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College of Cardinals begin process of pope selection today

► THERE ARE 115 CARDINALS TO CHOOSE FROM.

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The College of Cardinals is set to begin the deliberation for a new pope today in Rome, a decision that will resonate across the world — including in Gainesville.

The Rev. Marek Dzien, of Gainesville's

St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center, said he compared the relationship between the pope and local congregations to that of Washington D.C. and the states.

"For 95 percent of Catholics, it's more important what's happening in their parish than in Rome," he said. "But when a big decision is made, it affects everybody."

The election process, also known as Conclave, will have 115 cardinals locked in the Chapel until they select the new leader of Catholicism.

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Conclave comes almost two weeks after Pope Benedict XVI resigned from his papacy, making him the first pope to resign

in nearly 600 years.

The process to choose a new pope is straightforward:

Members of the college who can travel to Rome and are under the age of 80 take part in the electoral ritual.

Four times a day, the cardinals write the name of their choice on a slip of paper and place it into a golden urn in front of Michelangelo's "Judgement Day" painting. Three cardinals are chosen to count and

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Brain Power

Co-Chair of the Neuroscience Club Celeste Rousseau, a 19-year-old UF biological engineering sophomore, uses her mind to propel a ball for on-lookers Monday at the club's booth on the Plaza of the Americas.

Students, faculty can now access software programs for free

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As of today, UF students and faculty are officially able to remotely access programs such as Adobe Photoshop and AutoCAD without having to pay.

UFApps, produced through the Office of Academic Technology, is an online network that allows UF students to use thousands of dollars worth of software for free on any platform.

"We wanted to make software more accessible for students," Jameson Johnston, project coordinator for UFApps, wrote in an email. "Students have more and more access to mobile devices and laptop computers, and UFApps allows for access to popular computer software from anywhere at any time — it is the next step in the evolution of computer application technology."

According to the proposal, the startup costs for the program totaled more than \$150,000. Licensing alone cost about \$37,000.

The program is funded through the Student Tech Fee proposal. All UF students pay this fee, which costs up to 5 percent of the tuition per credit hour. According to the UF Factbook's breakdown of student tuition and fees for the 2010-2011 school year, this fee was \$4.78 a credit hour.

Every January, faculty, staff and students submit proposals regarding a technical idea in need of funding. Last year's proposals included UFApps, written by Michael Kutyna, and since its approval in Spring 2012, developers have handled all aspects of the program launch, said Tracy Gale, UF In-

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CAMPUS

Auschwitz survivor, author Elie Wiesel to speak tonight

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writer

Professor Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and author of "Night," will speak tonight at UF. Hosted by Accent Speaker's Bureau and Jewish Awareness Month, Wiesel will speak about his experiences in the Auschwitz concentration camp and his career as an author.

The program starts at 8 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Student tickets are free and can be picked up from noon to 6 p.m. at the box office. General admission tickets will be distributed at 7 p.m.

Accent Chairman Josh Holtzman said Wiesel was chosen to speak because his message is not limited to the Jewish community.



Wiesel

"It's a message of understanding and facing the challenges of humanity and knowing the best and worst that people are capable of," said the 22-year-old UF history and political science senior.

Wiesel is being paid

\$53,000, and Accent is paying \$35,000 of that. The rest of the money is coming from Jewish Awareness Month, Holtzman said.

Ari Sokolov, a 20-year-old UF environmental science junior, will be in attendance. "He is a living part of history," he said.

Contact Alexa Volland at avolland@alligator.org.

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The bill was introduced March 5, pg 9.



Gainesville City Commission candidate:

Alfredo Espinosa

The 20-year-old is a junior at UF, pg 5.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?**Trades of Hope event**

Come out to hear Delle Sieg of Trades of Hope speak about the mission of Trades of Hope. The event will take place in McCarty Hall A, Room 1142, at 6:30 p.m. Trades of Hope works to help women out of the sex trade, sweatshops, slums and extreme poverty by helping them create sustainable incomes. Trades of Hope empowers women to create sustainable businesses worldwide.

Book symposium

A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s will be a symposium moderated by book author Stephanie Coontz on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Ustler Hall. At 6 p.m., Coontz will speak on "Madmen, Working Girls, and Desperate Housewives: Women, Men and Marriage in 1963 and 2013" in Pugh Hall. A reception and book signing will follow. Parking is free. For more information, call 352-392-7168.

UF Amnesty International

Come out to UF Amnesty International's General Body meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in McCarty Hall, Room 2196. They will be talking about the upcoming JAMnesty and the State Conference held in Gainesville and writing letters to prisoners of conscience. Food and drinks will be served. To find out more information, check out www.facebook.com/ufamnesty.

Multicultural and Diversity Affairs

UF Multicultural & Diversity Affairs is hiring. Applications for student ambassadors are now available online at www.multicultural.ufl.edu/about/employment_opportunities/mcda_ambassadors/mcda_application_form/ and are due at noon Thursday. It seeks to fill openings for volunteers and Federal Work-Study positions for the Summer and Fall semesters.

FDR and the Holocaust: A talk by Richard Breitman

Richard Breitman, a professor at American University, is the author of "The Architect of Genocide: Himmler and the Final Solution," "Official Secrets: What the Germans Planned, What the British and Americans Knew" and "American Refugee Policy and European Jewry, 1933-1945." His talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Smathers Library (East) Grand Reading Room on the second floor. The talk is a prelude to the exhibit "Testimony" that will showcase primary sources that bear

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undeniable witness to the fact of the Holocaust in the Smathers Gallery on April 2 to June 14. A gallery talk will be held by the curator April 4 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

St. Baldrick's

The Freshman Leadership Council invites you to come witness 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 Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 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 shaver, 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, www.facebook.com/events/333853453392998/.

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 11 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 on 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. Check-in is

at 8:30 a.m. 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.gainesvillerollerrebels.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 health 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.

Collaborating with Strangers on BOOKS and Objects of Study Workshop

"Collaborating with Strangers" workshops are designed to connect students, post-docs, faculty and researchers on campus during three-minute speed meetings. Attendees will walk away with resources, solutions and creative ideas. The last workshop this year, "Collaborating with Strangers on BOOKS and Objects of Study," will be March 20, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Smathers Library (East), Room 1A. Learn more at www.uflib.ufl.edu. Sponsored by the George A. Smathers Libraries and the Creative Campus Catalyst Fund.

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LOCAL

Gainesville at high risk for sinkholes, experts say, but don't panic

CHAD FURST

Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville residents might be alarmed to know just how stable — or unstable — the ground they walk on is.

Anthony Randazzo, a UF professor emeritus of geological sciences and president of Geohazards — a group that evaluates areas for sinkholes — said Gainesville is at high risk when it comes to sinkhole formation. However, he said, residents

shouldn't be worried that an event like the Tampa-area Seffner sinkhole, which trapped one person Feb. 28, will happen here.

"[Gainesville is] probably ahead of Seffner in terms of the number of sinkholes, probably behind Seffner in terms of the catastrophic kind of sinkholes — the ones that swallow up a home in a matter of hours," Randazzo said.

He added sinkholes form as a result of eroding limestone near the Earth's surface. Over time, the ero-



Randazzo

sion creates cavities, which can get bigger and no longer support the weight of the ground above them.

Randazzo said the 20-foot-wide and 50- to 60-foot deep Seffner sinkhole, which swallowed and killed Jeffrey Bush, 37, while he was sleeping, is rare.

"This is only the third time in 40

years ... that I have documented a case of a fatality associated with the formation of a sinkhole," he said.

Donald Sessions, special operations chief at Gainesville Fire Rescue, said he doesn't think residents should panic because of the Seffner tragedy.

"All of Florida presents a risk just because of the land," he said. "When sinkholes open up here, it's been in rural areas."

Sessions said GFR doesn't have specific policies for sinkholes, add-

ing firefighters are still trained to handle those types of emergencies.

"It's part of our technical rescue: rope rescue, trench collapse, structural collapse," he said. "All of these things are elements that we train on and have specialty teams that respond to them."

Randazzo and Sessions both said residents should monitor their homes for signs of damage such as cracks in the walls, tilting of floor slabs or strange noises that could all be a precursor to a sinkhole.

Smoke will appear after decision

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record the votes.

If there isn't a two-thirds majority for any candidate, the slips of paper are burned, and a black smoke emerges from the Chapel's chimney, signaling there will be another vote.

Once a majority is reached, however, white smoke signals will show that a new pope was chosen.

The newly-elected pope then chooses a new name and is fitted for papal robes before addressing the world for the first

time.

Dzien said he doesn't think the next pope is likely to make too many changes. He does believe a more conservative pope will be chosen.

Jordan Kassabaum, a 21-year-old UF religion and classics senior, agreed, but thinks a non-European pope would be beneficial for the Church.

"I think doing that would be a good thing because it would show that the church really is the universal church, Catholic meaning universal, not just the European church," he said.

Gatorlink is required to use

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formation Technology spokeswoman.

"This is a one-year pilot to see if it is a valuable service for students," Gale said. "If we find that the interest is there, we will look for university funds to make it a broader project."

Students must first install the Citrix program, which is also available in the Apple apps store. A Gatorlink sign-in gives access to 28 programs. Additionally, students are able to access Webmail and Sakai.

"UFApps enables students to complete class assignments without having to purchase or troubleshoot software or having to set foot on campus," Johnston wrote.

Users can either save their work locally to a computer or on the provided M Drive File Storage, which is accessible on any computer.

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Tracy Gale

UF Information Technology spokeswoman

"Now students will be able to login in to any computer in Library West, open a browser, pull up the Apps page, all of that software will be immediately available to them," said assistant university librarian Stacey Ewing.

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CITY ELECTIONS

Gainesville City Commission candidate: Alfredo Espinosa

The 20-year-old is a junior at UF

Editor's note: This is the first part of a series that profiles candidates running for the 2013 District 4 City Commission race.

SAMANTHA SHAVELL

Alligator Staff Writer

Alfredo Espinosa may not be the obvious person to run for City Commission, but that isn't stopping him.

The 20-year-old UF building construction junior is running for the District 4 seat in the Gainesville City Commission.

"I wanted to do something different," the Venezuelan native said.

District 4 covers the main UF campus and the area behind Midtown, which includes student housing.

Espinosa, who moved to the United States when he was 6 years old, said UF's Student Body is underrepresented on the city level.

If elected, Espinosa said he wants to give district residents a voice in the commission.

"I'm here to listen and here to hear them out," he said.

Espinosa said being a student wouldn't affect the time he would dedicate to his job as a commissioner.

As a student, he said he would pick his own schedule and focus on City Commission during business hours and take classes during

other times.

Espinosa said he wants to enact a soft closing of bars at 2 a.m. and cut utility rates. In the

past year, rates went up 10 percent, which is a hardship to both students and businesses in the district, he said.

With an interest in building construction and project management, Espinosa said he wants to speak with builders and developers

to ease traffic congestion in the district.

Espinosa said he also plans to tackle the issue of homelessness. He said the city should work with situational homeless families to ensure they don't become permanently homeless.

"Our community deserves better," he said.

Espinosa's last goal is to create a pro-business-friendly environment in the district. He said Gainesville has a lot of innovation but no capital.

"We need to make Gainesville attractive to outsiders," he said.

Espinosa has lived in Gainesville since starting at UF in 2010. He said his experience as a Preview staffer last summer will help him immensely if elected.

He said he worked about 70 hours a week in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment where he worked with people of different backgrounds.

"It was my motivation to help people and give back," Espinosa said.

During that time, Espinosa met his campaign manager Ryan Garcia.

Garcia, a 22-year-old UF economics and history senior, said he was volunteering at convocation when he met Espinosa.

"He would bring a lot of energy, passion — and frankly, intelligence — to the commission," Garcia said.

Garcia said Espinosa is relatable and personable to most people.

"He's always willing to listen and hear everyone out," he said.

Contact Samantha Shavell at sshavell@alligator.org.



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UF junior Alfredo Espinosa, 20, is running for District 4 city commissioner. Espinosa is a strong advocate for a new policy that would allow bars to soft close at 2 a.m.

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Editorial

Will NYC lead the charge after all?

New York City may be the city that never sleeps, but it almost slept on something pretty important: soda legislation.

For some reason, the day before Mayor Michael Bloomberg's controversial soda ban would take effect, New York Supreme Court Justice Milton Tingling in Manhattan overruled it.

Sort of.

Back in September, the city's Board of Health approved Bloomberg's plan to limit the size of sugary soft drinks sold in restaurants, movie theaters, stadiums and arenas to no more than 16 ounces a cup.

"In October, groups representing beverage makers, restaurants and theaters filed a petition in state court, seeking to block the measure," reported Bloomberg, the news publication, not the mayor. "They called the ban 'unprecedented interference' with consumer choice."

"In anticipation of the soda ban, Bloomberg on Monday released new data tying sugary drinks to the city's fattest neighborhoods," said a CNN Money article. "The new city study showed nine of the neighborhoods with the 10 highest obesity rates were also the highest in sugary drink consumption. At the other end, the three least obese neighborhoods were also the lowest in sugary drink consumption."

We're pretty sure people should just, at the very least, try not to ruin themselves.

People are complaining that the state is attempting to take too much control over everyone's everyday lives, but, like, maybe don't drink giant sugary soft drinks.

Is that too much to ask?

"This is America," they yell. "We can do whatever we please."

"It is arbitrary and capricious because it applies to some but not all food establishments in the city, it excludes other beverages that have significantly higher concentrations of sugar sweeteners and/or calories on suspect grounds, and the loopholes inherent in the rule ... serve to gut the purpose of the rule," Tingling wrote.

What's crazy to us is the judge waited until the day before the ban was going to start to make any kind of decision on this challenge.

Like, did you forget this was coming up, dude?

Are businesses just complaining about losing customers even though this decision will make customers healthier?

And don't try to claim this ban wouldn't, at least, make small strides toward a healthier New York City. The mayor released a study that clearly illustrated what people this ban would positively affect.

"Nearly 60 percent of New York City adults and 40 percent of city schoolchildren are overweight or obese," reported the CNN Money article.

Those numbers are only slightly higher than the national average, as about 36 percent of Americans are obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's one-third of the adults in this country.

It doesn't seem like we, as an American society, can be trusted to make our own decisions when it comes to junk food.

Reader response

Today's question: Should medical marijuana become legalized in Florida?

Monday's question: Have you ever ordered Midnight Cookies?
49% YES
51% NO
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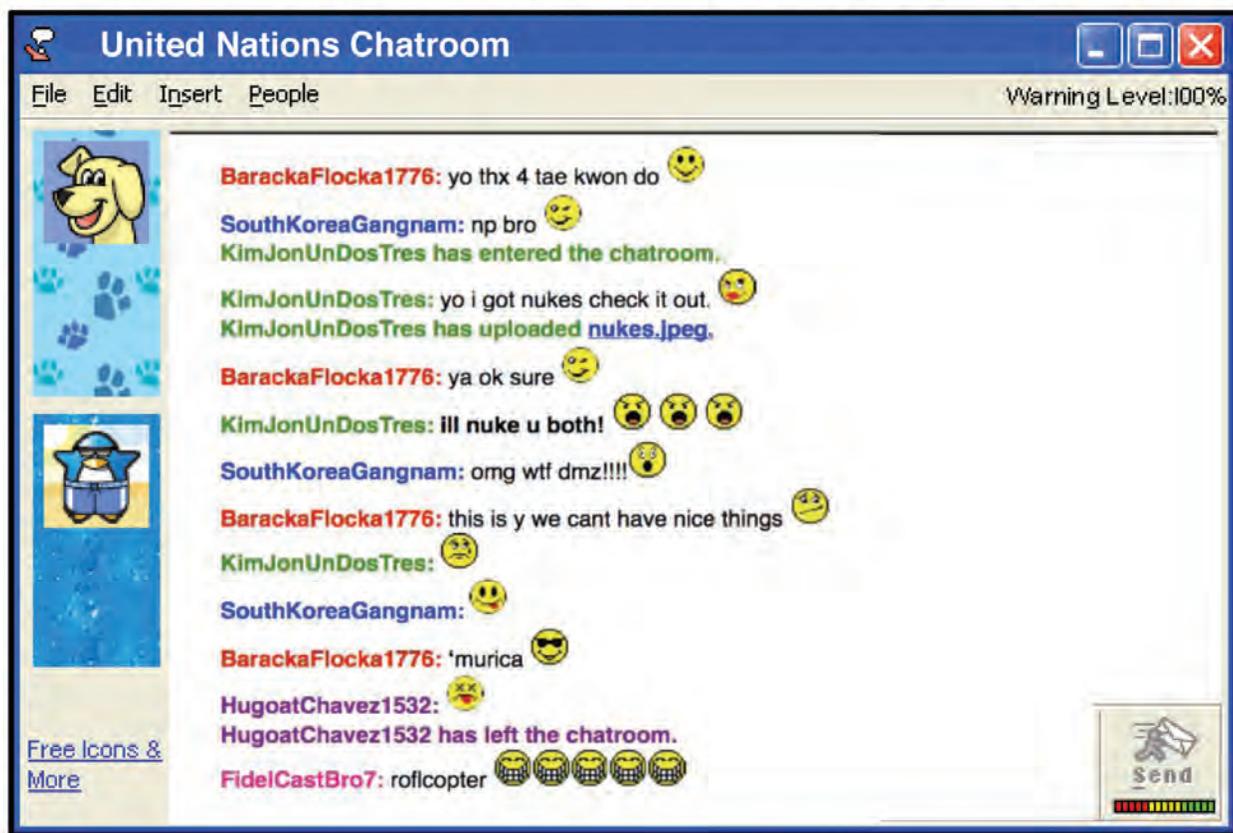
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Column

Google Glass is a case of dreams vs. reality

I know some harbinger of doom says this every single year, but I really do believe Americans will have to have a 'come-to-Jesus' moment with their technology pretty soon.

Maybe we will need public service announcements of some kind, or maybe some sort of visual reminder. I'm thinking of one of those little rubber bracelets that usually say "LIVESTRONG" or "WWJD" but instead one side says, "Is this a good idea?", and then when you flip it over the other side reads, "No, probably not."

What I'm trying to say is Google Glass is dumb. There. I said it. Woo, that's such a weight off my shoulders. Deep breaths, Flannery, deep breaths.

The idea of Google Glass itself is dumb. A hands-free device that can take and share point-of-view pictures and photos or that can use Google or Google Maps without you pressing buttons? Absolutely brilliant.

I am sure everyone at some point has thought, "Man, if only [person] could see what I am seeing right now." Now to say we have the tech to do just that is a little mind-blowing.

But like every other brilliantly innovative piece of technology that sounds terrific in theory, its real-world use will probably just disgrace its originally intended one.

When Google itself was invented, I bet the programmers dreamed of a virtual space where knowledge and experience could be freely traded across people and cultures, instead of a gateway platform for people with large amounts of free time to search for porn and videos of cats doing funny things.

Was that example blown a little out of proportion? Yes, but I was trying to make a point.

We vastly underuse the technological resources given to us. I'm not necessarily saying that is a bad thing, but believe me, a few years from now when I see someone walking around wearing Google Glass, I won't think, "Man, that person must be a highly-sophisticated multitasking individual." I will think, "That person is probably watching porn or cat videos right now. And just stepped out in front of a bus."



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The promotional videos Google has pushed out to promote Glass have all featured "regular" people using Glass as they all do wildly adventurous things like skydiving or taking trips in hot air balloons, which makes sense.

Wouldn't it be incredible to see a gymnast's routine through her eyes or to see the New Year's ball drop from the perspective of someone in Times Square?

More likely, the techy-type people who are willing to fork over \$1,500 for a "still-in-market-testing" product are probably not the people doing the skydiving or hot air balloon trips.

Google is desperately trying to appeal to the everyday consumer, and in its haste to launch a product, I think it forgot the everyday consumer lives a pretty boring life.

Looking over the promotional material and blog post hype, I thought about what I would use Glass for.

I came to the conclusion that I would use it to record and share local concerts with my friends and to look up pictures of baby hedgehogs. Which isn't all bad — who couldn't use more hedgehogs in life? — but I still don't think that would justify me dropping a grand and a half on it.

When advertisements for the next shiny thing come along, always feel free to stop and ask yourself the hard-hitting question, "Is that really the best use of my money and free time?"

Be honest with yourself because the more sophisticated the technology, the more it tends to make fools of us all.

I'm sure everyone thought when they got a Twitter, they would share their vast amounts of witty quips and wisdoms with the world instead of complaining about their jobs and taking duck-face pictures.

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

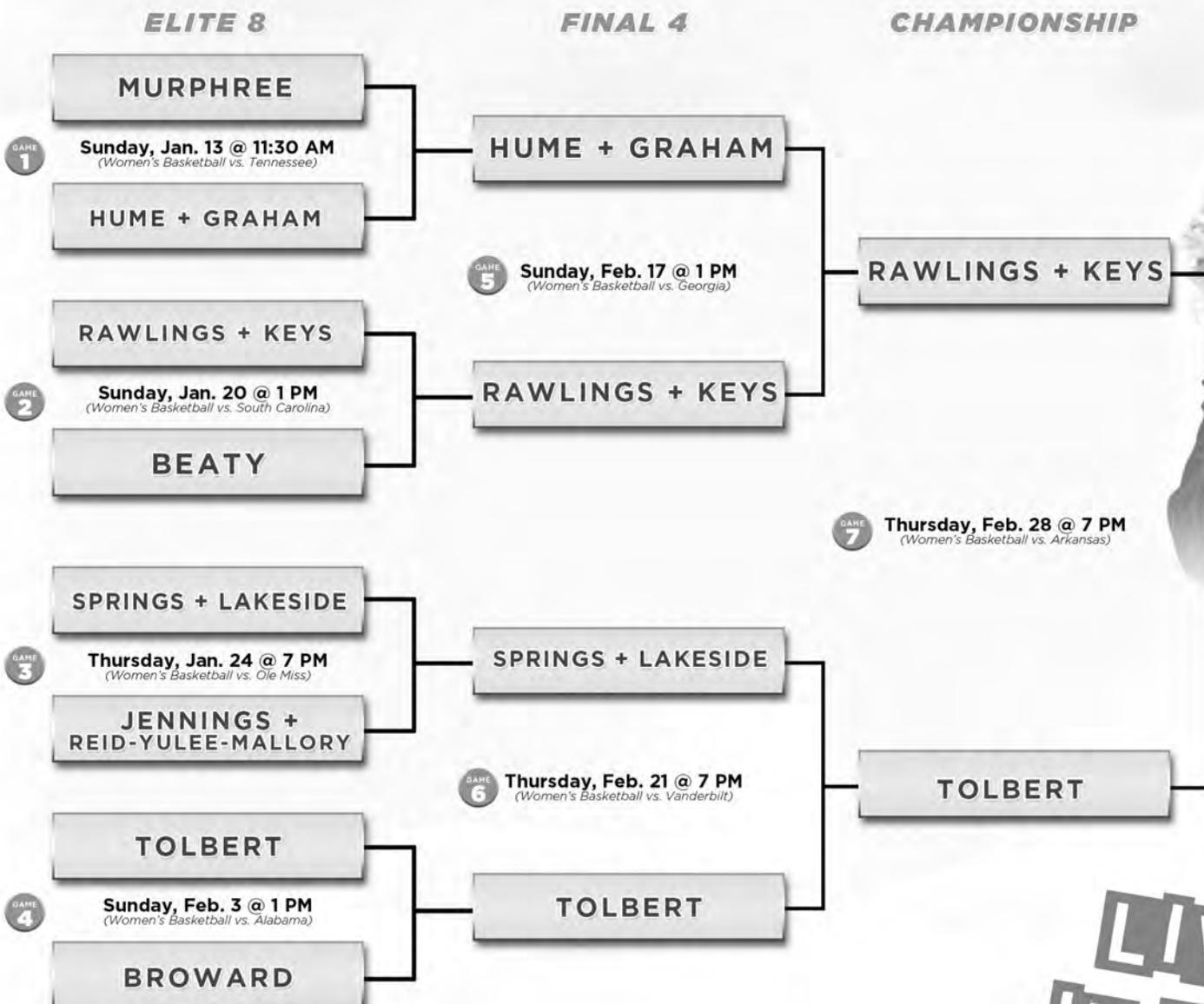
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Swiper, no swiping: Police investigate ATM skimming scheme

► DETECTIVES HAVE FOUND FOUR VICTIMS.

KATHRYN VARN
Alligator Writer

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office is looking for victims who could have been affected by an ATM skimming scheme at a Jonesville Publix last month.

On Feb. 18, ASO arrested three men for attaching a card skimming device and video camera to a Presto! ATM outside of a Publix, located at 14130 W. Newberry Road, according to an ASO news release.

So far, detectives have tracked down four victims, said ASO Detective William Beck. However, Beck used a surveillance video to identify that nine people used the ATM between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. when the hardware was attached.

In a typical card skimming scheme, criminals create a plastic mold of a card reader, whether it's on an ATM, gas pump or other card-reading device, and then place it over the existing reader, said ASO spokesman Lt. Todd Kelly.

They also attach a micro-wireless camera to the device that points down at the keypad, Kelly said.

When someone swipes a card, the fake reader sends information from the card to a computer, Kelly said. The criminals can also watch the user punch in his or her PIN via the camera.

When the men were arrested in the Jonesville ATM incident, ASO received word from

other police departments and sheriff's offices that the men matched descriptions for suspects who committed similar crimes in other counties, Kelly said.

Kelly and Beck believe the three men weren't acting alone.

"In cases like this, it generally does expand much broader," Kelly said.

The men could be just a few people in a larger organization. Kelly described it like a military operation, with a chain of command of people with different positions working toward a common goal: to obtain information and steal millions of dollars.

To avoid becoming a victim of card skimming, Kelly advised county residents to avoid ATMs and instead take out cash from a bank or through the cash-back option at a store.

However, if someone needs to use an ATM, Kelly recommends checking the card reader. If it looks different than the rest of the machine or feels hollow, don't use it, he said.

Kelly said if someone believes they were a victim of card skimming, they should contact police as well as their bank.

By doing this, detectives will be able to speed up the investigation process, he said.

"If you can go the extra step to prevent someone else from being a victim, you're doing your part in the community," he said.

If you have any information about the Jonesville Publix ATM incident or other card skimming issues throughout the county, contact Detective Beck at 352-367-4166 or Crimestoppers.

Contact Kathryn Varn at kvarn@alligator.org.



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Building for Homeless

Fred Murry, a Gainesville assistant city manager, addresses the City Commission on Monday evening. During the meeting, building a center for the homeless population was discussed. Read the story at alligator.org.



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LIFESTYLE

New dating website reaches UF

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Alligator Contributing Writer

Between work and classes, students don't always have time to sort out the sincere sweethearts from pretentious players in their departments, let alone their campuses.

But Datemyschool.com, which has been advertised around UF, is hoping to resolve this problem.

UF has about 500 students on the network, said Zachary Hayworth, director of national operations for Date My School.

The site, founded in 2010 at Columbia University, has about 209,000 users and seeks to connect students to potential boyfriends, girlfriends or just friends around their universities who they wouldn't otherwise meet.

Adriana Di Graziano, a 20-year-old UF public relations freshman and a campus ambassador for the company, said a week after the site launched, about 5 percent of Columbia's Student Body registered for the site, which prompted founders to expand to other universities.

The site's co-founder, Balazs Alexa, wrote in an email that he is excited to have UF involved in the site.

"UF is an incredibly important 'anchor' school for us in Florida, given its positive reputation and sheer size of 50,000+ students," he said.

Although other campuses regularly have

200 students sign up a week, Di Graziano said she has seen recent increases in UF numbers.

Only individuals with .edu email addresses can join the site, which includes current undergraduates, graduates and alumni.

Although users cannot search by name for privacy purposes, they can exclude individuals from viewing their information.

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Balazs Alexa
co-founder

"No one will know that you are there unless you want them to," Di Graziano said.

Although UF's activity is still growing, schools like Columbia and New York University have a combined 17,000 user base.

"My dream is to have a similar user base at UF as what we have in New York schools," Alexa said. "So if ... we would become responsible for 50+ percent of dates happening on campus — I would be happy."

UF public relations senior Saphira Lazarre said she considers this new site to be another categorical dating website.

"I am definitely a big skeptic when it comes to online dating," the 21-year-old said. "I'm an old-fashioned girl. I'd rather meet someone personally and use it in terms of networking."

Florida Senate to hear bill on medical marijuana

► THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED TO THE FLORIDA SENATE MARCH 5.

JOVAHN HUERTAS

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF student Guy Ginton may not need medical marijuana, but he supports it for people who do.

Eighteen states, plus the District of Columbia, allow the use of medical marijuana, and Florida may be next.

Florida State Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, filed the Cathy Jordan Medical Cannabis Act on Feb. 27, which would allow for the possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes in Florida.

The bill is named for Cathy Jordan, the president of the Florida Cannabis Action Network, who has Lou Gehrig's disease. Her house was raided by police, seizing the marijuana she was using to treat her condition.

"Her case really demonstrates a lot of what's going on right now," said Ginton,

21, an UF economics junior and former president of UF's chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Ginton said he feels people should have full rights to use marijuana as medicine.

"Right now, you have people who can be treated with this medicine and aren't able," he said. "It's a weird situation — in certain states you can be treated, but in others you can't."

A recent poll showed as many as seven in 10 Florida voters would support a state constitutional amendment legalizing medical marijuana. The poll, which was conducted by People United for Medical Marijuana, showed 24 percent of respondents opposed medical marijuana. The bill was introduced to the Florida Senate on March 5.

But UF anthropology sophomore Mariah Nelson, 19, said she would vote against medical marijuana.

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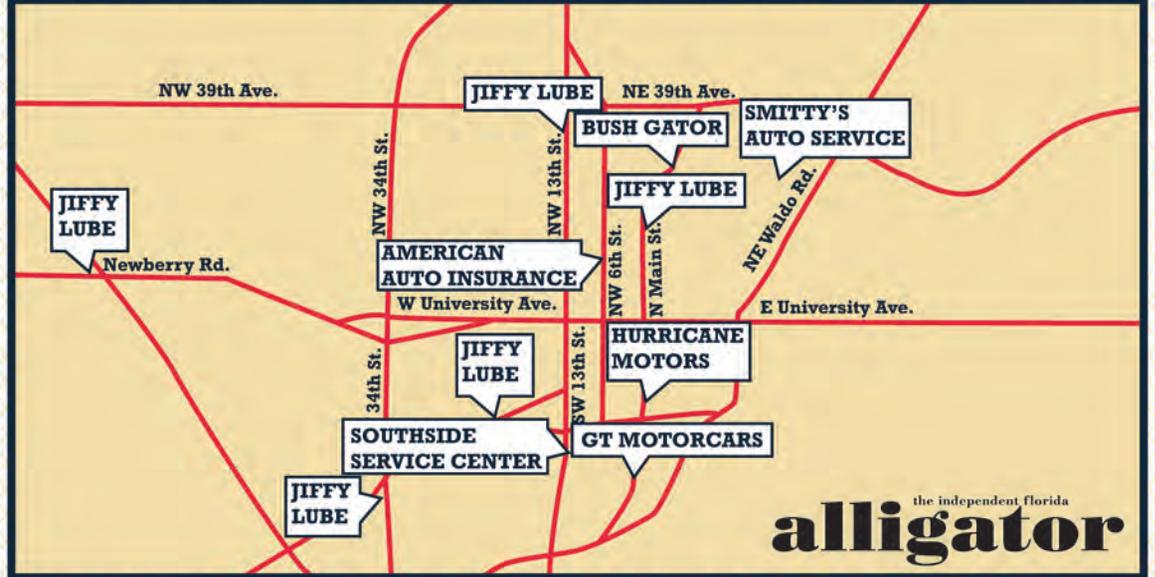
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Florida working to improve hitting, offensive approach

JOSH JURNOVOY
Alligator Staff Writer

The flashes have been there. UF has proven capable of catching fire offensively this season.

Florida scored 16 runs against Duke in its third game of the season and six runs in each of its two victories in a series win against Miami during the first weekend in March.

The Gators must rediscover that spark if they want to get another win against an in-state rival.

When Florida (8-9) hosts fifth-ranked Florida State (15-0) tonight at 7 at McKethan Stadium, it will look to find its collective stroke at the plate after losing a weekend series at home against Indiana.

"We need to swing the bat better," sophomore Justin Shafer said. "We didn't have a good weekend hitting. All of us. It happens, but we just got to get better."

In Sunday's loss, Florida's

position players were unable to work counts.

UF had 37 plate appearances, with a batter getting to a three-ball count just five times.

And when they did get favorable counts, the Gators failed to take advantage of them.

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Justin Shafer
UF pitcher/outfielder

"We got into some offensive counts," O'Sullivan said of his team's at-bats on Sunday.

"Two of the three double plays we hit into, we had offensive counts. If you get to a 2-0, 3-1 count, you got to do some damage. You can't miss those pitches."

In Friday's and Sunday's losses to Indiana, UF put together consecutive hits only twice.

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Ryan Jones / Alligator Staff

Senior Vickash Ramjit swings during Florida's 7-4 loss to Florida Gulf Coast on Feb. 24 at McKethan Stadium. Ramjit is batting .302 with two home runs and 12 RBI this season.

Ill-timed turnovers plague Gators in close losses

LANDON WATNICK
Alligator Writer

Although missing shots has hurt the Gators in late-game situations this season, coach Billy Donovan said turnovers played a bigger role in the Gators' meltdowns against Kentucky on Saturday, Missouri on Feb. 19 and Arizona on Dec. 15.

During its 61-57 loss against Kentucky in Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., No. 13 Florida relinquished a lead of at least six points in the final 10 minutes of a game for the third time this season. Late turnovers by the Gators fueled runs of 11-0 by Kentucky, 7-0 by Arizona and 12-0 by Mizzou in UF's three losses to those teams.

UF Men's Basketball "We're having a hard time taking care of the ball," forward Will Yeguete said. "We've struggled the past couple games down the stretch. I think we have to work on executing, and we'll be fine."

Donovan added: "If you look at the numbers, it's not like we're turning the ball over 20 times a game. But in some of those stretches where we've got a lead, some of those things are coming back and we're not giving ourselves a chance to shoot the basketball."

Against Kentucky, Missouri and Arizona, Florida committed just 23 combined turnovers in the first 30 minutes of play but was plagued by 17 giveaways in the final 10 minutes.

Ten of the 17 turnovers came from errant passes. Guard Mike Rosario committed six of those, while forward Erik Murphy had four.

Mistimed passes hurt UF against UK on Saturday. Four of the Gators' five

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PHILIBUSTER

Guard deserves SEC honor

The Southeastern Conference women's basketball coaches decided one Gator was worthy of representing Florida on this year's All-SEC team.

But unfortunately for those paying real attention to UF, it is obvious they chose the wrong one on March 5.

Entering the season, Jennifer George was expected to carry an inexperienced Florida squad. George was named a preseason First Team All-SEC honoree, the first UF player to garner that type of recognition since Marsha Dotson prior to the 2008-2009 season.

But injuries derailed the season of Florida's lone senior.

She never came close to matching the effectiveness she brought to the floor during her junior campaign when she essentially came out of nowhere to help lead the Gators to the NCAA Tournament.

In her place, junior guard Jaterra Bonds answered the call.

Best known as a streaky shooter and somewhat mercurial figure on the court during her first two seasons, Bonds took a leap forward this year while George took a step back.

Through 32 games, the Gainesville native leads the Gators in scoring with 12.7 points per contest to go along with 3.3 assists and 3.8 rebounds.



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Coach Amanda Butler refers to the SEC as the toughest conference in women's collegiate basketball.

Bonds responded to the added challenge of facing elite talent by improving her numbers.

She averaged 14.8 points in 18 conference matchups, though two games came during the SEC Tournament, which was held after the All-SEC teams were announced.

Unfortunately for Bonds, averaging 17.5 points in a victory against Arkansas and a loss to Tennessee did not count in the voting.

But more impressive than raw statistics is the way Bonds passes the "Eye Test." Having been to nearly every Florida home game the past two seasons, it is easy to see her development on the floor during that time.

She is no longer the shoot-first, think-second point guard she was during her first two seasons.

While some games still tend to be an emotional adventure, her teammates are

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Sophomore midfielder Nora Barry has been the UF lacrosse team's most efficient scorer in 2013. See story, page 16.

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Junior forward Will Yeguete dribbles during Florida's 66-40 victory against Vanderbilt on March 6 in the O'Connell Center.

Yeguete played 19 minutes vs. UK

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turnovers late in the second half resulted from miscommunication.

Kentucky defenders stole two of Rosario's passes in the last 10 minutes.

Two passes from Wilbekin — a dish intended for guard Kenny Boynton on the right wing and a lob pass to forward Casey Prather for a dunk — sailed out of bounds.

"The building was loud, and I called a play. Boynton thought I called something else," Donovan said. "He kind of got confused. Then when he realized what I called, he was running to get into the action when Scottie

threw it to him. So it was kind of a miscommunication, which was hard.

"Prather is open on a backdoor lob, wide open. Scottie throws a lefty pass with one hand. It goes off Prather's hands and goes out of bounds. We have to execute that, because it was open and was the right pass, but a poorly executed pass."

Yeguete feeling better: After missing six games in February due to arthroscopic surgery to remove bone chips in his right knee, Yeguete is finally seeing increased playing time.

In Florida's loss to Kentucky, Yeguete logged 19 minutes, his highest total since Jan. 30. The junior forward recorded four points, six rebounds and two assists against the Wildcats.

"This is the first time I've seen Yeguete back to close to where he was at," Donovan said after Saturday's game.

Added Yeguete: "I'm doing rehab every single day, even though we have days off. Taking care of my knee every day, after practice and before practice. So far, it's good."

Yeguete returned from injury on March 2 against Alabama, but logged only 23 combined minutes in two games prior to Saturday.

With Florida's first game of the SEC Tournament on Friday, Yeguete is preparing for the challenge of possibly playing three days in a row.

"I don't think you have any choice," Yeguete said. "Every player is going to be tired, and every player is going to be sore."

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Guard Jaterra Bonds drives to the basket during Florida's 68-57 loss to Vanderbilt on Feb. 21.

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better when she is on the floor — which is nearly always.

Bonds finished fifth in the conference in minutes per game, averaging 33.7. Nobody else on UF even averages 30 minutes per contest.

Staying on the court proved especially tough for George this season, a shame for a player nearing the end of her college career.

She missed the opening game of the season — an easy win against Fairfield — for an undisclosed reason. But an even bigger blow came against LSU on Jan. 6.

George suffered a dislocation of her right shoulder in the Gators' 77-72 win against the Tigers in the O'Connell Center.

Despite missing only one game because of the injury, she was never truly the same.

George gutted it out four days later against Mississippi State, but she was largely ineffective.

The Bulldogs held George scoreless in 17 minutes.

She then suffered a second dislocation in an 78-75 loss to Tennessee on Jan. 13 and missed Florida's 52-44 loss to South Carolina on Jan. 20.

Since then, George has been up and down.

She is certainly having a productive season. George is averaging 11.5 points and a team-best eight rebounds per contest.

There is no question she is a versatile player for the team. She also tops the Gators in blocks, steals and double-doubles.

But if the SEC is only going to honor one Gator among the league's best players, it should be Bonds.

Bonds is Florida's leader and its most important player.

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Sophomore midfielder providing efficiency, consistency for UF



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Sophomore midfielder Nora Barry runs past Stony Brook's Amber Kupres during the Gators' 16-9 win on Feb. 20 at Dizney Stadium.

MAX MATTERN

Alligator Writer

Sophomore midfielder Nora Barry may not put up gaudy numbers, but she is what coach Amanda O'Leary wants each of her players to be — consistent.

"Nora's not going to be your flashy player," O'Leary said. "She's going to be somebody that's going to do the dirty work."

The reigning American Lacrosse Conference Rookie of the Year has had a quiet yet successful season thus far.

Barry helped propel the second-ranked Gators to their ninth win of the season by scoring three goals on three shots during Florida's 14-9 win against then-No. 13 Dartmouth on Saturday. She has scored 11 goals on 14 shots this season for a team-best 78.6 shot percentage. The Gators' average as a team is less than 50 percent.

"She's going to take those opportunities that are afforded to her and make the most out of them," O'Leary said. "She's not going to

shoot to shoot. She's going to shoot to score."

Barry has recorded at least one point in the Gators' last eight matches and looks to extend that streak when Florida (9-0) takes on Lehigh (2-3, 0-1) tonight at 6:30.

She has tallied at least one point in 27 of her 31 games played in her career.

O'Leary described playing the midfield as doing the dirty work for the team. That dirty work shows up in the statistical columns as groundballs and draw controls.

Barry is tied for second on the team in groundballs with 14 and third in draw controls with 20. She was asked to step up in Saturday's game in the draw when senior Brittany Dashiell was sidelined with a concussion. Barry answered the call, collecting four draw controls to lead the team.

Barry said playing in midfield requires her to be versatile enough to grab groundballs, snag draw controls and score on offense while helping defensively as well.

The 5-foot-4 sophomore uses

her speed to help make up for her lack of size while defending.

"I use quickness to defend people who are taller," Barry said. "If I can stay in front of them, even if they are taller, they can't shoot through me, so I use quickness to my advantage."

Barry has forced opponents to turn the ball over eight times this season. She is second on the team behind senior defender Sam Farrell, who has 11 forced turnovers.

"She is small, but she is tenacious," O'Leary said. "She is strong for her size, so we have no problem putting her against teams' better players."

With a team that can go from a 10-1 run in 23 minutes against Dartmouth to a 25-minute scoreless lull in a 5-3 win against UNC, O'Leary hopes UF improves its consistency.

And that's what Barry has to offer.

"I'm not really sure where we would be without Nora," O'Leary said. "That's how critical she is to our program."

Florida State's expected starter tonight boasts a 0.64 ERA in '13

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In the third inning of Friday's 4-1 defeat, senior utility fielder Cody Dent and sophomore second baseman Casey Turgeon led off with back-to-back singles, but Florida ended the frame with no runs and the bases loaded.

The Gators had five straight batters reach base in the eighth inning of their 7-4 loss on Sunday via four singles and a walk, which led to four runs.

But the four-run comeback was not enough to climb out of a 7-0 hole against the Hoosiers.

First baseman Vickash Ramjit does not believe anything needs to change with Florida's plate approach.

The Gators' batters just have to execute.

"Just not miss pitches when we get them," Ramjit said.

"Missed a lot of pitches when we had the chance, and it went against us."

Weaver starting: O'Sullivan said on Sunday that he expects the Seminoles to start sophomore right-hander Luke Weaver tonight.

In three appearances against the Gators in 2012, Weaver struggled.

He surrendered five runs in 5.1 innings, but struck out five of the 10 batters he faced in a 6-3 UF win in Tallahassee on

April 10.

Weaver has an ERA of 0.64, allowing only one run in 14 innings this year. In his two midweek starts this season, Weaver has gone six innings in both outings while striking out 17 batters without issuing a walk.

"He's got a good arm," O'Sullivan said. "It's a rivalry game. We have to compete."

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