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Elections see increased turnout of voters on campus

About 360 students voted at the Reitz Union

KELCEE GRIFFIS
 Alligator Writer

UF student voter turnout on campus saw a slight increase during Tuesday's Gainesville city elections as compared with previous years.

On Tuesday, 363 voters, or about 6 percent of the 5,645 Alachua County registered voters who live on campus, cast ballots at the Reitz Union precinct, according to the Alachua County

Supervisor of Elections website.

In 2010, student turnout was about 2 percent.

In 2007, about 1 percent of students went to the polls.

Of the 363 votes cast at the Reitz Union, 87 left the choice for mayor blank, according to the Supervisor of Elections website.

Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter said the number who didn't vote for mayor

"I wouldn't vote ... because I don't consider this city my city."

Samantha Webster

UF music and engineering freshman

could suggest some students focused on voting in the District 4 City Commission race, which pitted incumbent Randy Wells, W.E. "Mac" McEachern and 20-year-old UF building construction junior Alfredo Espinosa for the seat.

The city as a whole received wider

participation, with about 15 percent of registered voters going to the polls.

Carpenter said the turnout is normal for city elections.

However, some students remained disengaged in the process.

Samantha Webster, a 19-year-old UF music and engineering freshman, said she wasn't interested in voting because she doesn't feel as invested in Gainesville as she does in her hometown.

"I wouldn't vote ... because I don't consider this city my city," she said.

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Twice the degree means major benefits

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Two majors might be better than one, but not all UF students are rushing to the advising office.

Students who choose to double major are more creative and have better integrative thinking skills compared to their single-major counterparts, according to a recent study from Vanderbilt University.

Steven Tepper, co-author of the study and an associate professor of sociology at Vanderbilt University, said adding a double major can enhance a student's mind.

"We did not find that [the students] were more creative to begin with based

on their own self ratings," he said. "We found that the double major provides students an opportunity to make connections and broaden their minds in ways they might not have had otherwise."

UF student Heather O'Rourke said she feels her dual major of marketing and advertising has helped her develop more dynamic thinking skills because she often brings information she learned in advertising to her marketing classes and vice versa.

"I talk about things that they have no idea about," the 22-year-old senior said about her single-major classmates.

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Rollin' for Charity

Kim Hellriegel, 20, hustles after the ball during the Health Science Student Organization wheelchair basketball tournament benefiting the Sidney Lanier School on Wednesday evening at the Santa Fe College gym.

LIFESTYLE

What should we call them: Google makes GIFs easier to search for

SOFIA RATTES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Fans of the GIF of Jennifer Lawrence tripping at the Oscars won't have to comb through countless websites to find it. Google has made it easier to search for them.

Google announced its new search filter, which was available for use Tuesday, that includes the option to search for animated Graphics Interchange Formats, according to a Google blog post.

"Having a robust search can help you find things bet-

ter, and certainly, this will help people," said UF's social media specialist Bruce Floyd.

GIFs have been around since 1987, according to the Google blog post.

Floyd said the popularity with them has recently risen because there are websites now where people can make their own animated GIFs.

The search filter is accessible when clicking "Search tools" below the image search box and then selecting "Animated" under the "Any type" drop-down menu.

Alexa Carlin, a 21-year-old UF business senior, said she

is definitely going to use the search bar to her advantage.

Carlin is the founder and president of Hello Perfect, a student-run fashion blog. She said her website will benefit from the new search tools because it will help the company with search engine optimization for the new GIFs they recently created.

"So it's really about innovating blogs and websites across the board," Carlin said. "Because Google jumped on board and is innovating and pushing it forward, it's just going to create a ripple effect with every single website."

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Students without Borders

Interested in participating in a cultural exchange program abroad? Hear from Fulbright alumni ambassadors Chase Stoudenmire, who spent one year teaching English overseas in Georgia, and Justin Dunnavant, who spent one year conducting archaeological research in Jamaica. Stoudenmire and Dunnavant will share their personal journeys through the Fulbright Program and reflect on how their experiences shaped them. The event will be from 1:55 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at UF's International Center Large Conference Room in the Hub, Room 170. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/311671555625083.

Graduate Student Council

The UF Graduate Student Council represents more than 17,000 graduate students. People interested in a position or committee should attend our elections and general body meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Turlington Hall, Room L011. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting for any graduate student to run.

Gaming for Puppies

Join fellow gamers and animal lovers at Gaming for Puppies from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm at Gator Wesley. A \$5 donation to No More Homeless Pets in Alachua County at the door gives access to eight consoles with games like Just Dance, Call of Duty and Mario Kart. There will also be door prizes sponsored by Ubisoft and a ton of popcorn. For more details, see the event "Gaming for Puppies" on Facebook.

VIVA EUROPE

How do Romanians celebrate spring? What famous puzzle was invented in Hungary? What symbol is used in Turkish jewelry to protect the wearer from harm? How do you play bocce? The answers to these, and many other questions about European culture, will be revealed at the VIVA EUROPE festival Saturday on the Bo Diddley Plaza in downtown Gainesville. Admission is free to the festival from 11 p.m. to 4 p.m. See dance performances all day and learn some steps. Sing along at the top of every hour. Buy food, buy jewelry and have an instant photo taken. Like us at www.facebook.com/vivaeurope, or call the Center for European Studies at 352-294-7142.

MindSight

MindSight will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Samuel

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P. Harn Museum of Art. The annual arts event is organized by the UF Gator Lions Club. The event showcases tactile artistic exhibits that offer participants an unconventional perspective on art that does not require sight. It is hosted for the blind community, but everyone is encouraged to attend. MindSight is free and open to the public. Check www.facebook.com/events/477557148964395 for more information.

Humanities and STEM fields

A panel and audience discussion from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday in Smathers East, Room 1A, will explore the relationships between the humanities and sciences, focusing especially on how they mutually inform and benefit each other. This event is free and open to the public. More information is available at www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar/20130325-Humanities-and-STEM.html.

Gator Allies 1.0 training

Join LGBT Affairs for a Gator Allies Training on March 29 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Graham Gallery. Gator Allies trainings further participants' understanding of heteronormativity and homophobia and how it affects everyone. The trainers seek to increase awareness and understanding of current LGBTQ issues and offer skills and resources to be an ally. To RSVP, please email lgbt@multicultural.ufl.edu. For more information, visit www.ufsa.ufl.edu/events/details/1883.

UF Holi

The Indian Students Association, Student Government Multicultural Affairs Cabinet and UF Intercultural Engagement will hold the first university-wide Festival of Colors event March 30 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Hume Field. Holi is an Indian tradition meant to celebrate the beginning of spring by throwing colored powder and celebrating diversity in unity. All people, regardless of background or identity, are invited and encouraged to attend. This year will feature an exhibition hour to learn more about the meaning behind this event, and the kickoff celebration will begin at 2 p.m. The Hare Krishnas will be serving free Krishna Food from 1 p.m.

to 3 p.m. or until it is all gone. Make sure to wear white. For more information, please go to www.festivalofcolorsufl.com.

Men's and women's choral concerts

The UF School of Music will present the Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. April 3 at the University Auditorium. The choirs are directed by Mihoko Tsutsumi and will perform works ranging from opera to traditional choir, pop and world music. The UF Symphony Orchestra and faculty soloists from the UF School of Music will also perform. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.arts.ufl.edu/news/story.aspx?ID=487.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to jglum@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

Deer bolts from car trunk

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Talk about junk in the trunk. A public safety officer checking a suspicious car parked behind a southwestern Michigan motel early Tuesday was more than a little surprised when a deer climbed out of the trunk, stumbled onto the road and bolted into nearby woods. TV stations WWMT, WZZM and WOOD report that the driver told Kalamazoo officer David Miller he hit the deer on the road — thought he had killed it — and was taking it home for his family to eat. Squad car dashboard camera footage shows Miller opening the trunk, then quickly trying to close it as he spots the deer. The animal escapes from the trunk, rear first, stumbles and rolls, then dashes off.

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LOCAL

HackerHouse students must innovate to live

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Eight students will eat, sleep and work in a downtown Gainesville mansion as part of a three-month mentoring program to promote technological innovation.

HackerHouse will give the students a chance to create anything from software to robotics under one roof to pitch to investors.

"It's going to be a life-changing event for these kids," said Augi Lye, founder of HackerHouse. "They will live, breathe what it's like to be Steve Jobs — or more like Steve Wozniak."

The summer class starts May 6.

Lye said the students, also known as cadets, will be guided by mentors including professional hacker Christian von Kleist and Student Maid founder Kristen Hadeed.

"I believe in having really strong

friendships and relationships," Hadeed said. "That is how you succeed."

Students will be guided by different mentors throughout the program, and at the end, they will get to keep what they create.

"Cadets are exposed to different phases of not just prototyping but of starting a company," Lye said.

The first two weeks of the program will consist of students creating ideas for their prototypes. After, they will finish their product and create a business plan to pitch.

The winning prototype will receive \$50,000 worth of professional services and financial prizes from local companies, Lye said.

He added that UF engineers who are accepted into the program will receive college credit. Students who are interested in applying to the program can email info@hackerhouse.info.



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In a downtown Gainesville mansion, eight students will participate in a three-month technology mentoring program known as HackerHouse. The students will work to make a prototype to win \$50,000.

UF plays host to ESOL high school students for the day

► TWENTY-EIGHT STUDENTS VISITED.

ANGELICA MARINO
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF student Laura Mutis came to the United States from Colombia 10 years ago. She was an English for Speakers of Other Languages student in high school and was unsure how she would get into college. ESOL helps students

from other countries learn and comprehend English.

Mutis, a 21-year-old economics and political science senior and founder of the ESOL Achievers Mentoring Program, said she understands the difficulties and barriers ESOL students face.

For the past three years, the ESOL Achievers Mentoring Program has worked with Gainesville High School, which is the only high school in Gainesville with an ESOL pro-

"We want to inspire them and show that they have support everywhere."

Laura Mutis

founder of the ESOL Achievers Mentoring Program

gram, Mutis said.

On Wednesday, the ESOL Achievers Mentoring Program hosted One Step Forward in the Reitz Union. At the event, 28 ESOL students received a tour and talked to one profes-

sor from its college of interest. The colleges included engineering, business, journalism and liberal arts and sciences.

"We want to inspire them and show that they have support everywhere," she said.

Louise Yariv, who teaches ESOL at Gainesville High School, said she hopes her students realized all they can do from this experience.

"The world is really open, and they can really do a lot," Yariv said.

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Applicants will be required to participate in an interview process conducted at the Reitz Union on Thursday, April 11 from 4pm to 8pm.

Additional information about the Reitz Union Board of Managers is available at: www.union.ufl.edu/AboutUs/BoardofManagers

Shakespeare, boring? Nay, 'Hamlet' will rocket the plaza

JORDAN ALBRIGHT

Alligator Contributing Writer

Spray paint, switchblades and Shakespeare.

That's how Rylee Ennis, co-director of UF's Shakespeare in the Park, describes the group's adaptation of "Hamlet," which will be performed through Sunday.

In UF's punk-rock version, Hamlet's relationship with his girlfriend, Ophelia, is based on the "toxic" relationship between punk-rock bassist Sid Vicious, of the Sex Pistols, and his girlfriend, Nancy Spungen.

The free show will be performed at 6 p.m. through Sat-

"To be, or not to be? It's not even a question. You should be at Shakespeare in the Park at the plaza this weekend."

Leah Gidwani

UF Shakespeare in the Park president

urday and at 4 p.m. Sunday on the Plaza of the Americas. If it rains, the play will move under the covering in front of Library West.

UF Shakespeare in the Park President Leah Gidwani suggested people bring blankets, snacks and friends to the performance.

Gidwani, a 21-year-old UF marketing and international business senior, said about 620 people attended last Spring.

Patrick Runfeldt, a 21-year-old UF English junior, is the co-director for the show.

This adaptation of "Hamlet" has been his pet project for about a year.

"I think seeing it on stage is one of the best ways to see it," he said. "The page doesn't compare."

Gidwani suggested people get to the performance early.

"To be, or not to be? It's not even a question," she said. "You should be at Shakespeare in the Park at the plaza this weekend."

Nike fuels UF's spirit during March Madness

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JACLYN ROSEN

Alligator Contributing Writer

How did UF respond to Nike's Fuel Your Team tournament? Students said, "Just Do It."

On Wednesday night, about 300 students sprinted, jumped, lunged and leaped in an intense one-hour workout in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center led by Nike Training Club professional trainers.

UF was the first of three universities chosen for the special workout, which is part of Nike's "Intensity #COUNTS" initiative, said Jeron Smith, brand manager for Nike basketball.

"Intensity #COUNTS brings the spirit of competition to college fans at a time when the energy around the game is at its highest," said Nike

spokesman Brian Strong.

The initiative gives fans an opportunity to pledge NikeFuel points on behalf of their school and compete with others. Users can track their activity through various Nike+ devices that calculate NikeFuel and upload it, Strong said.

"I'm here because it's a chance to generate fuel points for our team and beat Oregon," said 20-year-old UF applied physiology and kinesiology junior Goeto Dantes. "We love Nike, and we're here to represent The Gator Nation."

Kelly Hill said she thinks UF will do well in the competition.

"We're a really active campus, and it would be really easy to make the fuel count for UF," the 21-year-old UF animal biology junior said.

The competition will continue until the end of the NCAA March Madness Tournament. Track UF's progress at www.nike.com/fuelyourteam.



Sarah Jean Fickett / Alligator

UF students show their intensity at the Nike Fuel Your Team Intensity #COUNTS workout in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Wednesday night.

CRIME

Missing elderly man found by GPD, GFR

KATHRYN VARN

Alligator Staff Writer

After an eight-hour search, Gainesville Police and GFR officials found a missing 81-year-old man Wednesday morning after he walked out of his house the previous night.

Officials found Eddie Woulard, of 1312 NE 17th Ave., at about 7 a.m. Wednesday in the woods near the intersection of Northeast 23rd Avenue and Northeast Waldo Road, about a mile away from his home, said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

The incident started when Woulard's sister, Latrisha Woulard, reported Eddie Woulard missing at about 11 p.m. Tuesday, according to a GPD news release.

Because Woulard is elderly and suffers from dementia, he was considered an endangered

missing person, which GPD officers treat differently from other missing person reports, Tobias said.

Young children or those who are believed to be missing because of criminal activity are also considered endangered, he said.

During the search for Eddie Woulard, Tobias said Gainesville Police notified local businesses and other police departments about the disappearance and posted information online to residents.

A Gainesville resident called Gainesville Fire Rescue at about 7 a.m. to report that someone, who was later identified as Eddie Woulard, was in the woods trying to light a fire for warmth.

When officials arrived at the woods, they found Eddie Woulard and later drove him to his house, Tobias said.

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Manatee deaths confuse scientists

ALEX HARRIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

A rash of mysterious manatee deaths in Brevard County and surrounding areas have baffled scientists.

More than 50 manatees have been found dead, showing signs of shock and drowning, said Kevin Baxter, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. At least 25 of those deaths have occurred since early February.

The commission has done a number of tests on the affected manatees for known marine toxins, but the results have come back negative, Baxter said. Currently, scientists are collecting and testing soil, water and macroalgae samples.

So far, scientists have reported that the only common link among the manatees is their change in dietary habits, Baxter said.

"What we're seeing in common between this group of dead manatees is the ingestion of large amounts of macroalgae," he said.

Katie Tripp, a UF alumna and director of science

and conservation for the Save the Manatee Club, said the dietary change might have been related to the loss of sea grass in the area, which is a main food source. Without the sea grass, manatees have been forced to find less nutritious sources such as the macroalgae.

"It's really important for anyone out on the waterways to be looking out for odd behavior from manatees."

Katie Tripp

director of science and conservation for the Save the Manatee Club

"It's not known in the past that this was toxic to manatees," Tripp said.

A particular problem scientists face is the lack of a live specimen suffering from the strange ailment. The only manatees found have already died, Tripp said.

"It's really important for anyone out on the waterways to be looking out for odd behavior from manatees," she said. "That's our best chance of getting them help in time."

The study involved about 1,700 students

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The five-year study, which involved about 1,700 undergraduate students with double majors at nine colleges and universities, divided students into two categories: hyper-specialization majors and hypo-specialization majors. The groups represented students with majors that are similar and

students with majors that are dissimilar, respectively.

Tepper said hyper-specialization students have higher integrative thinking skills, while hypo-specialization students tend to be more creative.

"If you're taking two classes that are quite similar, it's going to be easy to make those connections," he said.

Tepper said students should refrain from just adding a major haphazardly.

Leon Franco, a 19-year-old UF accounting freshman, said he doesn't think having a single major puts him at a disadvantage.

"It all depends on the person and how involved they are," he said.

Chamber breathes new life into local animal hospital

► IT KEEPS CELLS ALIVE BY DELIVERING OXYGEN TO HURT AREAS.

ALYSSA FISHER

Alligator Contributing Writer

About 60 animals have been treated at UF's Small Animal Hospital with a hyperbaric chamber, an oxygen machine found to cure the wounds of furry friends in addition to people.

This Fall, the animal hospital became the first teaching hospital to install a veterinary hyperbaric chamber for clinical research, said UF clinical assistant professor of integrative medicine Justin Shmalberg.

The chamber is a pressurized unit that keeps cells alive by delivering oxygen to injured areas. Although it has been common in treating human patients, it has only been used for veterinary clinical patients within the last 10 years.

Shmalberg said there is not much research on the clinical conditions of pets.

He said the university accepted the donated chamber from a Florida-based manufacturing company because he believes more veterinarians are going to be using it in the

future,

"So we need to start informing [them] about what sort of outcomes we're having and do some clinical research on owned patients as compared to lab animals that may have been used in the past," Shmalberg said.

He said the chamber's high-pressure atmosphere of pure oxygen aids severe swelling. So far, there have been about 190 sessions, averaging about three sessions per animal. About 25 animals visit the hospital a year due to snake bites, a common injury the chamber has had success in relieving.

Jackie, a 1-year-old Siberian husky and standard poodle mix, was the first animal treated in UF's hyperbaric chamber for a rattlesnake bite.

Her owner, Jan Smith, of Clermont, Fla., was advised to take Jackie to UF after antivenom treatment proved unsuccessful.

"They basically saved her life," Smith said. "They used the hyperbaric chamber on her face because her head had swollen up from the bites... Now there are no scars or lasting repercussions - she's just perfect."

Shmalberg said he is confident in the hyperbaric chamber and is ready to learn more.

"I think we've seen very encouraging re-

sults in certain types of patients," he said. "We are definitely excited going forward to hopefully publish some information about

what the hyperbaric chamber can do and maybe what its limitations or side effects might be as well."



Derek A. Smith / Alligator

UF clinical assistant professor of integrative medicine Justin Shmalberg demonstrates how the hyperbaric chamber works at UF's Small Animal Hospital on March 11.

More Americans claiming no religious preference, survey shows

Three percent were atheist

LAUREN RICHARDSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

The election of a new pope has dominated recent world news, but many Americans may have little interest in the matter.

Twenty percent of Americans claimed no religious preference, according to a recently released survey, and UF associate professor David Hackett isn't surprised.

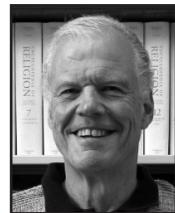
"What people are doing, with

regard to religious observances, is they're participating less in going together with other people in a congregational form of worship," said Hackett, who works for UF's department of religion.

The results were from the 2012 General Social Survey, a poll of American adults. This is the lowest American religious affiliation has been since it started to be tracked in the 1930s, according to an analysis of the survey by researchers

from Duke University and the University of California, Berkeley.

Although Hackett said he does notice a growth of secularism, he insists less people going to church doesn't mean they have no beliefs.



Hackett

"Most people, and certainly most of the University of Florida undergraduates that I encounter, say that maybe they're not religious, but they are

spiritual," Hackett said.

The survey distinguished atheists, or those who do not believe in a God, from those with no religion. Three percent of those surveyed claimed to be atheists.

About 19 percent of Americans are Protestant, 24 percent are Catholics and 1.5 percent are Jewish, according to the survey.

According to the analysis of the survey, the results showed a greater portion of men claim no religion than women. Also, 21 percent of white people claimed no religion compared with 17 percent of Af-

rican-Americans and 14 percent of Mexican-Americans. About one-third of 18- to 24-year-olds claimed no religion.

Alexandria Burry, an 18-year-old UF art freshman, said she thinks materialism and the constant bustle of today's society have a lot to do with the lack of religious affiliation.

"I think, as a culture, we are very fast-paced and more self-centered and focused on being the best that we don't rely on a god," she said. "That is becoming more and more noticeable with time."

Program offers free colonoscopy screenings for local residents

► THEY WILL BE HELD SATURDAYS.

SOFIA RATTES

Alligator Contributing Writer

As part of Colorectal Cancer Awareness month, Screen for Life will offer free colonoscopy screenings to low-income Gainesville and Alachua County residents.

The program, in partnership with UF Shands Cancer Center, Shands HealthCare, the Florida Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, seeks to prevent colorectal cancer in vulnerable populations.

Screening events will be held on the remaining Saturdays in March in Live Oak and Palatka.

Dr. Thomas George, an oncologist specializing in colon cancer and director of the gastrointestinal cancer program at the UF Shands Cancer Center, said colon cancer is widespread.

"It's the second most common cause of cancer death in the U.S.," he said. "The only cancer more likely to cause death is lung cancer."

George said colon cancer could develop if people don't eat enough fruits and vegetables, if they eat too much red meat or if they don't exercise enough. Unfortunately, it can also be caused by genetics.

"Just do it. Just quit making excuses, and do it for your family."

Michelle Wright

stage three colorectal cancer patient

"Some things you have control over, like what you eat and what you do, and some things you don't have any control over, like who your family is and who your parents are," George said.

For example, despite Michelle Wright not eating red meat, shopping at health-food stores and exercising frequently, her bad genes led to colorectal cancer.

Wright, 55, was diagnosed with stage three colorectal cancer after her first colonoscopy. She said 90 percent of people diagnosed with colon cancer are over the age of 50, and 60 percent of cases can be prevented if people get screened early.

"Just do it. Just quit making excuses, and do it for your family," Wright said.

LIFESTYLE

Manicures may be harmful

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People who continually get gel manicures could be at risk for skin cancer.

The American Academy of Dermatology warns the ultraviolet light used to seal the polish to the nail can lead to skin cancer on the hand.

Lindsey Johnson, a physician assistant at Gainesville Dermatology Aesthetic Center, wrote in an email that although there isn't any solid evidence on how much ultraviolet damage can affect the hands, she recommends people protect themselves from the lights.

Johnson, who said she receives gel manicures occasionally, uses anti-ultraviolet gloves made without fingertips specifically for gel manicures. When she doesn't have the gloves, she applies sunscreen to her hands.

"I often go to a salon that uses the safer LED light," she said.

With frequent use, the gel polish can also cause nail problems such as nail thinning, according to an American

Academy of Dermatology news release.

The release said Dr. Chris Adigun, an assistant professor of dermatology at New York University's School of Medicine, explained it is unknown whether gel manicures weaken nails because of the chemicals in the polish used or the acetone used to remove the polish.

Acetone, which breaks down the polish, dries the nails and irritates the skin around, according to the release.

"In general, any manicure left in place for an extended period of time is not a good idea because you are not seeing what is going on underneath the nail polish," she said. "As is the case with most things, moderation is the key when it comes to gel manicures."

But the risks don't concern Brantique Williams. The 21-year-old UF telecommunication junior said she's been getting manicures since she was 18 and won't stop now.

"Honestly, you hear about things giving you cancer all the time," she said. "I'm still going to go every two weeks to get my gel nails done."

Editorial

God Hates No One: Colorful protest against the WBC

It started almost a year ago. Josef Miles was 9 years old in May 2012 when he held up a sign near a group of Westboro Baptist Church protesters at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. The group's signs were full of the usual terrible messages containing awful words that only hurt people. Josef's read: "GOD HATES NO ONE."

NPR reported that as Josef considered the church's protest, he thought, "I didn't want everybody to think that Topeka has a bad image." So he "thought about it for a minute" and decided "God hates no one" was the right message. And he said he wrote it because "that is true." Fair enough.

After that story made its rounds through the media, Aaron Jackson decided to do something peaceful right in Westboro's hometown.

Jackson is "a 31-year-old community-college dropout whose other projects have included opening orphanages in India and Haiti and buying a thousand acres of endangered rain forest in Peru," according to Gawker.

It took him about six months, but after toodling around Google Maps in the area surrounding the church's location in Topeka, Jackson and some friends purchased a house nearby and painted it the color of the pride flag.

"The concept is to show that where there is hate, there is also love," said Jackson, who is also the founder of a Destin-based nonprofit purposed to "spread peace in a hurting world," reported The Destin Log.

The painted project is called "Equality House."

"The reason I haven't gotten into the gay rights activism is because, in a sense, it's almost silly — it's 2013, are we really still in this position? It just seems ludicrous," he said in a Huffington Post article. "But it is a real issue and kids are killing themselves. I've wanted to do something, and I knew when I saw that house for sale that it all came together. Everyone who knows me knows that I'm a little crazy, and there's no red tape in my charity. When I want to do something, I do it."

We definitely support this peaceful form of protesting.

"Mike McKessor of Kansas City, Mo., whom Jackson hired to paint the house, wondered if other painters were scared to take on a job that is more of a statement against a church known for its political statements," the Los Angeles Times reported.

"Every neighbor that I encountered was so happy, and everybody was smiling when they go by," McKessor told the LA Times. "It was on a busy street, and everybody slowed down and took pictures. I'm not exaggerating. Dang near every car stopped and said, 'Good job! Good job!' ... I've never had people so happy for painting a house."

This is just plain delightful. It's not even, like, offensive to anyone. If a rainbow, or multicolored, color spectrum offends you, then you need to rethink your priorities.

Westboro is hopefully losing steam and value in our society: We can't imagine they had much to begin with. But like Jackson said, this is 2013.

Let's hope they don't have a weirdly controlling homeowners association.

Reader response

Today's question: Are you double majoring?

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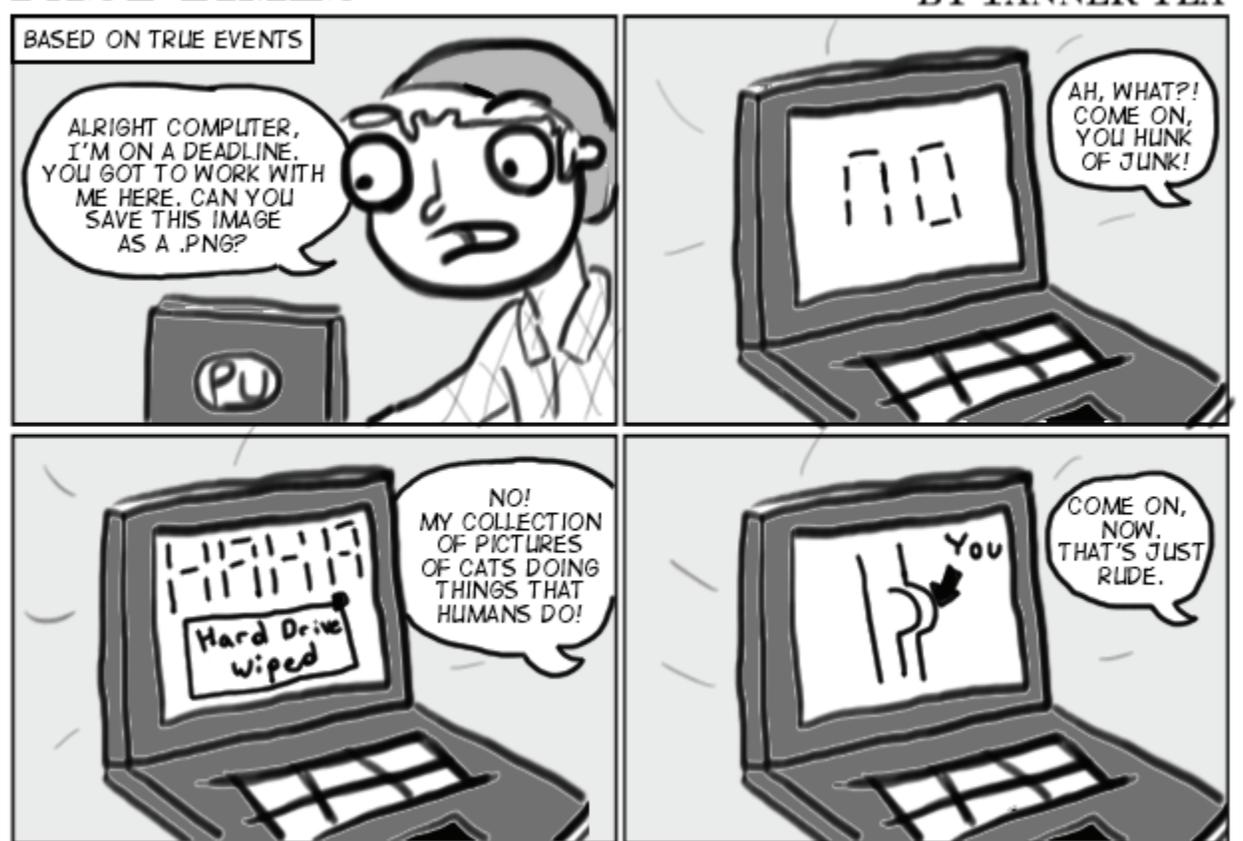
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Column

Roommate wanted: Must love humor



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It's that time of year again: Ladies can't go into a bathroom stall after three coffees or for a discreet pre-microeconomics exam cry without encountering an 8.5-by-11 sheet of printed paper advertising a summer sublet.

The roommate ads you find blend together after a while. They're all impersonal, offer the same description of the apartment's amenities and the same promise of a "quiet, respectful" roommate.

The last paragraph of the ad urges you to call or email, and as the semester draws to a close, the ads take a turn for the frantic: Renters cut the price, offer to pay utilities and sign over their firstborn child if only you could rent their room so they can go to Cabo for two months.

Unfortunately, my roommate is also leaving for the summer. Well, not really for the summer — she's skipping town.

I'm in a bit of a bind because she told me last night, so I'm searching for a person to live with for the summer and possibly indefinitely.

You probably have questions about what it would be like to live with me.

Rather than hedge the facts and rely on bland descriptions of apartment amenities, I will let you know exactly what kind of roommate I am and what I expect of you.

My home is pet-friendly, and I ask that you treat my dog, Winifred Ironwood, with the same respect you would treat a person.

Please also call her by her first name, as she is a purebred. If you have a male dog of pure breed, that would be ideal — I've been interested in breeding for a while, although I'd ask that you supply the necessary paperwork. I can't do Winifred a disservice by spoiling her bloodline. Please, no Australian Kelpies, shar-peis, shih tzus or chow chows. Their coloring would not match Winifred's, who is a Chinese crested.

If you have other pets, I ask cats be only of the outdoor variety, all rodents be spayed and all birds salmonella-free with clipped toenails.

Previous applicants have found my avid doll-collecting

off-putting, but fellow American Girl doll collectors should feel free to apply. I keep them displayed in glass cases, and my collection has grown so large over the years that the cases are floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall. I love the way I can feel all their beady, glass eyeballs on me at all times: It makes me feel safe.

I should also mention any roommate would have to vacate the premises on Wednesday evenings from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., which is when I take each of my 200-plus plastic friends out for routine cleaning and maintenance.

I don't keep any newspapers or magazines in the house, otherwise the ink gets everywhere, and the gloss irritates my eyes. Sorry! Feel free to read them on the porch, but they must be stored outside the house.

Just because we would be roommates does not mean we can't be best friends! I am currently looking for a workout buddy to spot me, as my Shake Weight sessions can get pretty out of control.

I also enjoy many fun hobbies such as amateur parkour, extreme couponing and competitive juggling.

Potential roommates should be aware they would have to undergo a rigorous application approval process.

Applicants would be provided with a comprehensive handbook for being my roommate, including my preferences on your personal hygiene habits and diet (no cooking with cumin, curry or chili powder — the smells irritate my nose and turn my stomach, which is problematic, given my abnormal hair-trigger vomit reflex).

Inquiries should be emailed to liddlekiddlez@hotmail.com or via Neomail on the Neopets website, if you have an account. I check mine quite frequently.

I look forward to meeting my new roommate and BFF!
Chloe Finch is a journalism sophomore at UF. Her column runs on Thursdays. Yes, this is a parody piece.

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

Tablet tech takeover

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As screen sizes shrink, tablets may start to outnumber laptops in UF classrooms.

The International Data Corporation predicts a surge in handheld tablet demand based on figures from 2012 sales.

After the release of the iPad mini in the Fall of 2012, most of the University of Florida Bookstore's tablets sold out, said Brian Lee, a computer manager at the bookstore.

Lee, who provides many of the technology needs for students and faculty, believes a reason for tablets' popularity is their convenience.

Generally, miniature tablets are less than 8 inches long, which is about 3 inches longer than a smartphone. About half the tablets sold this quarter had smaller screens, according to a news re-

lease by the International Data Corporation.

The bookstore offers two mini tablets: the Google Nexus 7 and the iPad mini. The basic 16GB Google tablet costs \$199, while the 16GB iPad mini costs \$329.

The International Data Corporation's Worldwide Quarterly Tablet Tracker estimates tablet shipments will be about 350 million by the end of 2017.

Jordan Fincher, a 19-year-old information systems sophomore at UF, owns an iPad mini and an iPad.

Fincher likes his iPads, but he is keeping his eye on Microsoft for his next mini tablet.

"I'm mostly looking at Microsoft because the hardware on their new Surface is spectacular, but the software is so terrible," he added, "and if Lenovo would come down on price, I might even go to them."



Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

Garden Brews

The Swamp Restaurant opened a beer garden located on the upstairs patio called The Green Gator last Thursday. Beer lovers can enjoy a brew in the garden on Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Tupelo Grill reaches beyond the regulars with new menu

► THE RESTAURANT CELEBRATED ITS ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY LAST MONTH.

MIKE LLERENA
Avenue Writer

After they took their seats at the bar and said hello to one of the owners, Rob Hatker and his father, Ed, ordered their food.

The duo have been regulars at Tupelo Grill for the last five months, typically visiting the restaurant five nights a week.



Rob usually orders the flavor-filled conch fritters and a lemon drop from the bar, while Ed favors a scotch-soaked rusty nail and any seafood on the specials menu. However, the food and drink selection is not the only thing the Hatkers value about Tupelo, 4401 NW 25th Place.

"I like the people," Rob, a 47-year-old auditor said. "The servers are top-quality. Rich hires the best people in this town."

It's been more than a year since Susan LoMonte, Richard Wenk and Ritchie Reynolds transformed the old Las Margaritas Mexican Restaurant into their own culinary endeavor.

Tupelo Grill, formerly Tupelo BBQ Bar and Grill, celebrated its first anniversary last month with a name change and the introduction of a new menu.

Ed, a 74-year-old retiree, said he thought Tupelo's recent name change was a smart move.

"I think it's a good idea because people may have thought it was only a barbecue place," Ed said, "and I think it's important that they understand it's not just a barbecue place. It's a grill and a restaurant, and they have a lot of specials."

One of the new specials is a succulent, hand-cut filet mignon topped with chimichurri sauce and served with garlic mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

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odd news

Like curly fries? Your intelligence is being questioned

BILLY JEAN LOUIS
Avenue contributing writer

Quaide Tranter's Facebook likes include his uncle's law firm and his stepdad's business.

According to a new study, his likes could reflect his intelligence.

Researchers from the University of Cambridge Psychometrics Center and Microsoft Research Cambridge analyzed more than 58,000 likes on Facebook and claimed they could determine information such as sexual orientation, political affiliation and intelligence.

Tranter, an 18-year-old UF computer engineering freshman, said his likes reflect his

support for family and friends.

"I do it to support them because more likes is better for [my family and friends' businesses]," he said.

Researchers were able to accurately differentiate between people's races 95 percent of the time, sexual preferences 88 percent of the time and religious affiliations 82 percent of the time.

The team also claimed Facebook users who like "The Colbert Report" or curly fries are more intelligent than people who do not.

Bruce Floyd, UF's social media specialist, said he is not surprised by the obvious correlations, such as a person who likes President Obama, the Democratic National Party and Democrats will probably vote for a Democrat

during an election.

However, sometimes people will like something not because it reflects who they are as a person but something they want to be informed about.

"But I question the fact that if you like curly fries, it has a direct relationship with your intelligence."

Bruce Floyd
social media specialist at UF

He said a Democrat might like a Republican page during elections so that he or she knows what the party is doing, which could skew the results.

"When the research says Facebook likes

are reflections of who you are, I mean, that is a generalization. I understand that," Floyd said. "But I question the fact that if you like curly fries, it has a direct relationship with your intelligence."

The research also claimed the page, "Being Confused After Waking Up from Naps," which has 366,000 Facebook likes, is a characteristic of heterosexual men.

Tranter, who likes about 40 pages on Facebook, agreed sexuality can be obvious on Facebook, but Facebook likes cannot fully represent someone.

"I might like a page on Facebook that supports gay marriage, but I'm not a homosexual man," he said. "You can't judge someone by their Facebook likes."



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Justin Timberlake's return: a sultry 'Experience' for listeners

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It has been seven years, four "Saturday Night Live" hosting gigs, a handful of feature films and a holy matrimony to Jessica Biel since Justin Timberlake released new music.

JT took a musical break to focus on acting after his last effort "FutureSex/LoveSounds," leaving us poor Timberfans with scant new material apart from his kooky duets with Andy Samberg on "SNL."

On his new album, "The 20/20 Experience" (apparently he has a penchant for forward-slashes), Timberlake's smooth crooning skills, again combined with producer Timbaland's funky rhythms and beats, are just as strong as they were when he brought "SexyBack."

To be honest, sexy won't need to be brought back for a while after this album — JT's kept it strong on all fronts and all tracks just like we knew he would.

For those who don't have over an hour to spare, here's the track-by-track cheat sheet:

"Pusher Love Girl"

Segueing from the sweeping orchestrated intro, this track keeps a light bounce with a thumping bass that accents JT's sweet falsetto. The song is soulful and relaxed, setting the tone for the entire album with effortless sensuality.

"Suit & Tie" featuring Jay-Z

Arguably the most pop-centric track — and the only one with a guest artist — the first single is light and bubbles into the Michael Jackson "Off the Wall" feel with which Timberlake often dallies. The song has slight traces of "Rock Your Body" (off his first album, "Justified"), which means it's a great track for not only radio but also secret car dancing.

"Don't Hold the Wall"

A sharp juxtaposition, Timbaland's tribal beats overlay Justin's deep vocal timbre throughout this song. This shows the record's, and Timberlake's, musical sensuality. He switches vocally from dark and aggressive to sweet and airy. Others may imitate, but JT proves he is king on this track.



Timberlake

"Strawberry Bubblegum"

Exiting from the intensity of the previous track, this song is much calmer. The falsetto comes back into play heavily here, relaxed above the beeping backbeats. This song, like almost all of the others, stretches past the standard three- to four-minute pop song mark — a trait seen previously on "Let Me Talk To You/My Love" from "FutureSex/LoveSounds."

"Tunnel Vision"

Fast-paced and thumping, this track is more sultry than the rest. Similar to the lyrical passion in "Don't Hold the Wall," JT professes "A million people all around, all I see is you." Violins mixed with Timbaland's hook-ridden beats give the song a more epic feel.

"Spaceship Coupe"

Sweet and sexy, this track has harmonized "oohs" that make Timberlake's high pitch more pronounced. The song could come straight from a '70s R&B record if not for the slow, synthesized backbeats.

"That Girl"

After a faux intro to the "JT and the Tennessee Kids" big band of sorts, they launch into a horn-ridden, bass-driven slow jam. This one goes alongside the album's opener in terms of soul — so much so that you can practically see the band swaying with shoulders bouncing in the back.

"Let the Groove Get In"

With a surprising Latin flair, this song is a straight-up dance track. Some aspects are likened to "Right For Me" from "Justified," but this one is less hip-hop and more dance-floor.

"Mirrors"

Another radio-friendly track, the sweeping feel of this song is more pronounced with just the right mix of strings and synths. The harmonies are intricate enough to add depth to JT's varying pitch, which is also just right.

This is arguably my favorite track on the record. It takes all of the aspects of his musicality and combines them in perfect balance.

"Blue Ocean Floor"

A somber exit, Timberlake is slow to sing but just as passionate. The solemnity doesn't trail off the record, instead it opts for a rounded-out ending. In true JT fashion, it just works. The mix of what could be contrasting elements melds together for a last track that closes out the album's smooth, sultry circle.

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Mediocre Advice

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Ariel Barnes

Dear Mediocre Advice,
I was spooning with my boyfriend the other night. I was the little spoon, and I really needed to fart. What is the protocol for dealing with a situation like that?

Dear Friend,
Hold it in and never let go. You could just roll over, break wind and then roll back, but it can be a real pain to get out and then back in that comfy spooning position. Also, that may end up looking suspicious. Spooning means trust. Letting one rip as the little spoon would be a violation of that trust. You cannot fart on him, even if it's silent or it doesn't smell. Suck it up and clench those cheeks.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
A really beautiful married man is mentoring me at work, and he is only a few years older than I am. Sometimes, he flirts with me, but I would never want to do anything that could potentially wreck his marriage and make his wife upset. What is your opinion on being the other woman?

Dear Friend,
It is not worth it. At first, the adventurous and scandalous thought of it is too enticing to pass up. That feeling is like a high, and it gets better the more secrets you keep. The catch is, things like that are not supposed to last. One of two things could happen. This feeling fades, and eventually, either you or the married man will begin to realize what you're doing is not something you want on your conscience. It could also go the other way, meaning one of you will become too attached, and the other will need to take action to end the fling. You could destroy a couple's entire future. Even if that destruction is inevitable, it isn't another woman's place to be the catalyst.

Dear Mediocre Advice,
One of my best friends is marrying a guy who isn't good for her. By not good, I mean he doesn't have a job, he has a previous gambling problem and is in severe debt. He wants her to move to Minneapolis for a job that doesn't pay. Is there anything I can say to keep her from making a huge mistake? I've already pointed out all these red flags, and it has not changed her mind.

Dear Friend,
This is something she may have to learn on her own. You can tell her all the horrible scenarios you think will come from this, but if she truly believes she will be happy living with this guy, she'll have to find out the hard way. Keep bugging her, and let her know you're trying to change her mind because you care about her and think she deserves better.

The menu has 28 new items

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LoMonte, co-owner, said Tupelo Grill changed its name to better reflect its menu's scope.

"We really wanted to express our style of cooking that we've developed over the years," co-owner Wenk said. "There's a lot of stuff that comes from backyard cookouts."

The restaurant's new menu contains all of the previous items as well as 28 additions. LoMonte said the new menu includes more grilled food, salads, soups and vegetarian meals. She also said the menu used for the first year had about 60 percent of the originally intended items.

Wenk has been cooking in Gainesville for 22 years. At 42 years old, he has worked at and managed local restaurant staples like Leonardo's 706, Ichiban Sushi and the now-closed Ristorante Deneno.

Wenk's wife, LoMonte, has worked with her husband for the last 14 years. LoMonte, 46, also teaches 10th-grade English at Gainesville High School.

After years of shared experience at restaurants, Wenk, LoMonte and Reynolds opened Tupelo.

Reynolds, 44, is Tupelo's head chef. Having lived and sampled food in London, the Middle East and the South Pacific, he incor-

porates an eclectic mix of influences into the restaurant's menu. LoMonte said Reynolds has been cooking with Wenk for 22 years.

When Las Margaritas closed its doors, LoMonte saw an opportunity. The trio had found a home that seemed right for them.

Badger Moring Jr., an accountant and UF alumnus, has been eating at Tupelo twice a week since it opened. Moring, 32, said some of his friends used to work at Tupelo, one of whom still bartends.

"I like the food because it's things you can't get anywhere else. Where can you get shrimp and grits anywhere else in town?" Moring said. "The way they make the New York strip is unlike anything I've ever had before. I really like the uniqueness of the food, and the fact that I have friends working here doesn't hurt."

Like Ron, Moring espouses the quality of Tupelo's conch fritters. His usual: sweet tea and shrimp and grits with Gouda cheese. He can also be seen stopping by Sunday brunch for a bloody mary or two.

LoMonte said while running the restaurant requires a lot of hard work, it is also very rewarding.

"There's a certain satisfaction in making things for people," Wenk said. "It's satisfying to give someone something that makes them feel better."

Disney: recreate these films

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Timeless Disney tales were likely staples of your youth: on VHS, in books and the theme of your birthday party.

Disney aims to bring these classics back into your life with a modern twist: live action. "Beauty and the Beast" is next in line for a recreation, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Bringing childhood memories back to life leads to box-office success, such as with Disney's "Oz the Great and Powerful," which led box offices for a second weekend with \$42.2 million, according to the Los Angeles Times.

With live-action recreations of animated favorites becoming more common, here are five films we think should take on a modern look.

"The Little Mermaid"

Talking fish and a movie set under the sea would be stunning on-screen with today's movie magic. And besides, who doesn't love mermaids?

"Aladdin"

This would make for a great 3-D

movie. Just think about that magic carpet ride: epic. A modern spin-off of this would make for some amusing up-to-date wishes from the Genie.

"Pocahontas"

A live-action version of this classic would bring about a setting other than the usual city scene we're so used to these days. With computer-generated imagery, the colors of the wind would really resonate with an older audience.

"Pinocchio"

Minus being locked in a cage, this recreation about morals could be a moving piece. A modern plot on this would not be difficult to come about.

"Mulan"

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Notebook: UF may turn to senior forward in clutch

LONDON WATNICK
Alligator Writer

In its 66-63 loss to Ole Miss in the Southeastern Conference Tournament final on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn., Florida bucked a trend.

For the first time this season in a clutch situation, the Gators went inside.

Before Sunday, Florida was 0 of 2 from the field in the final 30 seconds of a game when trailing by one or two points this year. Both misses were long-range shots by guard Kenny Boynton. The first was against Missouri on Feb. 19 when behind 61-60 with 9 seconds left. The second came against Kentucky on March 9 trailing 59-57 with 15 seconds remaining.

But against the Rebels, forward Erik Murphy got the late touch as the Gators trailed 65-63 with 22 seconds left.

"If that happens again, I have to try to make the play again whether it's for me or one of my teammates."

Erik Murphy
UF forward

"I thought that was our best option to either get a good post move, or a jump hook, or maybe an inside pivot jump shot or get fouled," coach Billy Donovan said. "Giving [Murphy] the opportunity to do that I thought gave us the best chance to tie the game."

On the play, guard Mike Rosario fed the ball to Murphy, who posted up against Ole Miss forward Murphy Holloway on the left block. Murphy maneuvered his way into the paint and released a right-handed hook shot, but the attempt clanked off the right side of the rim as Holloway pulled down the rebound with 8.6 seconds left.

"I wanted to get some action toward the basket," coach Billy Donovan said. "I just felt like in that situation, Erik is a really good free-throw shooter. He's probably our most consistent guy down inside. He got it in there, and he got a shot that he's capable of making that he didn't make."

Although Murphy came up short in the clutch against Ole Miss, he said he would be comfortable being the go-to guy late in a tight NCAA Tournament matchup.

"If that happens again, I have to try to make the play again whether it's for me or one of my teammates," Murphy said. "I want to be in that situation, and it's something I've accepted."

Frazier providing boost: In his sixth game back from a concussion, guard Michael Frazier was nearly automatic from behind the arc early against the Rebels on Sunday.

Frazier scored all nine of his points in the first 9 minutes on 3-of-4 shooting from three-point range. At the 11:12 mark in the first period, Frazier had half of UF's points and had outscored Ole Miss 9-6.

"The reason we had a 12-point lead going into halftime was because of him," Donovan said.

During Florida's 80-58 quarterfinal win against LSU on Friday, Frazier notched 11 points on 3-of-5 shooting — his highest scoring effort since Feb. 16. The freshman also grabbed five rebounds.

But in UF's 61-51 semifinal win against Alabama on Saturday, Frazier went scoreless, finishing 0 of 3 from the field.

Still, Donovan might consider going to Frazier late in games.

"He's more of a guy that's a receiver," Donovan said. "He's not a guy that can go create a shot. Someone has to go and get one to him. I have no problem with Mike Frazier shooting the ball at the end of the game."

Yeguete progressing: Despite shooting poorly throughout the SEC Tournament, forward Will Yeguete was active on the boards.

Yeguete played 58 minutes and averaged four points on a combined 3-of-11 shooting. The junior also grabbed 4.3 rebounds per game.

In UF's win against Alabama, he scored six points and pulled down six rebounds.

Yeguete has played six games since undergoing arthroscopic surgery to remove bone

chips in his right knee on Feb. 8. He missed six games with the injury.

Yeguete had no complications with his right knee during three straight days of com-

petition.

Since returning to the lineup, Yeguete has averaged 3.3 points and four rebounds in 16.7 minutes per game.



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Senior forward Erik Murphy prepares to take a shot during Florida's 83-52 win against Missouri on Jan. 19 in the O'Connell Center.

END OF GREGULATION

Florida's volatility will limit success in Big Dance

As people across the nation fill out their brackets, no team is causing more crossouts, rewrites and do-overs than Florida.

Without question, the Gators are the most interesting team in the 2013 field.

Florida has led the nation in efficiency for much of the year, usually by a pretty wide margin.

Most analysts who employ a progressive, stats-based approach love Florida. The model used by statistician Ken Pomeroy gives the Gators a 21 percent chance of winning the tournament, higher than anyone else in the field.

Analysts who approach the tournament more traditionally — I think that's the nicest way I can say that — point to Florida's 0-6 record in games decided by single digits as a sign that the Gators aren't clutch and will fold under pressure.

Thus, some in the Twittersphere have tried to frame Florida



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as a test case in the battle of Numbers People versus Traditionalists.

This is a flawed approach for a number of reasons, and I don't think either side is 100 percent right. The Gators are plenty clutch and plenty efficient, but their volatility will ultimately hold them back.

As I've written before, "clutch" isn't real. Yes, it's possible to tense up in big moments. To shy away from the limelight. To be so scared of failure that making a winning play is nearly impossible. The Gators don't have that problem, as Billy Donovan has said all season long.

Each close loss, especially lately, has come down to Florida missing makeable shots. In Sunday's 66-63 loss to Ole Miss, bad officiating, missed free throws and missed open threes

were the biggest factors. That's called bad luck.

Turning the ball over late could be a sign of a team crumbling under pressure, but UF turned the ball over just once in the final 11 minutes against Ole Miss.

As Donovan said, this whole clutch thing is people trying "to create drama around a situation that isn't necessarily true."

Florida beat Alabama by 10 on Saturday. If the Crimson Tide had hit a meaningless three at the buzzer, you'd be reading about how the Gators proved they could win a close game. The perception of this team would be entirely different based on absolutely nothing.

The stats community is with me on this. They understand that consistently outscoring your opponent by a wide margin is good.

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Bailey Castro homered in Florida's 11-0 win against USC Upstate on Tuesday night. *Read the story online at alligatorSports.org.*

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Gators in the NBA

Atlanta Hawks center Al Horford scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in a 98-90 win against the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Florida begins WNIT play tonight against Florida International



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Junior guard Jattera Bonds shoots during Florida's 69-58 win against Arkansas on Feb. 28 in the O'Connell Center. Bonds is averaging 12.7 points per game.

PHIL HEILMAN
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida will not be facing Meighan Simmons tonight in the first round of the WNIT, but the Gators are preparing as if they are.

Simmons, Tennessee's dynamic junior guard, leads the Southeastern Conference in scoring with 17.5 points per game, including a 27-point outburst during a 78-75 overtime victory against Florida on Jan. 13.

Coach Amanda Butler has used UF's two matchups with Simmons to build a frame of reference for Florida International's Jerica Coley, who the Gators (18-14) will have the task of limiting.

"[FIU guard Jerica Coley] just is exceptional. Has a great pull-up game, a great game off the dribble that is not as prevalent in the women's game and that mid-range game. She has all of it. She is very complete."

Amanda Butler
UF coach

Coley, also a junior guard, leads the nation in scoring with a school-record 25.9 points per game.

Curbing her offensive output will be critical for UF to beat FIU tonight at 7 at U.S. Century Bank Arena in Miami.

"[Coley] is very efficient. Simmons is a great comparison," Butler said.

"The young man for Ole Miss, Marshall (Henderson), she's that type of player. She does take a lot of shots and has the ball in her hands a lot, but she doesn't take a lot of bad shots, she doesn't force a lot of shots, and she really shoots a pretty decent percentage for as many shots as she takes."

Senior Jennifer George is the only holdover from Florida's most recent meeting with Florida International, a 71-60 victory on Nov. 29, 2009.

Because of the unfamiliarity that exists having not played FIU (19-12) in more than three years, Butler utilizes UF's experience playing

against other top guards, such as Simmons, to develop a scouting report.

"It gives them an idea to attach to because that's one of the things that is unique about postseason," Butler said.

"We come off of a season where we have so much familiarity, and we know each other by first name and tendencies, (and therefore) we hardly need a personnel scouting report to somebody that is completely foreign."

Coley, a two-time Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, is FIU's only double-figures scorer and is responsible for 42.4 percent of its offense this season.

She shoots 43.4 percent from the floor while logging 39.5 minutes per game.

"She just is exceptional," Butler said.

"She has a great pull-up game, a great game off the dribble that is not as prevalent in the women's game and that mid-range game. She has all of it. She is very complete."

Butler said junior guard Jattera Bonds, Florida's strongest on-ball defender, will be tasked with slowing Coley as much as possible.

Although there is not much familiarity between the two teams, Bonds remembers Coley from facing her when the two grew up playing basketball in Florida.

"The only thing I know is they have the No. 1 scorer in the country," Bonds said of FIU.

"She averages 25.9 points to be exact. ... I played against her in AAU. I know who she is."

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Postseason appearances under coach Amanda Butler at Florida

2007-2008: WNIT
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The Gators are the only team to rank in the top five in both offensive and defensive efficiency. In fact, they're the only team that even ranks in the top 10 in both.

In the past 10 years, only 10 teams have finished the year ranked in the top five in both categories. Five of them won the national championship. Another two were knocked out of the tournament by other teams that ranked in the top five in both categories. So only three of the 10 have lost an NCAA Tournament game to someone outside that

group.

That some consider UF the favorite is no wonder.

When they're hitting threes, the Gators look and feel like the best team in the country. When they aren't, they get labeled choke artists. The efficiency ratings throw all this together, and the good outweighs the bad such that UF rates really, really well. But the Gators are far from danger-free.

The factor both sides are underestimating is Florida's volatility. As the esteemed @NotGregLuca first pointed out to me, analysts have a bevy of choices when asked to pick

Florida's X-factor.

Is Kenny Boynton shooting well? Does Mike Rosario have his head on straight? Is Patric Young trying? Is Will Yeguete 100 percent healthy? Is Michael Frazier knocking down threes?

If all of those things go well, Florida is the national title favorite. If all were to go poorly, UF would be an NIT team. Each is nearly impossible to predict, so who really knows?

Florida as a whole is erratic because of its offensive style. The Gators take 40.4 percent of their shots from behind the arc, more than all but two Final Four teams

from the past 10 seasons. They also get to the free-throw line less often than all but one of the past 40 Final Four teams.

Because three-point shooting is a streaky, inexact science, the Gators will go on cold spells. Without a player who can truly create his own shot and break teams down off the dribble, threes are often UF's primary source of offense. Thus, Florida's offense is inconsistent.

If the 2013 NCAA Tournament was played 10,000 times, Florida would probably lead the field in efficiency but win fewer titles than most of the top seeds. The

Gators would win some blow outs, lose some close games and even win some close games, clutch be damned. But, more often than not, they'd run into a rough patch somewhere in that six-game, 240-minute sample that would derail their title run.

So don't get too worked up over the efficiency ratings, and don't be too worried about clutch. Just recognize that in a single-elimination tournament, going six games without an off shooting night is awfully tough.

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