



Habemus Papam: Argentine is new pope

He is 76 and has one lung

ANDREW KAYS and TOVA MILLER
 Alligator Contributing Writers

After two days, white smoke from the Sistine Chapel signaled the end of the search for a new pope.

On Wednesday, members of the College of Cardinals selected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, to be the 266th pontiff and lead the Roman Catholic Church under his new name, Pope Francis I.

Thousands of people packed into

St. Peter's Square to see Pope Francis address the world for the first time.

Rebecca Drescher, a 20-year-old UF English junior who is studying abroad in Rome, said she had to act fast to make it through the sea of waving flags and umbrellas to capture pictures of the historical moment.

"It stopped raining when the pope came out," she said. "He addressed the Roman people and everyone cheered 'Francesco!' over and over. Everyone was extremely emotional and excited. It was the coolest thing, being a part of

history."

Francis is the first cardinal from the Americas to be elected pope and the first non-European to lead the church in at least 1,200 years. He succeeds Benedict XVI, the pope emeritus, who announced his resignation last month.

In Gainesville, Manuel Vasquez, professor and chairman of the UF College of Religion, said the election acted as a shift in the Catholic world.

"It's a recognition that most growth is in the south, particularly in Africa, South America and Asia," he said.

Francis is also the first pope from the Jesuit order.

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AP Photo

The Pope With Hope

Pope Francis I waves from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Wednesday. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who chose the papal name of Francis, is the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

LOCAL

Race fans flood Gainesville for Gatornationals competition

ALEX HARRIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Race enthusiasts are burning rubber to get to Gainesville this weekend for the 44th Annual NHRA Gatornationals competition.

The four-day event, which runs from today to Sunday, will be at the Autoplus Raceway at Gainesville, 11211 N. County Road 225.

Nate Cross, sales and marketing manager of Autoplus Raceway, said he expects about 100,000 spectators and 500 teams to flood the city for the competition.

Cross said drivers compete for cash prizes, which range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a race, and the honor of moving to bigger races.

Spectators can pay about \$150 in advance for a general admis-

sion pass.

Single-day passes are available at various prices.

With thousands of people descending onto the city this weekend, local hotels have filled up.

For Susan Perkins, general manager of the Hampton Inn on Southwest Archer Road, it's business as usual.

Perkins estimated that about 60 percent of her rooms were

"There was no hotel available. It was all full."

Vanessa Michaud

UM international finance and marketing sophomore

booked by Gatornationals spectators.

"It's been like this every year," she said.

However, in the race for hotel rooms this weekend, Vanessa Michaud got left in the dust.

The 20-year-old University of Miami international finance and marketing sophomore planned to visit her friend in Gainesville with her parents but faced setbacks when she tried to find a place for her family to stay.

Her parents ended up 30 miles away in Ocala.

"There was no hotel available," she said. "It was all full."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Turban Day

UF Sikh Students Association is hosting a religious awareness event from noon to 4 p.m. on Turlington Plaza. Organization members will educate UF students and the Gainesville community about the Sikh faith and the significance of turbans and will tie turbans on volunteers, so they can experience what it feels like to stand out and look different. The first 50 participants will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

Paint a Seder plate

Join UF Hillel for round two of Art for the Jewish Heart at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union basement arts and crafts room. Paint a seder plate, and pick it up just in time for Passover.

FDR and the Holocaust

American University professor Richard Breitman is the author of "The Architect of Genocide: Himmler and the Final Solution," "Official

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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. in Smathers Library (East) Grand Reading Room on the second floor.

CORRECTION

Dean Robert Jerry was misquoted in Wednesday's story about the law school's rise in U.S. News & World Report rankings. His quote should have read, "We have a ranking of 3.9 [out of 5] on how judges and lawyers think about our law school, 10th highest among public law schools nationwide, 26th highest among all law schools."

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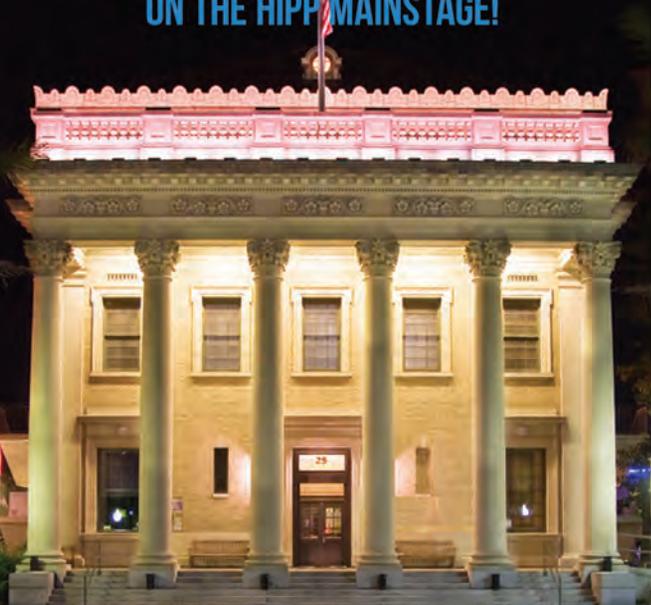
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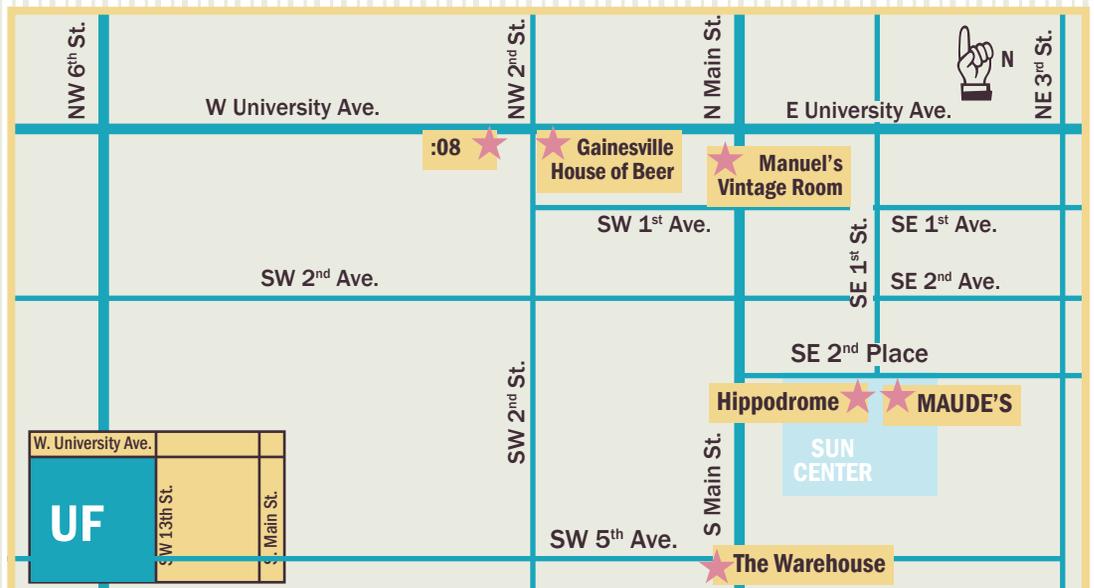
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CITY ELECTIONS

Mayoral candidate: Ed Braddy

Editor's note: This is the first part of a series that profiles candidates running in the 2013 mayoral race.

BILLY KENNEDY

Alligator Contributing Writer

Ed Braddy is a back-to-the-basics guy who thinks Gainesville needs new leadership.

Braddy, 41, is running for mayor in Tuesday's Gainesville city elections on a platform to advocate small-business growth and improve communication between the city and its residents.

"I'm very disappointed in the leadership out of City Hall," he said.

Braddy is the testing coordinator at Santa Fe College and the executive director for the American Dream Coalition, a nonprofit think tank that promotes market-oriented solutions to urban problems.

He has lived in Gainesville since 1991. After he graduated from Santa Fe College, Braddy earned a bachelor's degree in history from UF and a master's degree in American history at James Madison University.

From 2002 to 2008, Braddy served as the District 2 City Commissioner. He said his experience on the commission helped him learn how to lead and address city issues.

"You've got to go to where the people are to understand their concerns," he said.

If elected mayor, Braddy said he would work to improve public safety services and repair city infrastructure.

"You can't sit there and let them fall into disrepair," he said.

Braddy added that he would treat residents with respect during public meetings and show an interest in affordability for residents. To Braddy, the public comments section of City Commission meetings has become a "highly contested event." He wants

to fix that by giving people more time to share their ideas.

"It's not the mayor's meeting," he said. "It's the people's meeting. If people want to take four minutes or five minutes, let them talk for four minutes or five minutes."

Debbie Martinez, a former downtown business owner, said she has

known Braddy since 1998. She agrees with Braddy's goal to connect the government and residents. She supported his opposition to a city biomass contract.

"Ed Braddy is the only mayoral candidate with the good judgment on these issues," she said. "He's confident, and he's experienced."



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Mayoral candidate and former District 2 Commissioner Ed Braddy, 41, advocates public safety services and repairing roads and parks.

CAMPUS

Candidates battle, students weigh in

BILLY KENNEDY

Alligator Contributing Writer

With less than a week until Tuesday's Gainesville city election, candidates discussed local business, the soft closing of bars, utility rates and homelessness Wednesday night.

UF Student Government's Chomp the Vote agency hosted the forum in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. About 60 people attended.

Mayoral candidates Ed Braddy, Scherwin L. Henry, Pete Johnson, Donald Shepherd, Mark Venzke and incumbent Craig Lowe participated along with District 4 candidates Alfredo Espinosa, W.E. "Mac" McEachern and incumbent Randy Wells.

Espinosa said he wants to create a liaison between UF's Career Resource Center and the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce that would notify students of internship and job opportunities in the city.

Venzke, Johnson and Lowe support soft closing. McEachern said that soft closings have been done before and didn't work, but said he is "willing to listen to anything that you have to present."

Wells said utility rates have declined for typical users, but rates in other parts of Florida have dropped more. Espinosa said the city should get out of its current biomass contract. Lowe disagreed, saying that biomass is cost-effective in the long run.

Braddy said the biomass isn't environmentally friendly. "That biomass plant is going to consume 1.4 million gallons of water per day," he said.

Gators happy with result

POPE, from page 1

Despite Francis' age, Vasquez said he expects the new pope to lean toward reform.

"[The Jesuits] have a long history of being innovators in the church," Vasquez added. "And along with that comes controversy also."

Gonzalo Girado, a 22-year-old UF mechanical engineering senior and president of the Argentine Student Association, said he was proud an Argentine was selected pope.

"It shows the church is more di-

verse and how Latin American society as a whole is making a movement," he said.



Pope Francis I

Luke DeHon, a 20-year-old UF economics junior and Catholic Gators member, said he will support Pope Francis because of his views and his

alignment with church doctrine.

"[Francis] teaches what Christ taught, and he reflects a lot of what youth want, including a strong foundation," DeHon said.

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CITY ELECTIONS

Mayoral candidate: Scherwin L. Henry

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ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writer

As a former City Commissioner, Scherwin L. Henry is going back into politics to finish what he started.

"I'm going back to complete unfinished business," he said. "To provide a new perspective of leadership for the city of Gainesville."

Henry, 60, is running for mayor in Tuesday's Gainesville city elections on a platform of economic growth.

Henry said he's focused on making living more affordable by bringing more jobs and creating better access to transportation.

While Henry served as District 1 City Commissioner from 2006 to 2012, he helped build several parks, planned a new library and helped increase housing.

By the end of his second term, Henry said, he felt there was a disconnect between the city and its residents.

"Local government can't be an island of itself to accomplish goals on behalf of the city," he said. "We must be able to work together."

As a 1983 UF graduate and 38-year university employee, Henry said he wants better opportunities for UF students to find jobs after graduation.

"What we need to do is actually have Gainesville become a place where its residents feel like they have the opportunity to better their station in life," he said.

To do that, he said, the city needs to cultivate jobs and employment opportunities.

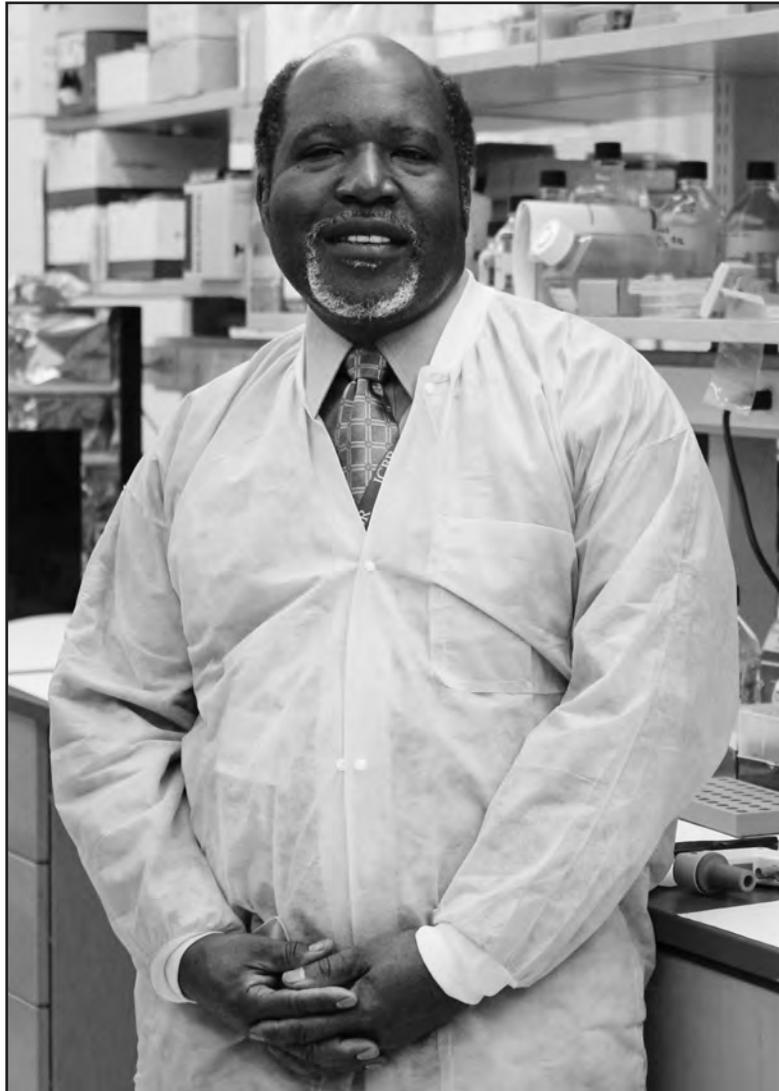
Armando Grundy, 32, has known Henry for seven years and has worked on his campaign as a volunteer since December.

Grundy said Henry has the ability to heal the fractured relationship

between the city and its residents.

"I've watched him exercise sound judgment and give the leadership this city needs," Grundy said.

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Scherwin L. Henry is running for mayor. He served as the District 1 City Commissioner from 2006 to 2012.

Student loan debt continues to rise

► IT HAS TRIPLED IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

MARY VELASQUEZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

Jessica Schulte has Bright Futures, grant money and two jobs, but she still has to take out about \$6,000 in loans each semester.

Schulte, a 22-year-old UF environmental science senior, said she has about \$25,000 in loan debt.

"I'm honestly scared to look at the real amount," she said.

Student debt has tripled in the past eight years, according to a new report from the New York Federal Reserve. The increase includes factors such as more people attending college, students taking longer to graduate and students attending graduate school.

However, Schulte said, she uses more loan money because financial aid has declined, and tuition has risen.

Within the past year the estimated cost to attend UF has increased \$760 for undergraduates, according to Student Financial Affairs.

"I remember my freshman year I would get close to \$1,200 back in grant money after my tuition and fees were paid," Schulte said. "Now, I get close to \$700 back."

Total student debt in the United States was almost \$1 trillion at the end of 2012, according to the reserve.

But for students like Schulte, there are advantages to having \$25,000 in student debt.

According to the reserve, college graduates have a lower unemployment rate, survive better during recessions and enjoy salaries almost double those of high school graduates.

"It's a double-edged sword," said UF economics professor Colin Knapp.

However, student debt isn't as big a problem at UF as it is at other universities, he said.

About two-thirds of UF students graduate with no student loan debt, according to the UF website.

Ashley Coffman, a 20-year-old UF event management sophomore, takes out loans because her mom can't afford her tuition.

"It sucks, but at the same time, I know that having a college education is most important," she said.

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Shame of the Nation: Florida's politicians are the worst

Real talk: Florida is one of the worst states. Take a drive through our great state, and describe how many smells you encounter. It's not pleasant. Not to mention, our state's government is often terrible and maybe even corrupt.

No, we're not even talking about Gov. Voldemort. We're talking about Florida's Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll.

Carroll resigned this week "amid an investigation into an alleged illegal-gambling scheme that officials said has led to charges against 57 people," according to the Los Angeles Times.

"Individuals were arrested [Tuesday] for racketeering and money laundering charges in connection with Allied Veterans of the World's illegal gambling companies," Scott's chief of staff, Adam Hollingsworth, wrote in an email to reporters, according to the LA Times.

"Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll consulted for Allied Veterans while serving as a member of the Florida House of Representatives in 2009 and 2010. She was interviewed by Florida Department of Law Enforcement officers regarding her work with the company," he said. "Lt. Gov. Carroll resigned in an effort to keep her former affiliation with the company from distracting from the administration's important work on behalf of Florida families. She made the right decision for the state and her family."

"Allied Veterans was founded in 1979 and evolved from a charitable organization that ran bingo games and held bake sales for veterans to a group suspected of widespread illegal gambling around Florida, according to an Internal Revenue Service affidavit," according to ABC News. "The IRS pronounced the charity a fraud."

Not only are you running an illegal gambling scheme, but it's also under the guise of a veterans' charity? You've gotta be kidding. It was not enough that we're the laughingstock of the nation, now we're also more despicable than we were just a week ago?

Regardless of her direct involvement with the gambling scheme, we're happy Carroll stepped down this week. She was at the center of a rumor-filled scandal this summer — a "former aide to Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll claiming that she caught her boss in a 'compromising position' with another female staffer," according to the New York Daily News.

That wasn't the problem. The problem was how Carroll responded to the accusation.

"Black women that look like me don't engage in relationships like that," Carroll said, with a laugh.

Instead of being an awesome role model, she basically only did things that didn't make anyone proud.

What do resigning lieutenant governors say in their resignation letters? Carroll's was two sentences. It was addressed to "The Honorable Rick Scott," and it read:

"Effective immediately, I hereby resign the Office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of Florida. It has been an honor to have served the State of Florida in this capacity."

Reader response

Today's question: Do you approve of the new pope?

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BY TANNER YEA



Column

Historical speculation and its place today

On Tuesday night, I, along with hundreds of other students and Gainesville residents, had the distinct privilege to hear Elie Wiesel, writer, Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor, speak at UF.

He ambled onto the stage and delivered a beautiful speech about the power of knowledge and the sin of wasting it. He talked about speaking to the Dalai Lama and meeting Oprah. During the Q-and-A session that followed his speech, he listened patiently as quivering, awestruck students asked questions about survival, the existence of God and his opinions about current global issues.

The questions, on the whole, were interesting and thought-provoking, except one.

A man on the mezzanine level of the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts approached the microphone and asked for Wiesel to weigh in on the debate about the Second Amendment in the United States.

Wiesel said that if a person needs a license to drive a car, then he or she needs a license to buy a gun.

The same man asked a follow-up question, something to this effect: Did Wiesel believe the events of the Holocaust would have been different if Germany had had an equivalent to the Second Amendment?

A murmur went through the audience, and people craned in their seats to see who would ask Wiesel, a prominent advocate against violence, a calculated question about gun control?

Wiesel, of course, answered with aplomb. He said, in his extended answer, that he doesn't believe in "ifs."

The historical-speculation argument for gun control isn't new, but as Alex Seitz-Wald, political reporter for Salon, wrote in his piece "The Hitler gun control lie," "The ancillary claim that Jews could have stopped the Holocaust with more guns doesn't make any sense at all if you think about it for more than a minute."

"Does the fact that Nazis forced Jews into horrendous ghettos indict urban planning?" Seitz-Wald wrote. "Should we eliminate all police officers because the Nazis used police officers to oppress and kill the Jews? What about public works — Hitler loved public works projects? Of course not.



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These are merely implements that can be used for good or evil, as much as gun advocates like to argue about guns themselves. If guns don't kill people, then neither does gun control cause genocide (genocidal regimes cause genocide)."

And while Wiesel was correct in his assertion that big "ifs" such as this are meaningless, I don't

believe the question he was presented came from a place of good intentions or a desire for the intelligent answer that Wiesel provided.

I believe the man in the audience was looking for a specific answer: He had an agenda.

One of the problems with the current gun-control debate is the pro-gun inclination for unfounded logic for more relaxed gun laws.

Arming teachers will not stop school shootings, pressuring women to carry guns at all times will not lower rape statistics and, unfortunately, guns would not have prevented a Holocaust during World War II.

In his article, Seitz-Wald interviewed Brown University Historian Omer Bartov, who said, "Their assertion that they need these guns to protect themselves from the government — as supposedly the Jews would have done against the Hitler regime — means not only that they are innocent of any knowledge and understanding of the past, but also that they are consciously or not imbued with the type of fascist or Bolshevik thinking that they can turn against a democratically elected government, indeed turn their guns on it, just because they don't like its policies, its ideology or the color, race and origin of its leaders."

The question of speculation at a serious discussion about philosophy and survival at a lecture given by a man who has devoted his life to what the Norwegian Nobel Committee called "practical work in the cause of peace" is simply a waste of time.

Chloe Finch is a journalism sophomore at UF. Her columns run on Thursdays.

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THE CRAFT OF QUILTING

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Avenue Contributing Writer

You might mistakenly call it a blanket, a bedspread or a cover. You might even correctly call it a quilt. For the Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild, a quilt is more than that: It's a piece of art.

Quilting refers to the technique of joining three layers of fabric with stitches or ties to make a layered type of blanket that features different designs.

"Quilting is an art just as painting is," said Jean Rosell, first president of the Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild. "It's just art using fibers and fabrics rather than paints and a brush."

Rosell is a long-time quilter who began practicing her art more than 30 years ago in a small quilt shop in Plantation.

Rosell, a retired schoolteacher, moved to Gainesville in 1996 and opened her business, RoseCreek Quilts, in 2001.

Two years later, she became one of the founding members of the guild, a group of local Gainesville quilters who share a passion for tquilting through a variety of activities.

The group took off faster than Rosell expected.

"When six initial members sat down and started the day guild 10

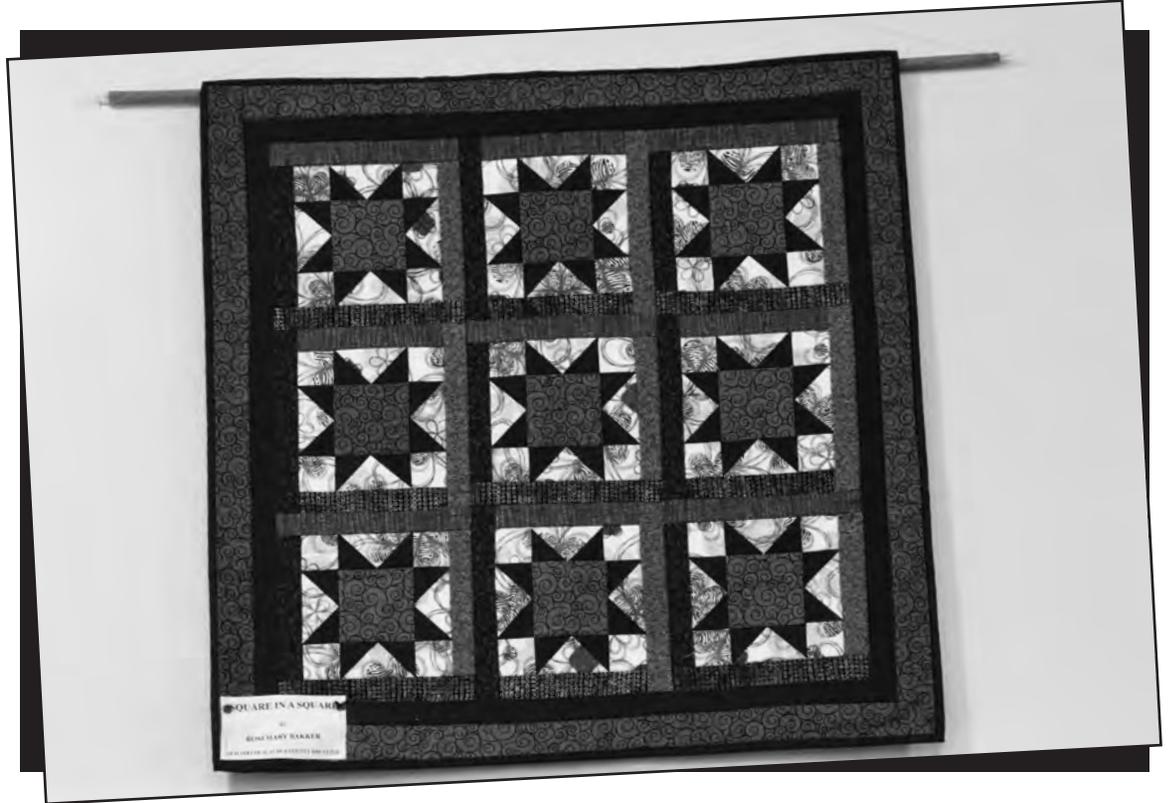
years ago, we advertised our first meeting, but we weren't sure how much interest we'd have," Rosell said. "So, we decided to set out 25 chairs, but we ended up having 65 people come to that very first meeting. We had to find more chairs."

Ten years later, the guild has grown to more than 120 members who participate in activities that range from quilting workshops and shows to community service and outreach.

Since the guild began in 2003, members have made a name for themselves in Alachua County, having donated more than 800 quilts along with tote bags, medical dolls, pillowcases and other handmade items to the Gainesville Fire Department and Alachua County Public Schools, among other organizations.

Beverly Hilton, owner of quilting and craft supply store Crafty Bev and former vice president of the guild, said it's eye-opening to see the kind of impact their service has on the community.

"A child who gets a quilt when she's just had to leave her home under some pretty traumatic conditions receives something she can hold onto. She knows someone made this for me, someone cared enough to make something that I can call my own," she said. "We love sewing together, and we have fun doing it.



Alex Yamato / Alligator

A quilt hangs on the wall of the Gainesville Tower Road Library, 3020 SW 75th St. It is part of the Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild's library display that celebrates National Quilting Month.

But I'm telling you, it really puts our activities in a different perspective."

Though members share a mis-

sion to serve the community and a common passion for quilting, the guild is made up of several different types of quilters, many of who are classified as either traditional or art quilters.

Rosell is a traditionalist — a quilter who uses blocks of fabric to make a quilt pattern, much like one would see on a bed quilt.

Hilton considers herself an art quilter. After health problems in 1999 left her unable to read lines and patterns required for traditional quilting, she transitioned into art quilting.

"There are no rules in art quilting. I still appreciate traditional quilting, but personally, I love the freedom of being able to come up with a crazy idea and convert it into fiber," Hilton said.

An art quilt's purpose is to tell a story — to communicate a concept from the quilter to the viewer, much like other art forms.

"An art quilt can literally take one evening or a couple of years. It really depends on the complexity of it. Sometimes you get stuck ... just like writer's block," Hilton said.

So what constitutes an art quilt?

"Honestly, art is in the eye of the beholder, so you'll see lots of different things," Hilton said. "There's fabric painting and manipulation or simple techniques like appliqué. ... It's simply a matter of learning the

materials and tools that are available to you, coming up with an idea and then executing it."

March is National Quilting Month, and for local Gainesville quilters, it's an opportunity to share their works of art with the community at festivals and exhibits across Florida.

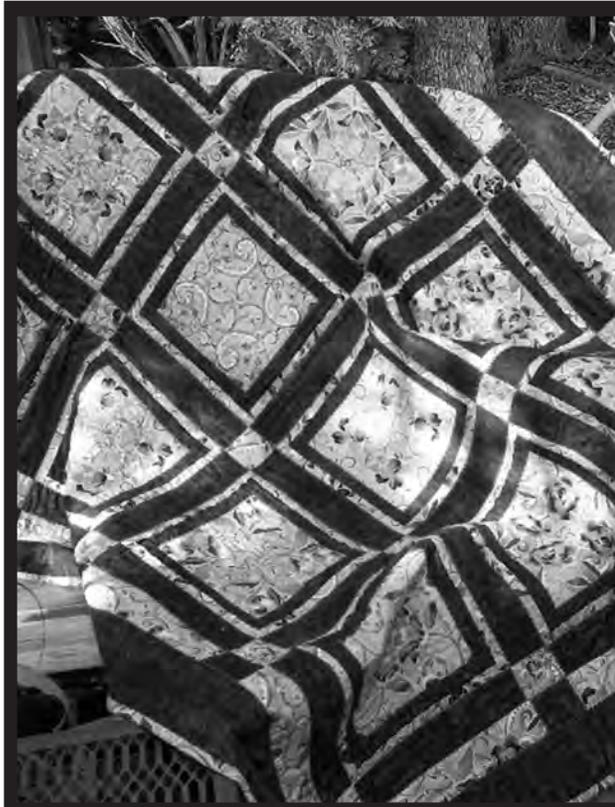
For local residents, one of those opportunities is at the Gainesville Tower Road Library through March, where members of the Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild have displayed their quilts on the library's walls.

This annual event is a favorite among library patrons and has grown popular with the community, said Librarian and Adult Programming Coordinator Carolyn Wallace.

"People are really in anticipation each year to see the new quilts and the new designs," Wallace said. "Some of the quilts are really amazing and innovative, and it's so great to see the ones that are made for their community service projects."

It's a passion for their art and serving their community that keeps these quilters' needles working.

"Oh my goodness — it becomes addictive," Rosell said. "It's kind of like an adventure. ... I'm always fascinated to see what's going to happen when I'm able to turn this fabric into something special that's also useful to someone."



Courtesy to the Alligator / Jean Rosell



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Traditional quilting (left) and art quilts (right), are practiced by members in the guild. The guild meets at 10 a.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Gainesville Senior Recreation Center.



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EMERALD CITY

Watch out for wandering hands Sunday – especially if you're not wearing green.
For emerald outfits in a pinch, head to local boutiques like Wolfgang and Gifhorse to get lucky. Whatever spirited attire you wear, avoid tacky shirts with shamrocks and leprechauns. Your outfit will scream "Kiss me, I'm stylish" on its own.



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Looking for love in the frozen-foods section

► FLORIDIANS MISS THE MOST LOVE CONNECTIONS AT WALMART, STUDY SAYS.

ANGELA SKANE
Avenue Contributing Writer

In Aisle 1, you'll find frozen pizza. In Aisle 7, Gatorade. And if you're lucky, you'll find love in Aisle 13.

Next time you consider making a late-night Walmart run in your pajamas, think again, because you could meet your next flame. A study published in Psychology Today showed that the majority of Craigslist missed connections come from America's favorite superstore.

Missed connections is a section on Craigslist in which people can describe a person they missed out on potentially connecting with. People typically write about their encounters and their surroundings in hopes of meeting the one who got away.

Florida is one of the 15 states that racks up love connections in the classy establishment Walmart. I guess these people have never been on www.peopleof-walmart.com.

Despite topping the chart statewide and nationally, the popular one-stop-shop isn't the location of many local ads.

At press time, only one Walmart post existed from the last month. (If you are a man with a "model-esque" face and curly, dark brown hair with a perfect high-fade who frequents Wally

World, someone is looking for you.)

Sift through the posts on Gainesville's Craigslist, and you will see that popular bars and restaurants, like the Atlantic and Starbucks, are full of love-struck customers with vivid memories. It almost makes you want to pause and question the situation's validity.

But then again, there are also some vague, open-ended posts, which leave you wondering if you are, in fact, the missed connection. (Blond guy wearing black shorts at the gym — that narrows it down, right? — your love awaits.)

Is something as simple as posting a stranger's description online socially acceptable now?

Thanks to our BFF, the Internet, we're naturally awkward in face-to-face situations like these, which makes approaching an attractive stranger difficult. And when that happens, we turn back to the Internet to Facebook stalk (if we, by chance, got his or her name) or to post a missed connections ad. Ah, the circle of life.

No matter where you find your next mate, this proves one important thing: Love at first sight exists.

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Mediocre Advice

This column is provided by Ariel Barnes, a 22-year-old majoring in international studies. Would you like to get some Mediocre Advice? Visit <http://mediocretheadvicegators.tumblr.com/ask>



Ariel Barnes

Dear Mediocre Advice,
How do I get the nice, innocent guy I'm sleeping with to talk dirty and be rough in the bedroom?

Dear Friend,
Some guys are capable of fulfilling your sexual needs and some just have great personalities. You two should share what you both like, and hopefully, he will be willing to try a few things you have in mind. If he's not into the same dirty things you are, you should move on to a suitor who is on par with your desires. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink — or in this case, bang the s-t out of you.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
My friend's roommate lets her boyfriend stay with her for weeks at a time, and they have sex in a shower that four other people share. Also, she moans like a goat. What should my friend do?

Dear friend,
Your friend should call her out on it. Tell her to find a new place to have sex. Shower sex is great, but not when you're sharing it with others. Plus, no matter how many people deny it, at least one of her roommates — probably all of them — pees in the shower. Where your friend's roommate has sex is not anyone's business, but when you bone in a place that four other people need to clean their bodies in, it's everyone's business.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
I'm a female and have always wanted to experiment with girls. The opportunity never came up in college, and now that I've graduated, I feel like I missed my chance. How can I find a girl to casually hook up with now?

Dear Friend,
Exploring your sexuality isn't restricted to college. Whatever chance you think you missed, you have not. Just head to a gay bar, and see how it goes. I wish you the best of luck on your adventure. Write back, and let me know how it goes. I'm serious. I want to know.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
What is the meaning of life?

Dear Friend,
The meaning of life is Phil Collins' classic party-dropper song, "In the Air Tonight."

Whitest Kids U' Know talk comedy

MIKE LLERENA
Avenue Writer

Being funny is just another day in the life of Trevor Moore.

Moore is the founder and leader of the comedy troupe Whitest Kids U' Know and a regular correspondent on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. He also co-directed, co-wrote and co-starred in the 2009 comedy film "Miss March."

The Whitest Kids U' Know concluded its fifth and final season on the Independent Film Channel in June 2011.

The troupe is on the East Coast leg of its 2013 North American tour, and will perform a comedy show at High Dive at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com.

The Avenue sat down with Moore to talk about the tour, his upcoming comedy album "Drunk Texts to Myself," (available March 26) and how life has been for WKUK since the ending of the show.

Q: What can fans expect from your Gainesville performance?

A: We used to do the show as a live show before it was a TV show. ...We do popular sketches that we've had, sketches that have done well on YouTube. We also do some deep cuts from the TV show, ones that we like that are more obscure. Then, we also



Moore

Q: Since WKUK wrapped, how has the dynamic between the guys been?

A: Our dynamic hasn't really changed a whole bunch. The biggest difference is that we all don't live in the same city. ...We all come together to do these tours. We've been in this troupe for 13 years now, so it's kind of

like riding a bicycle.

Q: Where does the inspiration for sketches come from?

A: I like a lot of social commentary stuff. I guess I have a fairly apparent disdain for authority. I guess that would be the common thread with a lot of Whitest Kids stuff and the videos I'm doing now.

Q: What was the process of arranging songs and skits on your album "Drunk Texts to Myself"?

A: "Drunk Texts to Myself" was fun because I tend to send myself drunk texts all the time — like little messages or notes. Instead of writing things on the refrigerator door, I'll just text myself when I'm drunk. But then the next day, I never understand what any of these things are. So, I just said, "I'm going to just take a bunch of them from the last six months and put them to a tune." So, those are all my actual drunk texts. Those are all real.

movies

'Sound City': rock-doc music

ALYSSA HOLCOMB
Avenue Writer

As if the rock 'n' roll documentary wasn't enough, Dave Grohl's "Sound City" players banded together to make an accompanying record the old-fashioned way.

Director and mega-rocker Grohl appears on every track, changing up his involvement in each song. He drums, he riffs, he sings — he is as much the heart and soul of this record as the Neve console that was so influential to the beginning of all of these artists' careers.

A variety of rockers are featured on the record, beginning with Rage Against the Machine's Tim Commerford on the opening track, "Time Slowing Down." It's slow to start, but the song eventually kicks in with a modern alternative feel. Segueing into Stevie Nicks' contribution, "You Can't Fix This," the mood changes decades with a '70s spirit taking over.

Other notable tracks include "From Can To Can't," which features Corey Taylor of Slipknot and Stone Sour, and "Mantra," which features Grohl, Queens of the Stone Age's Joshua Homme and Nine Inch Nails mastermind Trent Reznor. The latter is an

interesting mesh of Grohl's gravelly voice and Reznor's intricately dark, technology-infused music. This is a clear standout on the record. It starts off soft, but by the end, it builds to a great crescendo.

If one track were to sum up the experience of both the film and accompanying soundtrack, it's "Cut Me Some Slack," which features Paul McCartney.

As explained in the film, the Neve console was purchased partially because of the desire to search for the next Beatles. Grohl and fellow Nirvana member Krist Novoselic play with McCartney on the rollicking, heavy track, creating another standout song.

The Hippodrome Cinema will host a free screening of "Sound City" tonight. Check out the (admittedly awesome) documentary, and win some cool prizes courtesy of Sony Music.

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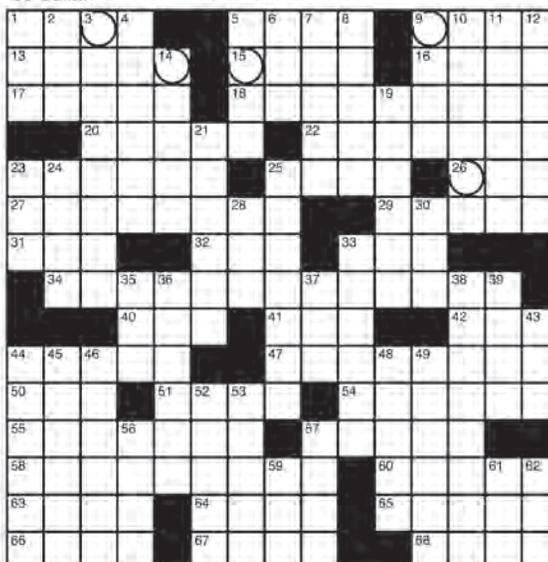
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prior to the season he would use non-conference play to solidify a starting lineup and starting rotation. While he was expected to name a weekend rotation on Wednesday, it won't be filled with guys who were overly impressive in the Gators' first 18 games. Besides Jonathon Crawford, no UF starter has lasted six innings in a game. After Crawford, the Saturday and Sunday spots will likely be filled by some combination of Jay Carmichael, Tucker Simpson and Eric Hanhold. Those guys have had impressive appearances (especially Carmichael), but none of them have shown they can successfully limit a team like Kentucky, which is hitting .307 this season. The arms just aren't there to support a lineup that is still struggling to find its collective stroke at the plate.

Adam: Age is just a number. Florida has the arms, and the upcoming series against Kentucky is a test for them. Even if they fail, the Gators can still succeed in the SEC. It's early. What Florida pitchers haven't done this season is locate pitches consistently. Keeping the ball down and throwing two of the first three pitches for strikes are ingrained in these players since tee ball. They're just slumping. They get it. As do the hitters. Give these guys a chance come conference play. This isn't something that can't be fixed. Freshman shortstop Richie Martin will provide a boost once he returns from a fractured finger. A schedule that has SEC powers Kentucky and South Carolina visiting Gainesville helps, too. Florida played two straight SEC series on the road last year. That doesn't happen once in 2013. An easier schedule, coupled a team on the cusp of "getting it," the Gators will be just fine.

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Former Gators linebacker Jon Bostic participates in a drill during Florida's Pro Day on Tuesday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

UF wants timely hits

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stranded on base.

She had a strong weekend, batting .800 against the Tigers with an on-base percentage of .900 — production that earned her SEC Player of the Week honors on Monday.

Little was 2 for 3 with runners in scoring position against Auburn.

"I just came out ready to play," Little said.

But while the sophomore battered the Tigers, the Gators' biggest bats fell silent in the final two games of the series.

Haeger, who leads Florida in home runs with seven, went 0 for 5 on Saturday and

Sunday. She saw her batting average tumble from .397 to .372.

Sophomore Bailey Castro is tied for second on the team in long balls with five, but she also struggled after Friday's outburst. She went 0 for 4 in those two games and is now hitting .246.

Despite Florida's most recent struggles, coach Tim Walton thinks the hits will come soon enough.

"It's just about getting timely hits," he said. "I don't know that we're really going to focus on that. I think it's just finding a way to get on base and do the things that we're capable of."

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Gators losing seven defensive starters

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we head into spring ball."

Replicating those results could prove challenging. Florida's defense loses seven starters from a year ago and will need to find the depth that fostered a vast improvement last season.

Juniors Sharrif Floyd, Matt Elam and Jelani Jenkins chose to forgo their senior seasons to enter the NFL draft. Seniors Omar Hunter, Lerentee McCray, Jon Bostic and Josh Evans are also gone.

The group combined for 11 interceptions and two fumble recoveries last season, as well as 367 tackles, which represented 48.4 percent of the team's total.

Durkin remains unfazed with the challenge that awaits him and his staff.

"We've got a great group of guys, great group of knowledge that has mutual respect for one another," Durkin said. "We're all in it for the same thing. We have the same goals, same expectations."

"To me, it's just a matter of facilitating things and organizing the way we're going to do it, then getting after it."

Contact Phillip Heilman at pheilman@alligator.org.



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Kelsey Stewart gets tagged out at home during Florida's 9-1 win against UNC Wilmington on Feb. 17 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

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Durkin adjusting to new role as defensive coordinator

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D.J. Durkin calls it good fortune.

As one of two holdovers from Urban Meyer's staff in 2010 — Meyer's final year at Florida — Durkin has spent the past three seasons as linebackers coach and special teams coordinator with the Gators.

But when defensive coordinator Dan Quinn left UF to take the same position with the Seattle Seahawks, coach Will Muschamp quickly promoted Durkin to fill the vacated role.

"That's the way I coach. That's my personality."

D.J. Durkin

UF defensive coordinator

"It's good timing, I guess, I don't know," Durkin said of becoming Florida's defensive coordinator. "I've always tried to keep your head down and work as hard as you can, and deal with your players honestly and deal with other coaches honestly and just be who you are."

"And it really is, it is good timing."

Durkin began his coaching ca-

reer as a graduate assistant on Meyer's Bowling Green staff in 2001. He also spent time as a defensive

assistant at Bowling Green, as well as Notre Dame and Stanford before rejoining Meyer at Florida.

He has since made a name for himself by leading the Gators' special teams, a unit that has been

largely successful under his guidance. In 2012, Florida blocked six kicks, recovered four fumbles and scored two touchdowns on special teams.

Durkin hopes to bring the mindset that made his special teams unit so successful to his defense.

"You've seen the identity of our defense, what we as a staff have wanted to build here: We want to be a tough, blue-collar team," Durkin said. "We want to play with unbelievable effort and enthusiasm in what we're doing."

"That's the way I coach. That's my personality. That's what I hope I've carried over to our special teams, and it'd be the same thing with our defense."

But Durkin has a tough act to follow. Quinn's second season as defensive coordinator helped revitalize Florida's defense.

In 2011, UF was minus-12 in turnover margin, which was 113th in the nation, and the Gators finished just 7-6. Last season, Florida finished plus-15, tied for the seventh-best margin in the nation and helping the Gators improve to 11-2.

"There's no bigger stat in football than turnover margin," Muschamp said. "That was emphasized again to our players [Monday] as



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Defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin (right) speaks to coach Will Muschamp before Florida's 33-23 loss to Louisville on Jan. 2 in the Sugar Bowl at the Superdome in New Orleans.

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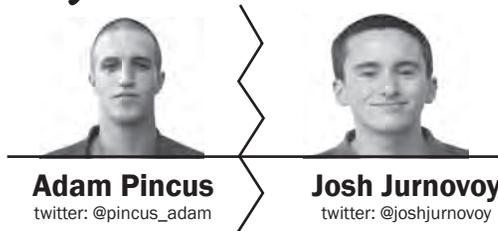
THE RALLY

How will baseball fare in SEC?

Josh: There's no shame in what happened to the Gators on Tuesday night. Florida lost to an undefeated rival in No. 5 Florida State. However, what is cause for alarm is the Gators' performance against much lesser competition. UF lost to North Florida and was swept by Florida Gulf Coast. How are the Gators supposed to turn things around playing teams from one of the nation's best conferences every weekend if they can't take care of business against the Atlantic Sun Conference?

Adam: Baseball is a funny game. There are slumps and surprises. Florida has dealt with both this season. I expect the Gators to make their sixth straight NCAA Regional appearance. Losing against UNF and Florida Gulf Coast would be a much bigger deal for Florida football. We aren't talking about pigskin here.

Florida has averaged 19.6 SEC wins per season during coach Kevin O'Sullivan's tenure. Eight teams from the SEC made the Regionals last year (Missouri and Texas A&M were still playing in the Big 12). They averaged 17 conference wins. Florida will get it together in its



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30 SEC games. Freshmen like right-hander Mike Vinson and left-hander Danny Young have improved. Speedy freshman center fielder Harrison Bader has started hitting balls on the ground.

Sometimes it takes longer for players to adjust to college baseball. Kind of how you realize girls don't have cooties anymore. Some people just take more time to figure it out (Josh).

Josh: Baseball is a funny game, but it's not as funny as you flailing with half your body over the edge of the press box in a futile attempt to catch a foul ball. I hope to see more attempts like those.

On a more serious note, O'Sullivan said

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Gators slumping in clutch

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Lauren Haeger stepped to the plate with two outs and center fielder Kirsti Merritt on second base on Saturday.

Haeger was quickly buried in a two-strike count but only needed to find a hole in the infield to score Merritt with the game-tying run given the freshman's speed.

Auburn pitcher Marcy Harper delivered a pitch, and the sophomore right-hander sent a fly ball to right field — directly into the glove of Tigers outfielder Brandi Melero to end the game.

After scoring 13 runs in the series opener against Auburn, No. 3 Florida's (25-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) offense stagnated with runners in scoring position, going 1 for 9 in the final two games of the series.

"It's always frustrating to leave

runners in scoring position," freshman catcher Taylore Fuller said. "It's part of the game. We just have to learn how to work through it. We have pressure on us to score runs, but we know it's eventually going to come."

UF Softball

The hits were nowhere to be found with runners on base Saturday and Sunday. The lone knock with a runner in scoring position came in Saturday's losing effort. Sophomore Briana Little belted a three-run home run with freshman Kelsey Stewart on second and Haeger on first.

But Little was not immune to the Gators' struggles. She failed to drive in Stewart from third earlier in the game.

However, Little was often the one

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Senior Sam Farrell leads the UF lacrosse team's defense, which ranks among the nation's best. See story, page 16.

Quotable

"When the bullets start flying, I'm glad he's in our foxhole."

Coach Will Muschamp
on UF defensive lineman Dominique Easley

Track athlete added to award watch list

Eddie Lovett was named to the Men's Post-Indoor Bowerman Watch List. He won the 60m hurdles at the NCAA Indoor Championships with a time of 7.5 seconds.

Gators peaking as postseason nears

CHUCK KINGSBURY

Alligator Writer

The spotlight is shining brightly on the Gators. Not only does Florida hold the highest scores in each event

in the NCAA, but its roster continues to improve as it reaches the end of the regular season.

Led by senior Ashanee Dickerson, who has won nine individual titles and is seventh on vault in the

nation with a 9.925 average, UF has built on its quality performances down the stretch.

"Looking at every competition we've had this year, every time we step away, no matter what the score was or who we were facing... we always step away knowing we can do better," coach Rhonda Faehn said.

The Gators' final home meet of the season proved that.

Facing No. 14 Minnesota on March 1, Florida scored 198.425 points, the highest team score in a meet since 2004.

Three of the last winners — Alabama, which has won two national titles, and UCLA — failed to top 197.875 during their championship seasons.

The Crimson Tide recorded a season-high 197.85 against the Gators in the NCAA Super Six and put together a season-best total of 197.675 in 2011.

UF has hit the 198 mark twice this season.

"Even though we had that great meet at Alabama and Minnesota, it's fun to think that we have places to improve on, which is mind-boggling to me," Jamie Shisler said. "We go into every competition knowing we can hit and knowing what we are capable of, and it's a calming feeling."

When Florida lost All-American Alaina Johnson to a lower-back injury on Jan. 25, it appeared the Gators would suffer a setback. Johnson, an all-around competitor, was instrumental in Florida's record-setting uneven bars performance against Missouri on Jan. 18, a week prior to her injury.

But instead of stumbling down the stretch, the Gators grew stronger and used three program records to top Minnesota and prove they are worthy of their No. 1 ranking this season.

"They genuinely believe that they're the best," Faehn said.



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Ashanee Dickerson performs her floor routine in Florida's 196.975-196.075 win against Kentucky on Feb. 22 in the O'Connell Center.

LACROSSE

Senior anchoring Florida's defense

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When Sam Farrell arrived at Florida, she wanted to be one of the best lacrosse players in the nation. Winning the Tewaaraton Award, considered the equivalent of the Heisman Trophy in college lacrosse, was her dream. Four years later, the senior has nearly reached her goal.

Farrell was named to the Tewaaraton Award watch list on Feb. 22 along with teammates Kitty Cullen, Brittany Dashiell and Mikey Meagher.

Farrell never thought she would be recognized nationally as a defender.

Farrell came to Florida as a midfielder. During her freshman and sophomore seasons, the coaches thought she could make a bigger impact playing the back line.

"Moving to low [defense] was one of the best things to happen to me," Farrell said.

On Tuesday night, Farrell helped the UF defense shut out Lehigh during the first half of an 18-2 win.

Since that switch, Farrell has flourished as captain of the Gators' defensive unit. She anchors the nation's sixth-best scoring defense, which allows 6.67 goals per game.

"Being a part of a great defensive unit like this one makes it easier to get noticed," Farrell said.

Farrell is one of four seniors that Florida had on the Tewaaraton Award watch list. Maryland was the only other team with that many.

"To have four young ladies represent the University is significant to our program," coach Amanda O'Leary said. "It says where we are within the country, but certainly, individual honors are great for these young ladies."

Nationally, earning recognition as a defender is difficult. Attackers and midfielders can score goals and record assists, and goalkeepers can boast a high save percentage.

Farrell leads the team with 12 forced turnovers this season and is tied for third with 14 groundballs.

Only nine of the 50 players on the list are defenders.

Nevertheless, O'Leary believes Farrell deserves recognition.

"She just goes out and works hard every single day," O'Leary said.

"Those successes are from that hard work. I think she's the best defender in the country. With her, mediocrity is not an option."

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