ospreys fret in the open skies above Paynes Prairie as their nest is held aloft by nothing more than a thin plate and the crane ties connected to it.

Far below, a combination of bucket trucks, cranes and post-hole diggers take down the aged and rotting wooden power-line poles and then transfer wires to the steel replacements.

Only then can the nest be secured to its new home and its inhabitants return.

Assessments by utility company Progress Energy Florida found 10 transmission-line poles that run through the park parallel to the southbound lane of U.S. Route 441 needed replacement. Two of them held occupied osprey nests the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requested be transferred to the new poles.

As of Monday, one nest had been successfully moved, and its original inhabit-

ants had already returned, David Jowers, a park manager at the preserve, wrote in an email.

As the ospreys move into mating season, it's important any eggs remain undisturbed, he wrote.

Workers in boom lifts must check the nests from a safe distance before work around the pole can start.

"If there are eggs in the nest, the project

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# Midnight Cookies to relocate, open stand-alone store

## It will be open by April

**NICOLE ZAKRZEWSKI**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

In the two and a half years since Midnight Cookies opened inside California Chicken Grill, the company's operation has grown, but the

kitchen has remained the same.

The lack of space prompted owners Jonathan and Jennifer MacAllister to look for a new place.

After two years of searching, the couple announced they would move the late-night cookie establishment

to its own stand-alone store. The new store, located at 3345 SW 34th St., Suite 1, will be opened by April, said Jonathan MacAllister.

He said the relocation will give his company a larger kitchen, increase menu options and expand delivery services to two additional apartment complexes. In addition, he said, the store will extend its hours during the day.

*"We're trying to have a coffee house feel."*

**Jonathan MacAllister**  
 owner

*"We're trying to have a coffee house feel," he said.*

During Spring Break, the store closed to allow MacAllister and his team to prepare for the move.

MacAllister said although a date for the grand opening hasn't been set, the move won't affect current business or delivery services.

April Burnett, a store manager, said she's excited for the move because it will give the store a chance to reach out to more customers.

"It's going to do good for the company," she said. "It's going to take off."

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## Behind the Music

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING?****"Behind Closed Doors: The Dark Legacy of the Johns Committee"**

There will be a film showing at 5:30 p.m. and a panel held in Smathers Library, Room 1A, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This film screening and discussion will examine the legacy of the Johns Committee, which was commissioned by the Florida Legislature to weed out communism and homosexual activity across Florida and targeted UF in 1958. For more information, see [www.humanities.ufl.edu](http://www.humanities.ufl.edu).

**Multicultural and Diversity Affairs**

UF Multicultural & Diversity Affairs is hiring. Applications for student ambassadors are now available online at [www.tiny.cc/MCDAApp](http://www.tiny.cc/MCDAApp) and are due at noon Thursday. It seeks to fill openings for volunteers and Federal Work-Study positions for the Summer and Fall semesters.

**St. Baldrick's**

The Freshman Leadership Council invites people to come see students and Gainesville residents shave their heads in front of an audience to stand in solidarity with children battling cancer at its second annual St. Baldrick's event from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday on Flavet Field. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a childhood cancer charity that funds research to help find cures for kids with cancer. There's still time to sign up as a shavee, volunteer or donate to this wonderful cause. There will be food, entertainment and lots of head shaving. Visit these links for more info:

[www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/80779/2013](http://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/80779/2013) and [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

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**GASA Gala**

The UF Greek American Student Association will host its third annual gala, GASA Gala: A Night in the Islands, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. The gala will feature Greek food, live Greek music and a dance performance from the GASA Dance Troupe. The semiformal event is free and open to the public.

**Mini med school experience**

Come view brain slides, learn how to suture from physicians and get a tour of the Shands at UF cadaver lab. This event will be in MDL-1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Registration costs \$10 in advance or \$15 that morning. A portion of the proceeds will sponsor medical service trips to a rural area in Peru. Find the event on the International Medical Outreach at UF Facebook page for more information.

**5K: Run, Walk, Roll**

Join the Gainesville Roller Rebels and STRIVE Saturday on Flavet Field for the Rebels With a Cause 5K. Proceeds will benefit Peaceful Paths of Gainesville and the Gainesville Roller Rebels. Participants can walk, run or skate the route. The first 100 participants to register will receive special-edition race T-shirts. Registration is \$30 in advance and \$35 that day. For more information, visit [www.gainesvilleroles.com](http://www.gainesvilleroles.com).

rebels.com/5K.

**Career 180**

Career 180 will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Center for Innovation and Economic Development, 530 W. University Ave. Free food will be provided to all participants.

**India Fest**

India Cultural & Education Center hosts its annual India Fest and Health Fair on Saturday. The fair is from 9 a.m. to noon, and authentic Indian food will be served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy Indian dance and music performances, food, apparel and jewelry at the Santa Fe College gymnasium, Building V, 3000 NW 83rd St. For more information, call 352-378-7112.

**Got something going on?**

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## .. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

**March 11, 1977:** Gainesville utility officials warned they will start shutting power off in 50 to 60 houses and apartments per day to crack down on the skyrocketing number of residents who don't pay their bills on time. UF student Cesar Pascual had power in his Regency Oaks apartment killed after failing to pay a utility bill he and his roommates contested was too high. The power was turned back on after he paid the \$190 two-month utility bills — the highest Troy Phillips, regional utilities credit manager, had seen in his 28 years with the city.

**March 10, 1988:** Student Government Court formed a special investigation team to look into Express Party member Scooter Willis' runoff win for Student Body president. Senators refused to validate the election, citing rumors that professors wearing Express buttons told students they would get extra credit for voting.

**March 15, 1995:** A bill in the Florida Legislature threatened to reduce the underage blood alcohol limit. The bill proposed to lower the blood alcohol limit for anyone under the age of 21 to .02 instead of the .08 limit for all ages. Penalties under the bill included automatic driver's license suspension if the person refused to have a blood alcohol test, six months of license suspension if the person was tested and found above the 0.2 limit, and one year of suspended license for each subsequent incident.

**March 13, 2001:** Gainesville police got a new drug dog thanks to a \$5,000 donation by Joe Cirulli, owner of Gainesville Health and Fitness Center. It was the largest donation ever made by a private source to the

GPD K-9 unit, according to GPD Cpl. Matt Nechodom. The dog was named Maximus after the main character in "Gladiator," Cirulli's favorite movie. "We originally set out to have the name associated with the human body, and gluteus maximus wasn't a very good name. Everyone knew I loved the movie 'Gladiator' since I saw it seven times. So, gluteus maximus became Maximus," Cirulli said.

— JENNA LYONS



Alligator File Photo

**Snoop Dogg raps in a concert at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Feb. 7, 2005. He entertained a crowd of about 4,600.**

## LIFESTYLE

# Gainesville named a good place for retirees

**NICOLE GERMANY**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Forbes has released its 25 Best Places To Retire, and the location of the Gator Nation clinched a spot on the list.

The list consists of cities throughout the country.

It includes three other Florida cities: Jacksonville, Clearwater and Orlando.

Gainesville is a top destination to retire in because of the cheap cost of living, above average air quality and the good weather, according to Forbes.

"We are blessed with an active and vibrant cultural scene," City of Gainesville spokesman Bob Woods said. "There's something to do for everyone — young and old."

Woods said many retirees are drawn to the city because of the climate, close proximity to the beach and UF.

"The University of Florida is a flagship institution for the state of Florida and clearly is the host for a number of cultural events that take place throughout the year," Woods

said.

The Atrium at Gainesville retirement living community makes sure residents still get to participate in activities that keep them feeling young.

*"We are blessed with an active and vibrant cultural scene."*

**Bob Woods**

City of Gainesville spokesman

Enrichment coordinator Courtney South said residents get the opportunity to attend Gators baseball games and cheer on the team.

"It really gives them that reminiscing factor of enjoying things they used to do," she said.

South said she believes many senior citizens come to Gainesville because there isn't as much hustle and bustle as in bigger Florida cities.

"I feel like it gives them a more relaxing atmosphere while still being able to be busy," South said.

Other cities on the list include Asheville, N.C.; Austin, Texas; and Baton Rouge, La.

# InsideUF

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## Undergraduates urged to complete survey

University of Florida undergraduate students who complete an online survey between Wednesday and July 20 will have a chance to win iPad prize packs, Beats Solo headphone prize packs, and free student memberships to the Harn Museum of Art.

The Student Experience in the Research University survey, or SERU, covers topics such as satisfaction with faculty, academic experience and student engagement. Unless

students complete the survey, they will not be eligible to receive Gator football tickets via the upcoming football lottery.

Marie Zeglen, assistant provost and director of Institutional Planning and Research, said UF will use the information to make improvements.

"We're not just doing a survey and putting it on our shelves," she said. "We can listen via SERU and then academic and student affairs

leaders can make changes in the student experiences that UF students tell us are important to them."

Zeglen said the university spends about \$3,000 on prizes to attract as many students as possible.

Students do not have to answer all of the questions, but they have to complete at least 75 percent of the 20-minute survey to be eligible for prizes and for football tickets. Prizes this year include a chance

to be the "handlers" for mascots Albert and Alberta. Zeglen said handlers participate in events and coordinate how Albert or Alberta work with Gator fans. All students who complete the survey also can win a buy-one get-one free pass to the "Titanoboa: Monster Snake" exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

UF is among 12 universities to offer the survey and the only one in Florida. UF



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surveyed students in 2009 and 2011.

The University of California Berkeley created and first administered SERU in 2002.

UF had the highest percentage of students complete SERU in 2011 with 63 percent, or about 19,500 students. The next highest school was the University of Southern California with 37 percent. Zeglen said she wants more students to take the survey in 2013 than in 2011. Students who started in the spring semester with the Innovation Academy will be allowed to take the survey.

"A high response rate is really important to be able to give each academic department data on their student majors," she said. "We would love to hit 75 percent, which would represent about 24,000 undergraduate students."

Students need to visit ISIS to take the survey.

By Matt Boles

## Museum Nights: Printmaking in the Age of Rembrandt

Thursday, March 14, 6 - 9 p.m.  
Harn Museum of Art

This Museum Nights evening is a joint collaboration between the Harn Museum and the UF Center for European Studies. Enjoy a performance by The Shoddy Beatles, art activities and tours centered around the exhibition.



## Women's roles discussed

Stephanie Coontz, who is the author of "A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s," will be a part of a roundtable discussion on Wednesday.

The event is presented by Samuel Proctor Oral History Program and the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research. It starts at 2:30 p.m. in Ustler Hall. Coontz will also present a lecture at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Pugh Hall.

## Dark legacy examined

A program titled "Behind Closed Doors: The Dark Legacy of the Johns Committee" begins at 5:30 p.m. today in Smathers Library East, Room 1A.

From 1956 to 1965, the Johns Committee, a state legislative committee, attempted to eliminate communism and homosexuality in Florida. In 1958, the committee selected UF as its first academic target. A documentary film about the committee's impact made by UF graduates Allyson A. Beutke and Scott Litvack will be shown at 5:30 p.m., followed by presentations and discussion from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The program is presented by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere.

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## UF Calendar of Events

For a listing of events, or to submit an event to the calendar, click "UF Calendar" at [www.insideuf.ufl.edu](http://www.insideuf.ufl.edu).

# DNA evidence leads to rape suspect's arrest

**KATHRYN VARN**

Alligator Writer

A Gainesville man was arrested Wednesday after police used DNA evidence to link him to a Feb. 23 attempted rape at The Enclave Apartments.

Gainesville Police charged Roderick Kantrel Pittman, 28, of 2725 SW 27th Ave., with armed robbery, aggravated assault, aggravated battery and sexual assault, according to a GPD arrest report.

The report provided additional details from when the crime was originally reported Feb. 25.

The incident started just after 3 a.m. Feb. 23 when a woman was walking down the second floor stairwell of Building D of the apartment complex, located at 3000 SW 35th Place, according to the report.

Pittman grabbed the woman's shoulder, spun her around and held a knife up to her throat. He demanded her keys, water bottle and cellphone, according to the report.

He then told the woman to bend over with her hands on the stairwell. While she was bent over, Pittman started to lift up her skirt, according to the report.

The woman fought back and ran from Pittman toward the parking lot. A friend, who was waiting in a car, heard a scream and ran to the stairwell. When she found Pittman and the woman, Pittman pulled out a black handgun and pointed it at the friend.

Both women ran from Pittman to the car, called Gainesville Police and drove to Shands at UF. GPD officers arrived at the complex and found Pittman coming out of the Building D stairwell, according to the report. He tried to run, but officers caught him.

During a search, police found two condoms and a bloody knife in Pittman's pocket. When Pittman couldn't explain why he was at the complex, officers arrested him on loitering and prowling charges, according to the report.

During a lineup, the woman and her friend couldn't identify Pittman as the man who committed the attack.

On Wednesday, however, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported a match between the blood on Pittman's knife and a DNA sample from the woman, said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

Later that afternoon, GPD detectives waited for Pittman on a parking lot at the Ridgemark Commons Apartments, located in the 3600 block of Southwest 34th Street, Tobias said.

When Pittman walked out to his car, he was arrested.

Tobias said Gainesville Police is still looking for the handgun used in the attack.

Pittman was booked into the Alachua County Jail at about 9 p.m. Wednesday, where he remained Sunday night with a \$300,000 bond.

Contact Kathryn Varn at [kvarn@alligator.org](mailto:kvarn@alligator.org).



Ryan Jones / Alligator Staff

## Baaaattling It Out

Nick Cindric, judge of the showmanship competition, examines a contestant's goat at the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show at the Alachua County Fairgrounds on Sunday.

## CAMPUS

# UF students rally in Tally for gay rights

**BARBARA DIMAJO**

Alligator Contributing Writer

While most college students hit the beach this Spring Break, 12 UF students were preparing to talk to elected officials about equality issues.

Amber Paoloemilio, 21, is one of the UF students lobbying in Tallahassee for gay rights in Florida today and Tuesday.

"We are in a day and age when we should be able to marry anyone that we want," the women's studies and Spanish junior said. "I think it's ridiculous that gay marriage is still illegal, but we need to do whatever we can do, and so I'm getting myself out there."

Paoloemilio is joining Equality Florida, a civil rights nonprofit organization focused on equality for Florida's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Mallory Wells, public policy director for Equality Florida, said during the lobbying days, the organization brings people to talk about issues related to Florida's LGBT community. Wells said they are fighting for the

legalization of statewide domestic partnership for gay couples and the Florida Competitive Workforce Act, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Paoloemilio, who is an intern for Equality Florida, said she's also attending to take a stand for human rights.

"There is still so much inequality for women and people in lower socio-economic statuses. We need to keep working towards equality," she said.

Gretchell Trochez, a 20-year-old UF political science sophomore, will also be lobbying.

"I have personal family stories invested in equality and LGBT rights, so this is very important to go fight for my family," she said.

She added, "This is the civil rights movement of our time, and you need to be a part of it."



Paoloemilio

# Citizens feel heat at Fire Academy

► THE EVENT WAS THE SECOND OF ITS KIND.

**ALEXA ASENDORF**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Eight Gainesville residents got a firsthand look at what it takes to be a firefighter during Gainesville Fire Rescue's Second Annual Citizens Fire Academy on Saturday.

The all-day event was held at Gainesville Fire Rescue's training facility at Fire Station No. 3, 900 NE Waldo Road.

GFR Fire Chief Gene Prince said the goal of the academy was to give citizens a glimpse into a day as a firefighter as well as show them how their tax money is being used.

"It's important for the citizens to know that we are good stewards of the money they give us to run fire rescue services," he said.

Donned in fire-retardant gear and protective goggles, citizens participated in four GFR scenarios.

Craig Segebarth, a 25-year-old research technician at the Florida Museum of Natural History, worked with other participants to operate a fire truck and its hoses.

He volunteered to run a fire hose up a four-story training tower.

The hose was more difficult to wield than he expected, Segebarth said.

*"The kickback of the hose was similar to a gun."*

**Craig Segebarth**  
research technician

"The kickback of the hose was similar to a gun," he said.

Participants also practiced search-and-rescue techniques.

A water vapor machine filled a training center garage with dense gray fog. Participants peered through thermal imaging cameras to simulate how firefighters search for bodies in dense smoke.

The vehicle extrication was the most-anticipated activity of the day.

Joey Gonzalez, a firefighter who worked as an instructor at the event, explained that vehicle extrication is necessary in order to rescue people trapped in cars during accidents.

Firefighters set up two cars to simulate a T-bone-style accident, and participants used chisels to knock out windows as well as hydraulic tools to pry and tear apart the cars' metal frames. Later, GFR officials held a demonstration on proper fire extinguisher usage.

Vanessa Schlachta, a Gainesville resident and mother of three children, said she found the demonstration useful.

"It was a great refresher course," she said.

In addition to the hands-on activities, officials also shared stories about their experiences while on the job.

Nick Gonzalez, a firefighter and paramedic at Station No. 1, said his favorite part of his job is helping others.

"Every call is someone's worst day ever," he said.

# The new pole framings are more bird-friendly

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will be put on hold until proper permitting can be established or until the eggs hatch and young leave the nest," Jowers wrote.

Sterling Ivey, spokesman for Progress Energy, said the new pole framings are more bird-friendly than the wooden predecessors, although some deterrents are also included to protect the poles and wires from the prairie's heavy bird activity.

On the ground beneath the lines, a swath of prairie has been reduced to a puddled and muddy road churned daily by the various vehicles and equipment. Although the land is owned by the Department of Environmental Protection, a right of way was permitted

to Progress Energy.

"Restoration to any disturbed lands is done by restoring to 'as-is' or better conditions," Ivey said. "This is regardless of the land being a state land or customer property."

Jowers wrote that the prairie has been invaded by woody plants in the last few years, and the equipment being used by Progress Energy, notably the Marsh Master, is what the basin needs to return to its intended swampy habitat.

"The Friends of Paynes Prairie, a citizen support organization, is currently raising funds to purchase a Marsh Master for Paynes Prairie Preserve to help gain access to the basin marsh for resource management," Jowers wrote.

The project should be completed sometime in April, Ivey said.

LOCAL

# Bus drivers compete in annual roadeo

**KELCEE GRIFFIS**  
Alligator Writer

One of 3-year-old Hunter Whitten's favorite things to do is hang out with his dad.

On Saturdays, this means riding the hour-long Route 1 loop with his mom, Michelle Whitten, and watching his father, Anson Whitten, drive a city bus.

But on March 2, Hunter braved the chilly weather with his family to watch his father compete in the Regional Transit System's 15th annual Bus Roadeo.

Ten city bus drivers completed an 11-obstacle course on the driving pad behind the Gainesville Regional Airport to test their driving abilities as about 75 family members and friends watched on the sidelines.

When contestant Antonio Cruz was announced to "La Bamba" blaring over the speaker system, six judges with clipboards climbed aboard the bus scrolling Cruz's name on the destination sign.

The judges kept time, measured

the smoothness of the ride and noted safety aspects. Sitting in the driver's seat, Cruz, 58, hit the throttle and sent the bus flying toward the offset street obstacle. He weaved in and out of lines of cones.

*"We lived."*

**Roy Darnold**  
*smoothness of operation judge*

Later, Cruz pulled alongside a row of yellow beams that simulated a curb. The bus stopped beside an RTS sign planted in a cracked 5-gallon bucket filled with cement. "Bus stop," he called, blaring the horn.

Outside, a team of volunteers measured the distance from the tires to the curb.

Frederick Mayer, one of the judges, explained the distance should be 15 inches or less from the back tires and six inches or less from the front tires.

"The goal is for passengers to be able to step directly from the bus to the curb," he said, yardstick in hand.

The judges winced as Cruz sped

through a corridor of colorful barrels. At the end was an orange cone, and hitting it meant losing points toward Cruz's score.

The bus ground to a halt, stopping before hitting the cone to finish the last challenge on the course.

"We lived," said Roy Darnold, a smoothness of operation judge, as he lunged off the bus.

Cruz breathed a sigh of relief after he left the driver's seat. He said it had been 10 years since he won the competition and was eager to hear the results following his run through the track.

After the contestants completed the course, the emcee summoned the drivers to line up on a strip of faded red carpet that faced the bleachers.

After a decade-long streak of losses, Cruz was named the winner of this year's competition.

Clutching his trophy, Cruz said he was pleased with the victory.

"I'm just happy to finally break this jinx," he said.

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# UPD to tighten safety belt enforcement

▶ THE FINE IS \$104.

**JACLYN ROSEN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

University Police will be buckling down on safety belt law enforcement through the end of the week with Florida's annual Click It or Ticket campaign.

During the campaign, law officers will be conducting more traffic stops than usual to check for safety belt usage.

Seat belt infractions are non-moving traffic violations that carry no points, but there is a fine of \$104, said UPD special events coordinator Lt. William Gainey. The goal of the campaign is to increase seat belt usage and bring awareness to the

student community.

"Seat belt usage has continued to increase each year since the campaigns began," said motorcycle officer David Watson.

Gainey said based on annual surveys, Gainesville consistently ranks in the 80th to 90th percentiles in the state for seat belt usage.

"Gainesville always has high seat belt usage rates, but the campaign is an effort to further increase productivity," he said.

UF student Melissa Daum said the campaign is great.

"Sometimes, as busy students, we just hop in our cars without thinking," said the 19-year-old finance sophomore, "but so many lives would be saved in those two seconds it takes to just buckle up."



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Editorial

## Suit & Tie: Justin Timberlake is bringing comedy back

Dear Justin Timberlake,  
Thank you. You made our Spring Break worthwhile. Some of us escaped to faraway destinations full of snow or sand, but some of us had those dumb staycations. Staycations are when you do nothing at home for a week and call it relaxing. Although getting away from responsibilities can be exciting, it can also get real old real quick.

Enter JTimbz.  
He celebrated his fifth time hosting "Saturday Night Live" by making it the highest-rated episode of the show so far this season, according to predictions made by Billboard based on preliminary Nielsen figures.

What a breath of fresh air he brought to the semi-dragging season of "SNL." Mostly, this year has had pretty successful hosts, but they needed something to revitalize viewers and to remind them why the show is a comedic titan.

Yes, there were a couple bumps in the middle of the episode that might have been weird or out-there sketches. Yes, people may complain about some of the sketches that reprised sketch premises and characters.

It doesn't matter.

It was a — as the kids say — pretty bomb-a-- episode.

"His show was a thrilling, joyous, cameo-stuffed affair that easily ranks among this season's best, second only perhaps to Martin Short's Christmas episode," reported Entertainment Weekly.

See, we just think it's really important to consider the freakish amounts of work that go into a live sketch-comedy show.

Despite what happens in dress rehearsal, you have to put on an hour and a half of quality television. Costume changes, set changes, reading cue cards — all of that has to happen flawlessly. There's even more pressure on the host of the episode.

"There are so many exciting things about hosting five times," Timberlake said in the beginning of his monologue. "You get to see old friends. You get to try new things. You get to inevitably let everyone down thanks to overly high expectations — thanks, Internet!"

Thankfully for everyone, Timberlake more than lived up to the hype we all put on this episode.

"Before the music business changed and singers went into arenas, there were people who came out of nightclubs who could sing and dance and do comedy," said "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels to The Wall Street Journal. "In another life, he might have been Dean Martin."

The world doesn't have to be all dubstep this and techno that. It can actually be talented and still have an amazing career.

This is the point in reading this article when we assume you think we're reacting like an old woman — all, "Keep those kids off my digital lawn."

Just hear us out. Let's strive for equal parts quality, hard work and fun in our lives. Otherwise, what are we doing here?

Thank you, Justin Timberlake, for kicking butt in "SNL" last week. We're inspired.

It was a nice distraction from daylight saving time. Damn.

### Reader response

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by Andre R. Frattino



### Column

## Learning responsibility from a cold house

Welcome back from Spring Break, everyone!  
It's time to put up the booze — well, until next Sunday, at least — put on our study hats and prepare for the long slog towards the finish line.

I hope everyone had fun and got out of Gainesville because it was cold here!

On Monday, the temperature in my house didn't get above 50 the entire day. My roommate and I kept drinking coffee to keep our internal organs functioning. We would've turned on the heat, but we're cheapskates.

But it got me thinking.

See, I used to live in Colorado, and I wore shorts year-round. I didn't even own a pair of long pants. It would be 12 under and snowing, and I'd be walking the two miles from the bus stop to my house happy as a polar bear. I didn't care! The cold didn't bother me then.

Now, I shiver wearing a sweatshirt and jacket in 43 degrees. What the hell happened to me?

Fortunately, my life's mission statement is "Find a pat-sy."

Whenever something happens that I might be to blame for, I find somebody else to blame instead. It works occasionally, although usually I forget what the problem was in the first place and go play guitar. This time I couldn't do that.

My fingers were too stiff to play guitar. So I thought long and hard — for about 20 minutes before "Family Guy" came on TBS — and came up with several possible culprits.

First, I thought of the humidity.

I've been told before — or maybe I made it up. I don't really remember — that cold feels colder when it's really humid. It cuts straight through to your bones. I'm not sure how that works, but I'd be prepared to believe it.

But then I used my pocket psychrometer to measure the humidity and found out there was zero humidity in my house.

My roommate told me this was because my pocket psychrometer was actually just a shard of glass with a zero painted on it, but I didn't believe him because, hey, science.

I continued my search for a scapegoat.



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I thought about blaming Gainesville Regional Utilities.

"Yeah," I thought. "They're the ones that made it so expensive to heat my house."

But then I remembered the times we have turned on the heat. It doesn't turn off, and it only makes the house incrementally warmer. That's because there are

cracks in the house.

There are places where you look at the wall and can see the outside light.

We have high ceilings — "vaulted" ceilings, as the leasing company calls them — which do not help with the problem at all. Right above the high ceilings is an attic whose holes are not a flaw but a design feature. Those holes release heat (because heat rises), and I'm pretty sure they're the reason the bats are up there. And the pig ghost who makes noises in our walls every night.

I decided it wasn't GRU I had to blame for being cold. It was my house. I started to bemoan my fate.

How could I have gotten into such a situation in life? How did I end up living in such a cold house? I thought back. I remembered.

That house costs me peanuts in rent. I'm poor and cheap. I'd rather pay peanuts in rent than be warm.

It dawned on me: I'm the one to blame for me being cold! I found my scapegoat: me!

Wait, dammit, that's what I was trying to avoid.

The moral I'm trying to expound is this: There are some situations in life when you can find someone else to blame, but usually, if you trace it back far enough, you'll find it was really you who made your problems.

Instead, don't worry about blame, and just live your life. It's easier that way.

Dallin Kelson is an English senior at UF. His column runs on Mondays.

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

## Guest column

## Gender ratios in science careers leave a lot to be desired

As a person of the female sex, I am often told by my peers what is considered appropriate for me to do with my life.

It often surprises people when I tell them I am studying to be a biochemist. In a field dominated by men, it's difficult to find someone who would not judge your career choice by your biological sex.

Certainly, I have yet to encounter that one person who would not think my major is ridiculous or too big a challenge for a woman.

Although I do as well as my male peers academically, in their minds, I am a weakling. And because most of my courses are about 90 percent male, I have learned to ignore the sexist commentaries and attitudes I experience because of my gender.

However, if something positive must come from something negative, I would say the constant criticism has only encouraged me to prove my academic abilities are not dictated by my sex.

I believe women are intimidated by careers in fields such as physics, chemistry and mathematics, among others.

Because these subjects are mostly taught and studied by men, these fields offer very little, if any, opportunities for women to succeed.

### Anette Pico Speaking Out

Due to criticism and discrimination against females, women have become hesitant to attempt careers in fields largely populated by men.

Furthermore, during a brief comparison of UF's science department faculty, I found in the more quantitative sciences, which require analytical assessments and calculations, the ratio of men to women tends to be greater.

However, in the more organic and natural sciences, women are in either equal or greater numbers than men.

This is part of the proper social conduct and standards we have been told to follow by our families and peers.

Unfortunately, in the Western culture we live in, a person's sex will dictate the type of toys he or she plays with as a child, his or her wardrobe, acceptable favorite color, behavior, manners and career path.

Hence, if a person such as me breaks these set social boundaries, he or she will be discriminated against, criticized and ridiculed.

As social individuals, we are exposed every day to people and things that will shape our future decisions — factors that are affecting women's career choices.

So, how can this social dictation of women's lives be changed? First, gender inequality issues must be made pertinent to the general public in order to encourage individuals to change the social expectations for women.

For instance, at UF, the Women's Student Association attempts to empower women and make their social issues relevant.

Also, women must be taught not to be afraid of participating in hypermasculine environments, as well as learning to understand that gender identity should not dictate their social and academic interests.

These steps are a few of the many actions we must place in effect as a society to modify gender roles.

The lack of general education about gender inequality is one of the most important contributing factors of ignorance toward women's roles in society.

Understanding how to subtly approach individuals and our Western culture with solutions for this issue can be challenging.

However, this is an essential action that will progressively change the presumptions of sex roles, allowing women to make decisions about their lives free of judgment and criticism, so they may practice, study and work in their most-desired career field.

Anette Pico is an anthropology and biochemistry major at UF.

## Guest column

## Having a fashion identity crisis in college

In our society, women are expected to act and dress certain ways, and those cultural expectations are often the standards by which we compare and assess ourselves.

In order to reflect the golden standard of femininity decided upon by society, we are often forced to define ourselves by what we wear.

Coming from an artistic and eclectic environment, I never expected to be fashionably ambushed when I stepped foot onto UF's campus.

I wear nice clothes, present myself well and try to blend in, but there's something about a college campus that makes girls forget who they are and how to dress.

What's the difference between how feminine I feel versus how I thought I felt?

Girls obviously feel more pressure than guys to dress a certain way, which is just one fragment of the gender inequality in our society, but you would think every female on campus was a carbon copy of one another.

Every girl wears the same style T-shirt and carries the same — ugly — bag. I never experienced that homogeneity in high school, and coming to UF unquestionably changed me.

The majority of females on campus present themselves with a group mentality, as if individuality cannot be expressed if femininity is desired as well.

I realized the first time I went home after starting school that I dressed differently.

Normally, I feel somewhat inadequate or unfeminine on campus.

I do not do my hair every day, and I wear gym clothes to class. So what? When I go home, however, I dress up, and I love it.

I don't know if I feel the need to overcompensate for how I don't dress at school or if I like to show off to my family how much college has changed me, but I wear dresses and do my makeup and feel like a girly girl, which never happens on campus.

As Michael Kimmel states in "The Gendered Society," the sense of a gendered self does not depend on biological factors but, rather, those interactions and demands of social experiences.

Thinking more about the issue, I realized I, much like every other 18- to 24-year-old, compare myself to those around me.

I look at the "Greeks" and wonder where they got their flower-printed hair bows — even though I think they're hideous.

When surrounded by such fem-bots, who wouldn't feel less feminine?

The trick to not letting it bother me, I have found, is to try dressing fashionably away from school.

Am I embarrassed to be seen attempting to be trendy, or do I think I look bad in anything other than

### Carly Rogers Speaking Out

a T-shirt?

No, but somehow, I feel the need to rebel against the homogeneity and only attempt fashionable styles in a more comfortable and less-judgmental environment.

ment.

My mother took notice and said, "You wear something new every time you come home."

"Maybe so," I replied, knowing perfectly well I saved my dress for that occasion because I wear the same dozen T-shirts and running shorts every other day.

Going home is my excuse to look nice, dress up and feel feminine.

The two versions of me do not necessarily mean I do not know who I am, but it means I haven't found a way to splice those identities into one.

When I leave college, the dresses and the sweatpants will have to intermingle because they are both parts of me.

I never want to carry an ugly neon-paisley-print backpack, but I want to look as feminine as I do when I go home and still feel like me.

The point of addressing college fashion trends and how they influence femininity is to highlight how girls make other girls feel — it is a cycle.

One small group reinforces another until everyone feels the need to wear the same thing and just accept that as being indicative of normal.

Femininity is not easily defined, but apparently, on a college campus, it has a certain image.

The college campus is arguably what Kimmel would call a gendered institution, where the institution itself reflects gender differences and, therefore, reinforces the social expectations of each gender.

I am a female, and I do not succumb to the pressures of all ugly fashion trends, but those choices influence the way I feel and identify as a woman.

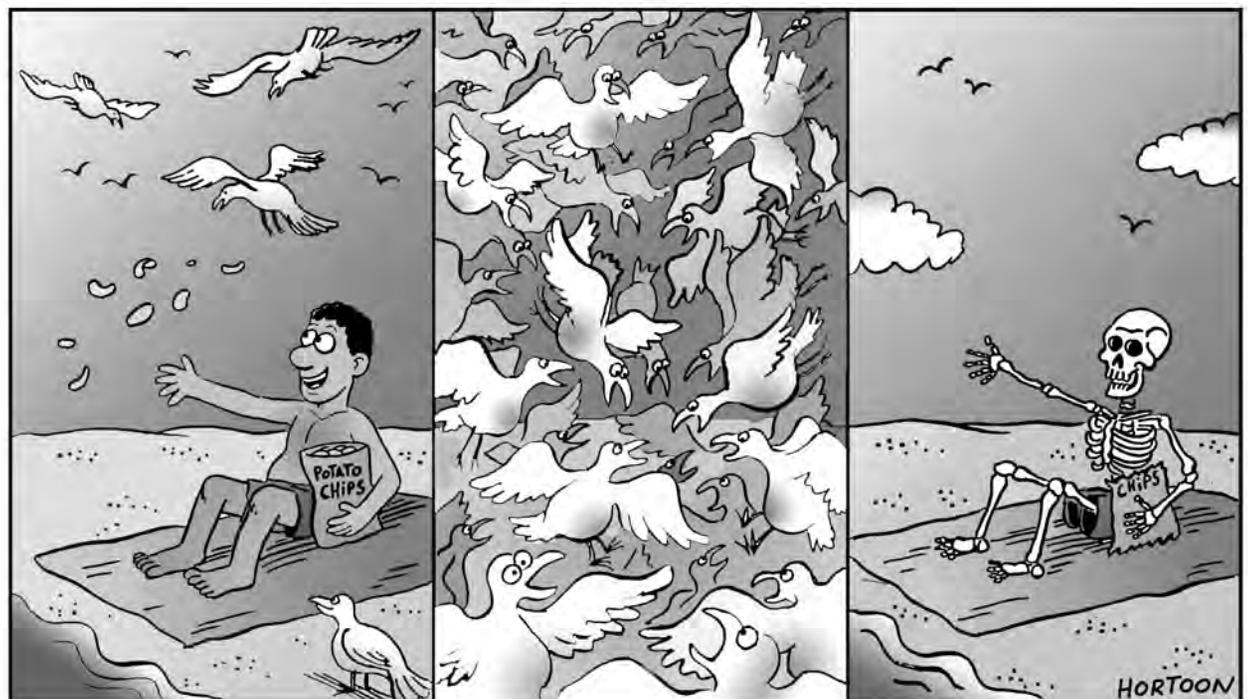
Away from the college bubble, I am more me. Out in the world, surrounded by people of all different ages, backgrounds and education levels, I become a more rounded individual. I am free to dress how I want and express my femininity as I choose.

The fashionably stifling environment that is UF was supposed to be a wide-open blank slate to expand my view of the world, but instead, I am surrounded by a lot of the same. That's too bad.

My wish is other girls realize they will have even new pressures to dress differently when they leave here.

The societal issue of female pressure to look a certain way may not go away, but the ways girls let it influence them can.

Carly Rogers is an anthropology senior at UF.



# Behind the music

Daryl Brown, 34, also known as Deal'a, is a rising local artist best known for his fall hit "It's A Swamp Thang," which regularly played in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. He recently released a new single, "Gators Eat Haters." However, legal issues have impeded his progress. Brown was placed on house arrest in December and has an 11 p.m. curfew, both of which prevent him from traveling to promote his music.

Photo story by Javier Edwards



▲ Mixtape disks line the trunk of Brown's Chevrolet. He is slated to have his first performance March 23 at the Florida Theater.



Brown records a verse from a song in his home studio. His brother, Brandon Taylor, also serves as his audio engineer.

▼ Deal'a discusses the details for his first performance with a concert promoter.



Brown prepares to leave his home, where his girlfriend, Valerie Heiring, left, and 1-year-old niece, Serenity Taylor, visit him.

▼ Brown reveals his house arrest anklet. After a recent run-in with the law, his house arrest period was prolonged. He is scheduled to appear in court later this month.



◀ Brown takes inventory of his mixtape, "Deal'a." The mixtape is his first release.

Brown greets his grandmother as she returns from work. He makes frequent visits to her home throughout the week. ▶



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- 6 Poses a question
- 10 Hired rides
- 14 Singer Lena
- 15 Apt name for a windstorm?
- 16 Hollywood celeb
- 17 Cyclone center
- 20 Spotted
- 21 Pitcher's mistake
- 22 Feral no more
- 23 Adds highlights at the salon
- 25 Sources of storage chest wood
- 26 Roy Orbison hit featured in a Gere/Roberts film
- 31 By surface area, second-largest Great Lake
- 32 Rent-a-car choice
- 33 Apply daintily
- 36 Ladder rung
- 37 Taj
- 39 Gospel singer Winans
- 40 Needing no Rx
- 41 Late-night Jay
- 42 Coffees, in slang
- 43 Exorciser's motto
- 47 Shipping container
- 49 Inaugural pledge
- 50 Sarandon of "Thelma & Louise"
- 51 Channel for business types
- 53 Magna laude
- 56 Debtors' documents suggested by the sequence of the first words of 17-, 26- and 43-Across
- 60 50-and-over org.
- 61 1,000 meters, briefly
- 62 Hindu guru
- 63 Loch of legend
- 64 "By Jove!"
- 65 Extremely pale

**DOWN**

- 1 Her, subjectively
- 2 Hot Wheels and hula hoops
- 3 Region
- 4 Flower that usually blooms in winter
- 5 Playboy founder, for short
- 6 Thunderstruck
- 7 Bellow in a library?
- 8 Spock's captain
- 9 Photog's camera choice
- 10 Large, noisy insect
- 11 Starters of the first race?
- 12 Silly mistake
- 13 Winter coasters
- 18 Help illegally
- 19 List components
- 24 Japanese money
- 25 Spiral shape
- 26 Too-too
- 27 Sci-fi's Jabba the
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- 29 Search engine name
- 30 Appalachian state: Abbr.
- 34 Berry in modern diet supplements
- 35 Oscar category word
- 37 Chow
- 38 Picnic pest
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- 41 Tea of "Tower Heist"
- 42 Scribble (down)
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## Indiana clinches weekend series against Florida

**JOSH JURNOVOY**  
Alligator Staff Writer

A day after playing what coach Kevin O'Sullivan called one of their best games of the season, the Gators had one of their

worst outings to date.

Indiana continued to pound the ball while Florida (8-9) lost the stroke it found at the plate on Saturday in Sunday's 7-4 loss at McKethan Stadium to give the Hoosiers the series win.

"I know what good hitting clubs look like," O'Sullivan said. "They got a good hitting club."

Indiana jumped out to a lead in the top of the first on Florida for the third straight game.

Catcher Kyle Schwarber hit a solo home run in the second at-bat of the game to give the Hoosiers (8-3) the lead for good. Schwarber went 10 for 14 at the plate with four RBI in the series.

"I'm not quite sure I've ever seen a guy have a weekend like that," O'Sullivan said.

"He hit balls down, off the plate. He hit balls in. He hit balls up. He hit soft. He hit hard."

Schwarber, Indiana's two-hole hitter, combined with third and fourth hitters Sam Travis and Scott Donley to go 22 for 37 during the weekend at the plate with 11 RBI.

"It's kind of like how we were for three years with Preston (Tucker) and Mike (Zunino)," O'Sullivan said. "Now I kind of know how it feels. You always turn around, and it looks like they're coming up again."

The Hoosiers recorded 36 hits in the series.

Despite their success at the plate on Sunday, O'Sullivan was pleased with the performance of freshman starter Eric Hanhold, who gave up four runs and seven hits in four innings of work.

"I thought Eric threw the ball good," O'Sullivan said.

"Sometimes the line doesn't say how a guy threw. I liked his demeanor. I liked his aggressiveness. The ball was coming out of his hand good. He threw three pitches for strikes."

In the third inning, the Hoosiers extended their lead to 3-0 after Schwarber



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Coach Kevin O'Sullivan watches from the dugout during Florida's 7-4 loss to Florida Gulf Coast on Feb. 24 at McKethan Stadium. FGCU and Indiana have each defeated UF in weekend series at McKethan Stadium this season. The Gators won every weekend series against non-conference opponents during the 2012 campaign.

**SEE BASEBALL, PAGE 14**

## Offensive cold streak dooms UF

**LONDON WATNICK**  
Alligator Writer

In the heat of Saturday afternoon's game against Kentucky, Florida went cold.

The No. 11 Gators (24-6, 14-4 Southeastern Conference) went scoreless in the final 7:36 of their 61-57 road loss to the Wildcats in Lexington, Ky., missing their final 11 field-goal attempts.

UF also committed five turnovers during Kentucky's 11-0 run to close the game.

"I can't put the ball in the basket for them," Donovan said.

"I cannot make a jump hook, but I can try to put them in positions where they can be successful."

Wildcats guard Julius Mays said: "We were getting stops, and they couldn't score. We just kept fighting and fighting."

Prior to Saturday's game, Donovan said that the Gators needed to eliminate wasted possessions, which he defined as plays where his team takes bad shots, turns over the ball or does not take advantage of open looks.

But UF wasted plenty of opportunities down the stretch against UK.

At the 4:53 mark, guard Mike Rosario sent an errant pass to guard Scottie Wilbekin, which Kentucky guard Archie Goodwin intercepted.

Goodwin then drove to the other end for a two-handed slam to cut Florida's advantage to 57-55.

Two offensive possessions later, Wilbekin looked to guard Kenny Boynton on the right wing. Unfortunately for the Gators, Boynton cut to the top of the key and Wilbekin's pass made its way to Florida's bench.

**SEE HOOPS, PAGE 14**

## Gators await postseason fate

**PHILLIP HEILMAN**  
Alligator Staff Writer

Following an 82-73 loss to top-seeded and ninth-ranked Tennessee in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament on Friday, Florida awaits its postseason fate, hoping for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

However, unlike last season when the Gators snuck in as a No. 9 seed — the selection committee acknowledged Florida was one of the last four teams into the Big Dance a year ago — there will likely be little drama while awaiting their destination this year.

The NCAA Tournament selections

will be announced on March 18 beginning at 7 p.m.

But the Gators likely will not hear their name called until later in the evening when the WNIT bracket is revealed.

Florida (18-14, 6-10 SEC) boasts a resume unlikely to warrant an opportunity to play in the NCAA Tournament.

Of UF's 18 victories this season, only two have come against teams with an RPI of 50 or better. UF beat LSU on Jan. 6 and Pacific on Dec. 7 — squads with respective RPIs of 33 and 43 — but were otherwise unable to notch a signature victory.

**SEE WOMEN'S HOOPS, PAGE 14**



Freshman Taylore Fuller hit the deciding home run in the Florida softball team's 2-0 win against Auburn on Sunday. See story, page 15.

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### Gators in the NBA

Chicago Bulls center Joakim Noah scored 18 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in a 90-81 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday in Los Angeles.



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Junior point guard Scottie Wilbekin drives the lane during Florida's 66-40 win against Vanderbilt on Wednesday in the O'Connell Center.

## UF is top seed in SEC tourney

**HOOPS**, from page 13

On UF's next play, Wilbekin heaved the ball to a wide-open Casey Prather, hoping the forward could finish with a dunk. But Wilbekin's lob sailed over Prather's hands.

"The play was well-executed in terms of screening and those kinds of things," Donovan said. "We didn't deliver the ball correctly."

With 3:17 remaining, forward Erik Murphy drove down the right side of the lane and was called for an offensive foul after charging into Kentucky center Willie Cauley-Stein.

*"It was unchallenged. There wasn't a hand in [Boynton's] face. ... It wasn't like a high-percentage, great, great shot. Probably not. Was it a bad shot? Certainly wasn't a bad shot."*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

After committing numerous turnovers, Florida failed to convert a handful of well-executed possessions into points.

Center Patric Young missed an open reverse layup with 2:52 left after receiving a bounce pass from Murphy

in the post.

"We run a play and we get Patric Young underneath the basket," Donovan said. "You know what I mean? How much better can you execute?"

UF's most crucial miss came with 15 seconds remaining.

When Boynton drove by his defender, Wildcats guard Ryan Harrow, he attempted a mid-range jumper after gaining separation.

Although Boynton's shot could not find net, Donovan thought the attempt was a decent look.

"In those situations, you're not getting a wide-open shot," Donovan said. "It was unchallenged. There wasn't a hand in his face. ... It wasn't like a high-percentage, great, great shot. Probably not. Was it a bad shot? Certainly wasn't a bad shot."

Florida's failure to score down the stretch helped Kentucky (21-10, 12-6 SEC) earn its first win this season against a top-15 opponent and boost its NCAA tournament hopes.

UF owns the No. 1 seed in this week's SEC Tournament and will play either No. 8 seed Georgia or No. 9 seed LSU on Friday at 1 p.m.

But after Saturday's loss, the Gators' chances for a No. 1 seed in the Big Dance are doubtful.

## Butler says Florida has learning to do

**WOMEN'S HOOPS**, from page 13

"We're obviously disappointed," coach Amanda Butler said following her team's loss to Tennessee in the SEC Tournament on Friday.

"We didn't come here to play close or make it respectable (or) with any other expectation except to win."

Butler has repeated that message numerous times this season but continues to be troubled with similarly frustrating results.

Florida faced nine teams during conference play that were ranked entering Sunday. Butler's squad topped LSU and lost the other eight contests by just 8.4 points per game.

But beating LSU does less to legitimize Florida's postseason merit than defeating No. 12 Georgia did last season.

The Gators then went on to upset eighth-seeded Ohio State in the NCAA Tournament before falling to eventual-champion Baylor in the next round.

Without a similar victory — plus losses to both Ole Miss and Missouri, two teams that struggled mightily in conference play — UF will likely settle for its fourth trip to the WNIT in six seasons.

"We still got a lot of learning to do, a lot of growing up to do in terms of how to bring your best over and over and over again, possession to possession to possession, half to half," Butler said.

"We still have too many people that play a great second half or lead us in the first half and then are nowhere to be found (in) the second half."

Jaterra Bonds, who led the Gators in scoring during conference play, continued to be a catalyst in UF's two games in the SEC Tournament.

Bonds became the 22nd player in program history to eclipse 1,000 points in her career by averaging 17.5 points against Arkansas and Tennessee.

"We just didn't execute," Bonds said, "offensively (or) defensively."

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Guard Jaterra Bonds (10) attempts a shot during Florida's 69-58 win against Arkansas on Feb. 28 in the O'Connell Center.

## Friday's loss snapped Gators' winning streak

**BASEBALL**, from page 13

hit a single and Travis drove him in with a triple down the left-field line.

Donley followed with a single to center to plate Travis.

"We probably need to pitch in effectively more," O'Sullivan said. "Guys can't just stand there comfortable. I'm not saying by no means hit anybody, but you got to locate in."

IU added two runs in the fifth, one in the seventh and another in the eighth on a Schwarber RBI double to go up 7-0 before UF scored four in the bottom of the inning.

Florida came into the series on a season-high four-game winning streak before losing Friday's game 4-1.

The Gators rebounded to win 6-4 on Saturday behind a 4-for-4 day at the plate from Casey Turgeon.

O'Sullivan said he hadn't decided on a starter for Tuesday's game against FSU, but he expects to see fewer runs from the opposition.

"Do we have to locate better? Yeah." O'Sullivan said.

"But if we compete and we get after it and cut the ball loose, our command gets a little bit better. We'll get better as a team — certainly as a pitching staff."

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## SOFTBALL

## Freshman's home run clinches series win against Auburn

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN

Alligator Staff Writer

Florida only managed one hit against Auburn on Sunday, but it was a big one.

Freshman Taylore Fuller, who had just six hits coming into the game, sent the first pitch she saw from Tigers pitcher Lexi Davis over the center-field fence.

"[Davis] had been throwing first-pitch strikes consistently throughout the lineup," Fuller said.

"So I knew it was going to be a strike ... I just trusted my hands and went with the pitch."

Fuller's third-inning solo blast was all the No. 4 Gators (25-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) needed in their 2-0 win in the rubber game against the Tigers (18-7, 1-2 SEC).

Fuller got on base all three times she came to the plate, drawing a walk in her second at-bat and reaching on an error in the third.

But the rest of Florida's offense was stagnant, and Fuller was stranded each of those two times.

The Gators added a second run in the fourth inning. Sophomore Lauren Haeger walked to open the frame, and Briana Little was hit by a pitch, putting runners on first and second.

Senior Kelsey Horton dropped down a sacrifice bunt, and Jes-

sica Damico lifted a fly ball to left field, scoring Haeger on a close play at the plate.

Aside from those two runs, Florida had trouble plating runners.

Florida left five on base in their 5-4 loss to Auburn on Satur-

day, and their situational hitting did not get better on Sunday.

The Gators had runners on base in every inning, but the offense's lack of hits stranded nearly all of them on the base paths. Florida was 0 for 3 with runners in scoring position and 0 for 7

with runners on base.

"It's always frustrating to leave runners in scoring position," Fuller said.

"We just have to learn how to work through it."

Though the offense struggled, two runs were enough for Han-

nah Rogers.

The junior right-hander picked up her 13th win of the season after being saddled with the loss on Saturday.

"I used the loss as motivation to just go out there and play my best," Rogers said.

Rogers cruised through the first four innings, allowing only three base runners on two hits and a walk. But in the fifth, the junior got into her first jam of the day.

Rogers walked a batter and gave up a single to consecutive batters but escaped the jam when Tigers shortstop Kelsey Bogaards popped up to second baseman Kelsey Stewart, who threw the runner out at first to complete the double play.

An inning later, Rogers worked into a similar jam, walking the leadoff batter. The next reached first on a fielding error. But a flyout, a sacrifice bunt and a groundout later, she returned to the dugout with her sixth scoreless frame.

Rogers got two groundouts and a foul out in the final inning to end Florida's ninth game in 10 days.

"I think we're a little bit tired," coach Tim Walton said. "We didn't necessarily hit the ball as well as we're capable of."

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Junior starter Hannah Rogers pitches during Florida's 9-1 victory against UNC Wilmington on Feb. 17 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

## Gators finish eighth in Las Vegas

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After the second round of the Southern Highlands Collegiate Masters in Las Vegas all but eliminated the Gators from contention, Florida rallied to finish in the top 10 in the championship round.

But UF's comeback was not enough.

California took control of the tourney after the second round.

The Golden Bears were the only team to finish with a score under par, accomplishing the feat by eight strokes (856).

"We played a little better today," coach Buddy Alexander said in a release.

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"We were able to move up the leaderboard."

Florida failed to play up to its No. 10 ranking against fellow Top-25 squads.

Every team that finished ahead of the Gators during the three-day tourney is currently ranked among the top 13 squads in the nation, according to Golf-Week.com.

Although Florida has yet to earn an individual or team championship in the spring, there were some bright spots at the Southern Highlands Collegiate Masters.

Especially encouraging for UF was the play of freshman A.J. Crouch.

Crouch earned the best result of any Gator, narrowly missing out on a top-10 finish.

He shot a 73 (+1), 73 (+1) and 72 (E) to finish tied for 11th.

Crouch started in the fifth spot after playing sparingly this year.

In addition to Crouch, Eric Banks' performance was a pleasant surprise for Florida.

Banks, who continues to improve coming off open-heart surgery, shot a team-low 71 (-1) in the first round and a 72 (E) in the final round.

He finished tied for 25th and could have achieved an even better finish had he carded a score better than his 79 (+7) during the second round.

Tyler McCumber, the Gators' team captain, earned Florida's second-best finish, ending the tournament in 24th.

McCumber played solid golf after shooting just five over for the tournament following his final round score of 74 (+2).

Beyond Crouch, Banks and McCumber, Florida finished with disappointing results in the rain-soaked tournament.

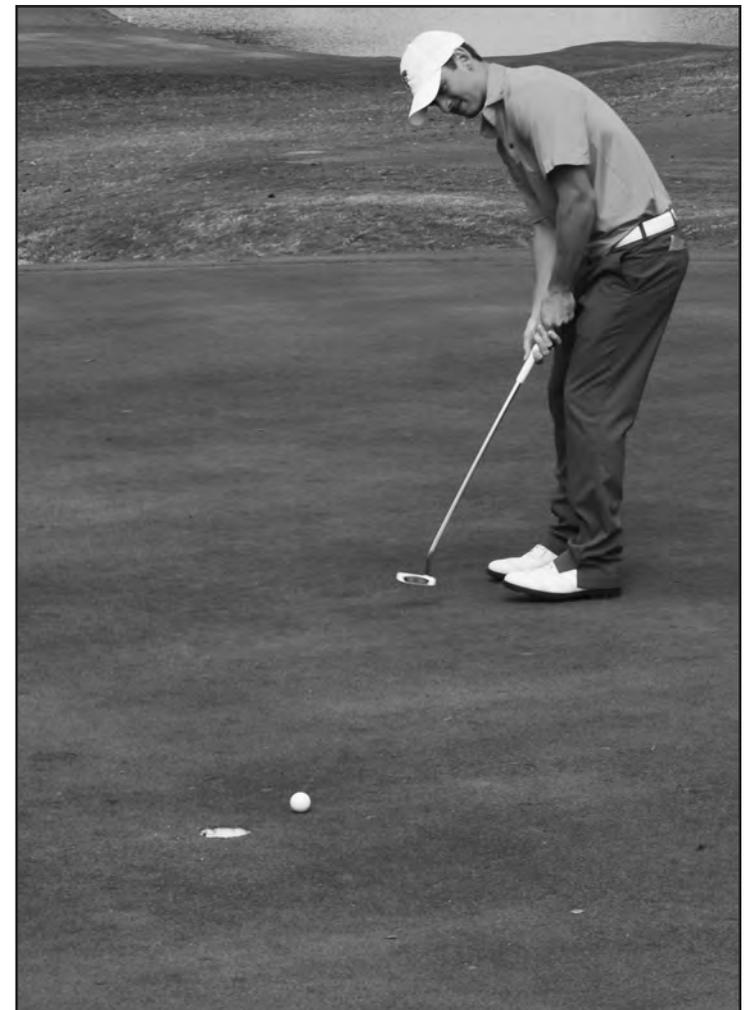
T.J. Vogel could not get anything going after shooting a 78 (+6) in the second round and a 79 (+7) in the final round to finish tied for 62nd.

J.D. Tomlinson failed to get any type of rhythm after shooting a 79 (+7) in both the second and final rounds.

Tomlinson finished tied for 71st.

"Golf is a strange game," Alexander said. "Last year, Tomlinson and Vogel were our low scorers, and they (have) struggled this year. This year, our four and five guys (Banks and Crouch) did well. We still have a lot of work to do."

Florida's next competition will be the Chris Schenkel Invitational beginning on March 15 in Statesboro, Ga.



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Senior Tyler McCumber putts during the SunTrust Gator Invitational on Feb. 10 at Mark Bostick Golf Course.

**TRACK & FIELD**

# UF men fall short of fourth straight title

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Coach Mike Holloway and Florida's bid to win a fourth straight NCAA Indoor Championship fell short on Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark.

But finishing second behind top-ranked Arkansas, Holloway was still pleased with the effort of his men's team.

The Razorbacks' performance was simply too much to match.

"That's the most we've scored at the national championships since I've been here and to get beat by 15, I don't know what to say," Holloway said. "We came out here and competed well, had seasonal bests across the board. That's what we train for, that's what we live for, and we have nothing to hang our heads about."

"Of course we came here and wanted to win. We wanted to be national champions again. But being national runner-up and performing the way we did, we left our hearts and souls out here, and I couldn't be more proud of these young men."

Sophomore jumper Marquis Dendy and junior hurdler Eddie Lovett combined to account for 25 of the men's 59 points during the meet.

Dendy leapt to a national championship — as well as new personal and school records — in the men's long jump with a

NCAA-leading distance of 8.28 meters on Friday.

"This track facility is a great place to jump," Dendy said. "I felt really, really good here. I just had to do it like I did at [the Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships]."

Said Holloway of Dendy's performance: "I'm very proud of him. It's his first NCAA championship, and it got us off to a great start."

Lovett brought home a national title of his own in the men's 60m hurdles. Clocking a time of 7.50 seconds — good for a personal record, a school record, an NCAA Indoor Championship meet record and the fourth-fastest time in NCAA history.

"I felt pretty good," Lovett said. "It wasn't the best start like I wanted, but I made it up at the end. I'm just happy. If I got my steps and technique right, it would all fall into place."

Holloway added: "Eddie is the kind of guy where he could have a perfect start and still say it wasn't. That's just how he and (hurdles) coach (Erin) Tucker are."

"What I'll tell you is watching his transformation ... it's always great when you can break that ice and watch him come around. He's been focused like this since August when he started. I'm extremely proud of him."

Both Dendy and Lovett set previous personal bests at the SEC

Indoor Championships, which were also held in Fayetteville.

Although the women's team placed 13th at the NCAA Indoor Championships, Holloway was pleased with several of his athletes' results in individual events.

"We talked to the women about having more pride, and they came out and ran season's best in the 4x4, season's best in the mile for Agata (Strausa) and a new PR for Ciarra (Brewer)," Holloway said.

"The Gators left their mark on the building. Now we're outside where we live and breathe, and we'll see them in a few months."

With the indoor season officially over, Florida looks to utilize the end results from the NCAA meets moving forward into the outdoor season. The men's team aims to repeat as NCAA outdoor national champions in 2013.

"It's going to help us be better outdoors. It's a motivation, it's a better purpose, a better focus," Holloway said.

"Anytime we want to slack a little, I'll just bring the trophy out to the middle of the infield at practice so they can see it and remember we got second indoors. We didn't do anything wrong this weekend. Eddie Lovett, Omar (Craddock), Marquis (Dendy), Sean Obinwa ... everyone did their absolute best this weekend."



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Sophomore jumper Marquis Dendy competes in the long jump at the SEC Indoor Track Championships on Feb. 23 in Fayetteville, Ark.

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