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# Craig Lowe files not guilty plea

**KATHRYN VARN**  
 Alligator Staff Writer

Following his driving under the influence arrest last week, Mayor Craig Lowe filed a formal plea of not guilty in his case Thursday.

Lowe, who is running for re-election against Ed Braddy in the April 16 runoff election, was arrested March 21 after authorities found him in his damaged car near the intersection of Northeast 21st Street and Northeast 156th Avenue.

His arraignment scheduled for April 11 was canceled because he entered the written plea. He is scheduled to appear in court April 24, according to the Alachua County Clerk of Courts.

Darby Hertz, Lowe's attorney, released a statement about the decision.

*"I regret that my actions [March 21] have disappointed so many friends, supporters, and citizens of Gainesville."*

**Craig Lowe**  
 Gainesville mayor

"A plea of not guilty, being filed, permits the attorney and the client additional time to discuss the charges, the options the client has with respect to those charges, and to conduct additional investigation, if needed," she wrote.

Early on March 21, Lowe, 55, lost control of his 2005 Honda Civic while driving on Northeast 156th Avenue and hit a road sign, according to a Florida Highway Patrol news release.

FHP trooper Javon Murphy found Lowe in his car and arrested him after he "performed poorly" on a field sobriety test, according to an FHP report.

About four hours after the crash, FHP reported Lowe's blood alcohol content levels to be .061 and .069. Murphy concluded Lowe's BAC level was more than .08 at the time of the crash.

On March 22, Lowe announced he would continue campaigning for the mayoral race.

"I regret that my actions [March 21] have disappointed so many friends, supporters, and citizens of Gainesville," he said in a statement. "I hope that in the future I will again prove worthy of the public's trust and confidence."

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## Snuggle Bunny

Children clamor for the Easter Bunny at the Oaks Mall on Thursday. In celebration of the holiday, WorldWide Photography is providing the opportunity for children to take pictures with the Easter Bunny until Saturday.

# Government unamused with cafes' game

## INTERNET CAFES ENABLE ONLINE GAMBLING.

**KELCEE GRIFFIS**

Alligator Writer

Online gaming at Internet cafes could soon be illegal, and about 30 local businesses could be affected.

Last week, the Florida House of Representatives passed a bill that would ban paying to play games for cash prizes at establishments such as Internet cafes. It will now go to the



Perry

Florida Senate for vote.

Internet cafes have recently taken the spotlight after the Allied Veterans of the World chain was investigated for fraud.

State Rep. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, who voted in favor of the bill, said Alachua County is home to about 30 Internet cafes.

According to the bill, Florida law

"specifically prohibits the keeping or maintaining of a place for the purpose of gambling or gaming."

Perry said the cafes have been allowed to operate in the past because they fall under a gray area in the state's gambling law.

He explained that limited-time, promotional games that encourage people to buy a product but don't require purchase to play are acceptable.

Requiring purchase, however,

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## CAMPUS

# SG announces New York Times access for on-the-go students

**SAMANTHA SHAVELL**

Alligator Staff Writer

UF students will now be able to access The New York Times online.

The Times changed its readership program, and UF students can receive a 24-hour pass to access the website and smartphone application, according to an email from The Times.

The passes are equivalent to a copy of a newspaper.

After the 24-hour period, the passes become available for a new user. To access them, anyone with a Webmail email can go to [www.myaccount.nytimes.com/edupass/claim](http://www.myaccount.nytimes.com/edupass/claim) to register and verify his or her email before accepting the pass.

UF receives 450 passes because that's how many copies of the newspaper it gets each day, said UF Action SG Chairman Sean Quinn.

The 20-year-old UF public relations and political science junior said the new online ac-

*"I grew up holding a newspaper, and even I've gone digital in the past few years."*

**Meg Wagner**  
 UF journalism senior

cess is not costing Student Government any extra money.

According to its budget, SG paid \$40,000 in the 2012-2013 year to have USA Today and

The Times on campus.

Meg Wagner, president of UF's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, said she thinks the new online program is a good idea because more students are getting their news online.

"I grew up holding a newspaper, and even I've gone digital in the past few years," said the 21-year-old UF journalism senior.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Soul Cypher 13

Three days of cyphers, battles, expos and more are free to the public. This hip-hop jam brings together the elements of the culture for one weekend. Two vs. two bboy battles, Emcee Olympics and the 7-To-Smoke Invitational will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Thelma A. Boltin Center. Dance workshops and the main event will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Reitz Union Rion Ballroom. There will be crew vs. crew battles, two vs. two popping battles and EXHIBITION: UF Beatbox. A panel discussion about leadership and activism in the hip-hop community will be at noon Sunday in the Reitz Union, Room 287. At the same time on the Plaza of the Americas, there will be cyphers and a graff expo. Bring paint.

## Gator Allies 1.0 training

Join LGBT Affairs for a Gator Allies Training Session from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Graham Hall's second-floor gallery. Gator Allies trainings further participants' understandings of heteronormativity and homophobia and their effects. The trainers seek to increase awareness and understanding of LGBTQ issues and offer skills and resources to be an ally. To RSVP, email [lgbt@multicultural.ufl.edu](mailto:lgbt@multicultural.ufl.edu). For more information, visit [www.ufsa.ufl.edu/events/details/1883](http://www.ufsa.ufl.edu/events/details/1883).

## MCDA's 4th annual art show

From 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at La Casita, join the Intercultural Engagement Team in this year's MCDA art show, titled "Mass Produced: Addressing Bias in the Media." This art show provides a venue for students, staff, faculty and Gainesville community members related to the fields of fine arts, architecture, photography, digital media and other artistic areas an opportunity to display their work. The event is free and open to the public in collaboration with ArtWalk Gainesville. For more information, visit [www.multicultural.ufl.edu](http://www.multicultural.ufl.edu).

## 'Let's Talk About It'

In celebration of Women's History Month, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Ustler Hall

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Auditorium, the women of "Let's Talk About It" will share what it means to break the mold. Engage in a speed-friending event, and hear stories of strength from women who are affected by HIV.

## Gay Movie Night: "The Falls"

Gay Movie Night is at 7:30 p.m. at the Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St. "The Falls" follows RJ and Chris, two teenage boys raised in Mormon communities. Though both are poster boys for their church with perfect academic records and pretty girlfriends, buried feelings soon rise to the surface when they are assigned to serve a mission together as part of their rite of passage. Gay Movie Night is a free service of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida. A \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of snacks. For more information, visit [www.gainesvillepride.org/gay-movie-night/](http://www.gainesvillepride.org/gay-movie-night/).

## VetMed Project HEAL dog wash

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the UF College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Academic Building, vet students will wash dogs and trim their nails for \$7 for one dog or \$12 for two. All funds will support a trip to Ecuador to provide free veterinary care. Email [dickersonerin@ufl.edu](mailto:dickersonerin@ufl.edu) with any questions, and visit [www.facebook.com/UFvetmed](http://www.facebook.com/UFvetmed) for more information.

## Paint Off

Join the ladies of Delta Nu Zeta and gentlemen of Delta Upsilon at 7 p.m. Saturday at the DU fraternity house, 1814 W. University Ave., to paint for Dance Marathon, sponsored by Corks and Colors. The event costs \$25 a person,

and attendees will leave with a piece of art and knowledge they made a difference in the lives of MiracleChildren. Email [deltanuzetauf@gmail.com](mailto:deltanuzetauf@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Queen tribute band at the Phillips Center

A tribute concert led by Gary Mullen will salute the famed British band Queen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Phillips Center. Student tickets are \$10 and available at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, University Box Office in the Reitz Union or by calling 352-392-2787. For more information visit [www.performingarts.ufl.edu](http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu).

## CHISPAS concert

Join CHISPAS on Saturday at The Jam, 817 W. University Ave., for a benefit concert featuring The Banditos, Morning Fatty and DJ Communication Poser. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. A \$7 admission fee is requested. A portion of the proceeds will go toward CHISPAS' scholarship for undocumented students in Florida.

## 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](mailto: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.

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## CAMPUS

# Seventy black balloons float for Syria on Plaza

NATHALIE DORTONNE

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Suhaib Harraka stepped off the airplane in the United States from Syria, he saw complete darkness.

"The first thing I thought was 'Where are the skyscrapers?'" the 25-year-old said.

That was two years ago. On Thursday, a black balloon popped behind him.

The Plaza of the Americas was covered with black balloons Thursday afternoon as part of UF Amnesty International and UF Students for Justice in Palestine's "The 70 Balloons Project."

The black balloon display was a visual representation of the Syrian death toll since the Syrian Revolution started in 2011.

Each of the 70 black balloons taped onto green stakes represented 1,000 Syrians killed, Harraka said.

He said he wants the balloon display to serve as an attractive way to get people informed about the crisis in Syria.

Event organizer Sameer Saboungi agreed.

The 18-year-old international studies freshman said the organization wanted to use art to illustrate the cost of the conflict.

"As a Syrian-American, it pains me to see my fellow brothers and sisters in Syria being killed," Saboungi said. "This is the least that I can do to raise awareness."

Harraka said "The 70 Balloons Project" is a symbol of hope and a progressive future.

"We hope the crisis ends," he said. "Then, we can build our country."



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UF Amnesty International and UF Students for Justice in Palestine created "The 70 Balloon Project" on the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday afternoon. The 70 balloons represent the 70,000 Syrians killed since the start of the Syrian Revolution.

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# Local brothers make prank videos

## YouTube pays per view

**ALEXA VOLLAND**  
Alligator Writer

Driving around the Oaks Mall parking lot, Garry Cooper wasn't looking for a parking spot.

He wanted phone numbers.

"If you were a potato," Garry Cooper said from the driver's seat to an unsuspecting pedestrian, "you'd be a sweet potato."

A girl might feel flattered, but standing across the parking lot, a woman in her 70s had just heard the same pickup line.

In the YouTube hit video "Drive By Pickup Lines," Gainesville brothers Garry and Brad Cooper scope out Gainesville beauties of all ages to sweet-talk.

Some women don't know what to say. Others just laugh. But most cough up their digits.

"I'd say 90 percent of numbers are real," said Garry Cooper, a 19-year-old UF advertising freshman.

The brothers got their start playing with editing software and making short films during middle school. Garry Cooper eventually created the YouTube channel GarryandBrad in August 2008. Last year, they posted

their first "Drive By Pickup Lines" video.

"That was the video that kind of started it all," he said. "It blew up pretty fast."

With Garry Cooper telling the

*"First, we were only making a couple of cents a day, but over time, it builds up."*

**Garry Cooper**  
UF advertising freshman

jokes and his 17-year-old brother, Brad Cooper, holding the camera, their YouTube channel had about 5.9 million views and about 76,000 subscribers as of Thursday night.

Along with the "Drive By Pickup Lines" series, these pranksters have also produced videos on getting women's numbers in 30 seconds, handing out creepy notes to strangers and asking people, "Did you just touch my butt?"

Brad Cooper said his favorite prank is their "public stripping" video.

"I loved peoples' reactions," Brad Cooper wrote in an email.

Taylor Hartley said she's familiar with the brothers' videos.

"I think it's pretty funny," said the 20-year-old UF recreation, parks and tourism sophomore. "Other people have probably done it before, but they were clever enough to get it on camera."

The brothers currently have a full partnership with YouTube and have received offers from third-party YouTube partnerships.

Although the brothers have declined the offers, they are open to the idea.

In the meantime, the brothers are cashing in the views for money from YouTube.

"First, we were only making a couple of cents a day," Garry Cooper said, "but over time, it builds up."

Brad Cooper said his favorite part of the experience has been putting smiles on peoples' faces while making money.

Garry Cooper said everyone they prank is usually a good sport, adding he enjoys making videos with his brother.

"It's really fun working together," he said. "He is pretty much my best friend."

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## LOCAL

# Gainesville services observe Easter

**JUSTINE GIANCOLA**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

Easter is Sunday, and local churches are ready to celebrate.

The Spirit of Faith church will be holding an Easter event with a moon bounce, fire truck and free candy, said church minister Takela Vaden. It will be held at the Phillips Center for Performing Arts on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Covenant Presbyterian Church has planned an Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. in its memorial garden.

Afterward, a breakfast cooked by men in the congregation will be served, followed by an Easter egg hunt for children, said church administrator Jared Ginsburg.

"We line up chairs, and we get to sit outside and watch the

sunrise," he said.

Westside Baptist Church will host a watch party for the Secret Church Simulcast, a live video streaming of a Bible study held in Birmingham, Ala. The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"Hundreds of thousands of people will be participating in this one live Bible study from Birmingham," said Westside worship pastor Daniel Morris.

Sunday's events at Westside include a sunrise service at 7 a.m. and choir event at night.

The 145 members of the Westside Choir and Orchestra will be recording a live album as part of the event, "A Night of Praise: Live."

"It's going to be an intense weekend here at Westside," Morris said.

# Closing local Internet cafes could boost the city's economy, Perry said



Matt Riva / Alligator

The now-closed .72 Gainesville Internet Services, located at 4158 W 13th St., is shown empty Thursday afternoon. A bill was voted to ban playing games for cash prizes.

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constitutes gambling.

The cafes skirt the law by offering free gaming while charging patrons for Internet access.

"At Internet [cafes], you really did have to buy to play the game," he said.

If passed, the bill wouldn't affect raffles, limited-time game promotions or arcade games.

Although some people advocated allowing the businesses to stay open while imposing restrictions on them, Perry said eliminating the cafes entirely is the best course of action.

"I personally didn't want to put a stamp of approval on all of these existing Internet cafes by saying we should regulate them," he said.

But by banning the cafes, Santa Fe College political science professor Thomas J. Harrington said state and local government may miss out on potential revenue. If the cafes are regulated, he said, government could collect money from the businesses.

If residents want an Internet cafe in their community, he said, it may be better to let lo-

cal government have jurisdiction.

"Government's No. 1 role and duty is to protect society and its citizens," he said.

However, Perry said closing local cafes could boost Gainesville's economy because residents would have more available income to pump into local stores and restaurants.

"I think, long-term, it's certainly better for the local economy," he said.

Drew Sanders, a 21-year-old SFC criminal justice freshman, has visited the Lucky Diamond Internet Cafe in Keystone Heights several times.

What drew him to the cafe was the possibility of winning small prizes with small amounts of money. He also liked the atmosphere of the cafe, which offered free drinks and snacks, a comfortable seating area and a large-screen TV.

Sanders said he thinks the choice of gaming at Internet cafes should be left to residents without government interference.

"It was really laid-back," he said. "I personally think that that's one of those things people should be allowed."

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## LIFESTYLE

## Peeps celebrate 60 years

NATHALIE DORTONNE

Alligator Contributing Writer

As part of Peeps' 60th anniversary, the candy company is inviting people to play a role in its first TV ad in more than 10 years.

The TV commercial features a brown-haired boy teaching his chubby-cheeked younger brother all the wacky things he can do with Peeps.

"You can eat 'em, smash 'em, microwave 'em, deep fry 'em, chop 'em into little pieces, roast 'em on a stick," he raves about the marshmallow treat without pausing for a breath.

Mark Hoffman, the senior brand manager for Peeps, said in a press release he hopes this commercial will encourage consumers to "express their Peepsonality."

Lisa Duke Cornell, a UF advertising associate professor, said Peeps' user-generated content competitions are a creative marketing tool.

She said user-generated content competitions reduce production costs and brain power.

"They do not have to spend on the commercial because the production cost is covered from the competition," Cornell said.

However, she said Peeps' rebranding campaign might face a stumbling block because society is becoming increasingly health-conscious.

"Sugar consumption is a problem in the U.S.," Cornell said. "You'll have a problem in today's environment when you have a product that is 100 percent sugar."

But Claudia Lorenzo doesn't mind chowing down on the sugary yellow chicks.

"I feel like Peeps are a cultural staple and part of American tradition," the 19-year-old UF digital arts and sciences freshman said. "It's necessary for a company to rebrand itself so that it's fresh to consumers."



Becca Negron / Alligator

To celebrate Peeps' 60th anniversary, the company will be running its first TV ad in more than 10 years. The rebranding campaign may encounter issues because of society's focus on health, a UF expert said.

## Bartram accomodates families of ill babies

► IT HAS HOUSED THREE FAMILIES.

ELENI KOUVATSOS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Bartram apartment complex recently donated a three-bedroom, two-bathroom unit to Shands Hospital for Children at UF to be used by families of babies born with a rare, life-threatening condition.

The apartment is available for families of newborns with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia, or CDH, to stay in rent free until the baby is done with treatment, which can take up to four months.

Bartram General Manager J.D. Hatton said his complex is hosting its third CDH family since the partnership started in December.

"It's really something we wanted to get involved in," he said. "These families are under a lot of traumatic

stress when they get here with a critically ill baby."

A CDH occurs when the baby's diaphragm doesn't fully develop, allowing other organs to migrate into the chest, which prevents the lungs from growing properly, said Joy Perkins, research and program coordinator for the CDH program at Shands. She said about one in every 3,000 newborns is affected by a CDH.

"In the next 10 to 15 years, they'll know a lot more," she said.

Pregnant mothers nationwide come to Shands to have their babies treated by Dr. David Kays, chief of pediatric surgery at UF's College of Medicine. The national survival rate for babies with a CDH is about 60 percent. Kays specializes in the treatment and has a survival rate of about 92 percent.

"Here, it's not just about the surgery," Perkins said. "It's about how babies are taken care of before and after the surgery."

## UF gives hungry students options

### It had one cafe in 1906

TAYLOR GAINES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Today, UF has a wide variety of dining options. But a little more than a century ago, students only had one place where they could fill their empty stomachs.

"You were here to go to school, and you did not come for the food," said UF historian Carl Van Ness.

The original campus cafeteria — or "mess hall" — was in Thomas Hall in 1906. The food was cheap, and the variety was limited to keep costs down, Van Ness said.

"I assume there were a lot of meat and potatoes," he said, adding student complaints were frequent. "I'm sure it was not the best food in the world."

The dining facility moved in 1912 to the University Commons Building. With many students training for the Armed Forces, administrators ran UF

like a military institution, Van Ness said.

At 6 a.m., "Reveille" played. The breakfast line began at 6:15, and those not in by 6:30 didn't get breakfast.

*"It's much better today, in terms of health but also diversity."*

Carl Van Ness

UF historian

Van Ness said some students would try to undermine the system, cooking in their own rooms on contraband hot plates.

"There was the occasional small fire that almost took down a dormitory or something like that," he said.

Eventually, one such fire burned down multiple buildings in the Johnson Hall complex in what became known as the Johnson Hall Fire of 1987.

Paper Celotex tiles caught on fire, Van Ness said, taking down the dining facility and burning

the surrounding buildings of the Johnson Hall complex.

"When the fire hit that, it was all over," he said.

The commons building was also the first place to serve alcohol on campus. Students 21 and older can still purchase alcohol on campus at Orange & Brew.

"It's convenient sometimes if you just want to relax and have a beer with your meal," said Alex Guthrie, a 22-year old UF computer science senior.

The university added a lunch convenience counter in the old student union in the 1930s. Now Dauer Hall, it provided a prequel to shops of today like the P.O.D. Market.

The quality and variety of food has come a long way because of technological advancements and franchising to chain restaurants and companies like Aramark, Van Ness said.

Now, he said, students have it better than ever.

"It's much better today, in terms of health but also diversity," he said. "I mean, you have unlimited options today."

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## Editorial

Do you follow college basketball at all? Because this is probably your most favorite and most hated time of the year, we're assuming.

This brings us to the more-like-March-"Mad-Men"-are-we-right-AMC edition of...

## Darts & Laurels

“Everyone knows that same-sex marriage is here to stay; indeed, it's expanding throughout the country at a pace that few could have imagined just a few years ago,” wrote Jeffrey Toobin for *The New Yorker*. “The Justices were not irrelevant to the process, but they weren't central either. They knew that — and so did everyone else.” His article was titled “Why the Gay-Marriage Fight is Over.” We couldn't agree more. There's no basis for any argument against allowing marriage equality. No one should be considered second-class citizens because a group of religious zealots are terrified of things that are different. We give a we-can't-wait-to-see-a-more-friendly-America-but-until-that-time-we-guess-this-one-will-suffice **LAUREL** to the **Supreme Court**. Now, we realize no decision will be made for months, but even the fact they don't want to support a nationwide ban on love makes us feel positive.

This is probably not the first time we've talked about bees in a Darts & Laurels, and it certainly won't be the last. Bees are like tiny monsters here on Earth. A new study found, “The electric fields that build up on honey bees as they fly, flutter their wings, or rub body parts together may allow the insects to talk to each other,” according to a *Wired* article. This suggests bees are basically robot stinging machines. Animals and electricity should not mix! Doesn't anyone else think this is super weird? Shouldn't we be concerned with nature turning itself against us, one beedroid at a time? Of course. We give a guess-we-need-to-invest-in-those-giant-beekeeper-getups-to-protect-ourselves **DART** to **BEES**. They already have stingers. Did they need to read electricity, too?!

Nelson Mandela was admitted to a hospital due to a “recurrence of a lung infection,” reported *USA Today* on Thursday morning. The article continued: “We appeal to the people of South Africa and the world to pray for our beloved Madiba and his family and to keep them in their thoughts,” South African President Jacob Zuma said in a statement. “We have full confidence in the medical team and know that they will do everything possible to ensure recovery.” The presidency said the anti-apartheid leader was responding “positively” to treatment in the hospital. “We can only hope such an inspiring leader will make a strong and full recovery. It's sort of scary to think of what time passings mean to this world, and kids in our education system will be more and more distant from history makers. We give a we-wish-you-a-speedy-recovery **LAUREL** to **Nelson Mandela**.”

We've never hidden our true feelings about Barbara Walters here at the Alligator. Regardless of how many trails she blazed for lady journalists everywhere, in recent years, she's just become mildly annoying. She's like your one friend who tells jokes really loudly that no one else thinks are funny. She's the worst kind of friend. This week, it was announced Walters will be retiring in 2014, according to “an executive familiar with the news-woman's plans,” according to *The New York Times*. We give a good-riddance-please-just-retire-and-stop-interviewing-people-while-walking-around-ranches **DART** to **Barbara Walters**. Like, no offense, ma'am, but it's time for you to stop. Please.

Have a fun and safe weekend, everybody, and Go Gators!

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Are you going home for Easter?

**Thursday's question:** Do you believe FGCU's apology is sincere?

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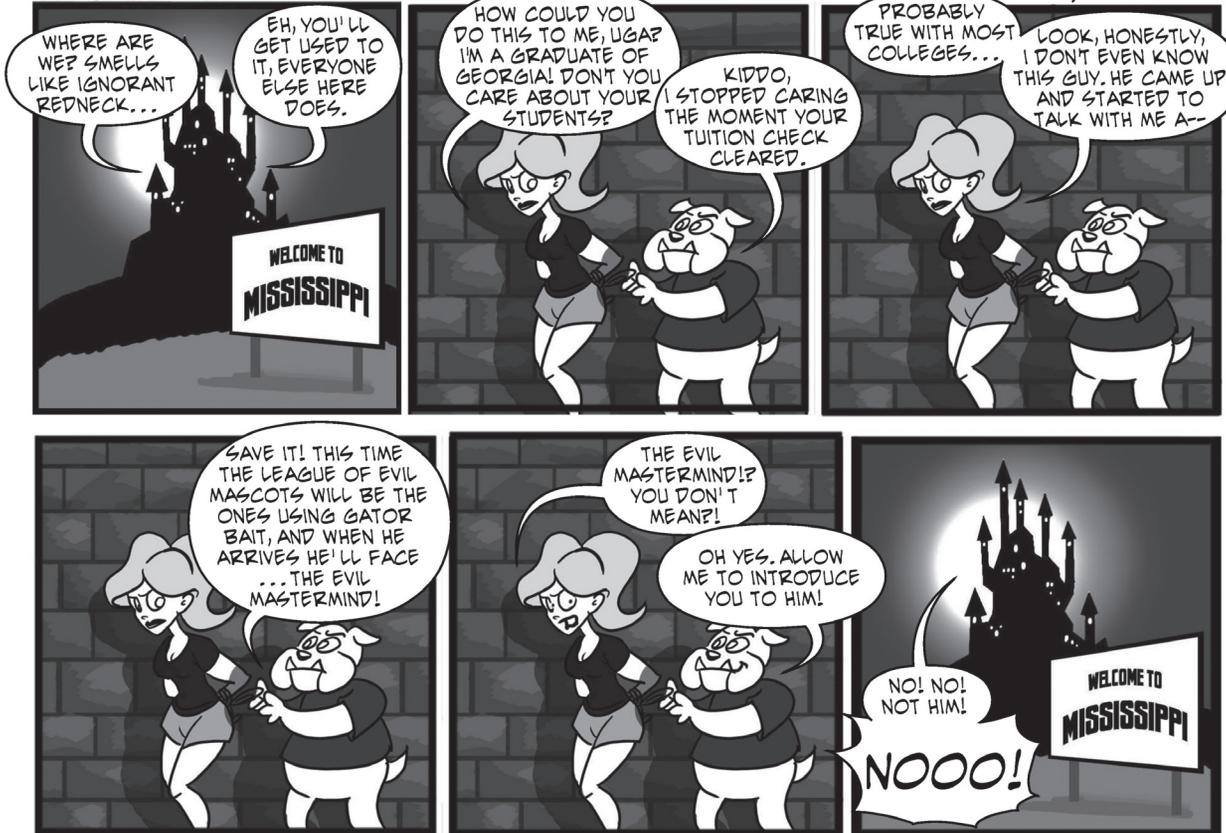
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## SON of a GATOR



## Column

## Great Scott? No, but at least he's trying

Maybe it's because I cheer for the villains. It might be because I'm a sucker for redemption narratives. It very well could be something else entirely that I'm not fully aware of yet. Whatever the reason, I have to make a confession.

Despite being a college student, a liberal and a registered Democrat, I'm starting to like Rick Scott.

Allow me to set some basic statements before everyone just grabs torches and pitchforks. (You can tar and feather me at the end of this column if you still think I deserve it.)

First off, I don't trust him one bit. I've thought he was a sleaze since I first saw him. His background does not inspire confidence at all. In fact, I'm still waiting for some massive corruption story to come out and ruin his political career.

But I can't truthfully deny that some of his latest actions resonate with me.

Although the state Legislature has the final say, Gov. Scott pulled an about-face few expected, offering his support to the Affordable Care Act. He added some provisions regarding his support, but progress is progress, so I can't complain.

He also has pushed a tuition bill, referred to as “Finish in Four,” that freezes the tuition rate of students enrolling in state universities. That bill just passed the Florida Senate's Education Committee. Another bill that passed the committee is one that grants UF and Florida State University pre-eminence, which gives me a slight ego trip.

Speaking of ego trips, Scott has a bit of swagger — and I mean the actual intended use of the word, not that “swag” and “YOLO” junk I could write fifteen different columns on — in his actions. He wants Florida to be better braggards than Texas. I am 100 percent behind bragging for any legitimate reason, be it job growth, university ranking or ending a Cinderella run during March Madness.



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More than likely, this is all just to appeal to as many people as possible as we near the upcoming election season. I'm OK with that because such is the nature of politicians as elections approach. To assume otherwise invites deception.

I am reminded of a quote by economist Adam Smith I was first introduced to in my microeconomics class. It generally applies to market behavior, but it can also apply to legislation pushed and actions demonstrated leading up to voting day.

It reads: “Every individual... neither intends to promote the public interest, nor knows how much he is promoting it... he intends only his own security; and by directing that industry in such a manner as its produce may be of the greatest value, he intends only his own gain, and he is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention.”

Scott is desperately trying to improve his abysmal approval rating, and in a way, he's not even trying to hide it. While protecting his own hide, he is also supporting what most of us view as the greater good.

It is also similar to when outgoing presidents grant pardons. They are trying to alter their legacy so they are viewed in a more positive light as they walk out of the Oval Office for the last time.

So here's a cheer for Rick Scott, the governor we love to hate.

Voldemort is probably going to be voted out of office, but at least he is doing some good toward the end of his run. It's not like I'm going to vote for him anyway.

*Logan Ladnyk is a journalism junior at UF. His column runs on Fridays.*

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## Column

# Reality TV is hardly glamorized: Why do we love it?

Last week, Gloria Steinem spoke at Simmons College in Boston, where she earned a doctorate in human justice 40 years ago. After a weighty discussion on feminism and its place today, the talk turned to television.

Unsurprisingly, Steinem revealed she's not a fan of "The Real Housewives" franchise on Bravo.

Wait, what?! How could Gloria Steinem not love women who throw drinks on each other and get into screaming fights about banal things like wearing fur to a party?

Well, she didn't so much reveal it as come out and say, "I think the worst [shows] are the 'Housewives' shows, because they present women as rich, pampered, dependent and hateful towards each other."

Steinem's timing is spot-on, as "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" season finale started this week with the first part of a two-part reunion special in which the women rehash the major conflicts of the show.

The show itself is a spectacle of adult-children, and the worst part is these adult-children have actual children.

In one episode, a woman is unaware her daughter is at a friend's house because the woman most likely has a drinking problem. Despite the title, the women are hardly shown doing anything other than going on lavish vacations sans children, taking exercise classes together, going to parties and meeting up with each other to gossip about the rest of the group.

Meanwhile, on the rare occasions the husbands appear on the show, the men are portrayed as enjoying carefree, simple friendships — an obvious and calculated contrast to the women's screaming brawls.

Steinem is correct in her assessment of the series. However, the show has an irresistible appeal.

Although I, as well as other women I know, enjoy smart shows like "Girls," "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad," trashy reality shows have an undeniable pull. The characters are manic, fall into ridiculous situations and otherwise serve to remind us that, even at our worst, at least we've never gotten into a hair-pulling fight at a lingerie party.

In cultural discourse, someone is al-



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ways quick to claim reality TV shows glamorize teen pregnancy ("Teen Mom") and hedonistic lifestyles ("Jersey Shore"), or

reality shows portray women as conniving bitches ("The Real Housewives" franchise). I have a hard time believing that. Nothing is glamorous about the lives played across these shows — I can't get through a single episode of "Teen Mom" without feeling depressed for the girls, especially because all of them are expecting more children.

Same with "Jersey Shore" and "The Real Housewives": Their lives are so depressingly empty, void of fulfillment or real friendships or satisfying relationships. They exist in a manipulated reality, and there's nothing glamorous about that.

A study published in Psychology Today revealed participants in a survey who said they enjoyed intellectual activities are no less likely to watch reality TV than the participants who said they didn't enjoy intellectual activities.

In a different article on reality TV also published in Psychology Today, the author admits she is a "reality TV aficionado."

The writer, Melanie Greenberg, said, "Being hardworking and self-disciplined in my own life, I enjoy the escape into fantasy and melodrama at the end of the day, as well as the rags to riches stories, over the top diva antics, glamorous lifestyles, and mean girls (and boys) shenanigans. As an expert on life stress, emotion and human behavior, my brain gets a workout trying to explain these theatrics in the light of psychological theory and research."

The common response I've heard when asking friends why they watch reality shows, and the response I am quick to give, is they watch for the entertainment value and a brief self-esteem boost.

The characters in the shows are parodies, and their dramas and conflicts are superficial.

*Chloe Finch is a journalism sophomore at UF. Her column usually runs on Thursdays.*

## Column

# Our home, the pale blue dot

Neil deGrasse Tyson will be speaking on campus Wednesday. Although many know Tyson as an astronomer and science popularizer, some of us know him as something more than that.

Some of us recognize Tyson as the successor to Carl Sagan.

Who is Carl Sagan? Sagan was an astronomer. His words have changed lives, including my own.

He made a series, "Cosmos: A Personal Voyage," in which the viewer is taken on a journey through the universe. For me, the series was quite a learning experience.

Sagan says the cosmos is within our own bodies. "We are a way for the cosmos to know itself."

Tyson regularly expresses his excitement and passion for such ideas. He's even making a sequel series to the original "Cosmos" with Ann Druyan, Sagan's widow, who helped write the original series.

I look forward to watching Tyson's new "Cosmos" when it airs on Fox in 2014, and I hope anyone reading this will be curious enough to watch the original "Cosmos."

In honor of Tyson's visit, I wish to spend the remainder of this column on an excerpt from Sagan's book "Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space." Sagan wrote these words when reflecting on an image of Earth taken by the Voyager 1 spacecraft from Saturn. These words inspire me, and I hope you will be inspired, too.

"From this distant vantage point, the Earth might not seem of particular interest. But for us, it's different. Consider again that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful

child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every 'superstar,' every 'supreme leader,' every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there — on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that in glory and triumph they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner. How frequent

their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some

privileged position in the universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves."

"The Earth is the only world known, so far, to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment, the Earth is where we make our stand. It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

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# Traditional Indian Holi festival celebrates spring in color

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UF's first university-wide Holi — Festival of Colors will be held Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Hume Field.

Holi, an Indian tradition

celebrating spring by throwing colored powder, is being held at UF to expose students to a different culture and promote education, said Henna Ibrahim, the student coordinator for UF Holi.

"We want students to learn about this important Indian tradition in an active way — not through a pamphlet or lecture," said the 21-year-old UF food science and human nutrition senior.

*"People leave the event the same way — covered in color and with a smile."*

**Henna Ibrahim**  
student coordinator

All people are encouraged to attend, share in the fun and wear white.

"In India, Holi is the day that differences in caste, creed, socioeconomic status and all the

other components that can divide communities is forsaken," Ibrahim said. "People leave the event the same way — covered in color and with a smile."

About 600 people are expected to attend the event, which will feature free food from the Hare Krishnas starting at 1 p.m. and the color celebration at 2 p.m.

Swamp Fitness will be raffling personal training and yoga classes

to participants. Rana Sayroo, the director for UF's Indian Student Association, said participating in Holi is a great experience.

"It's just amazing to see everyone having fun throwing powder at each other, and it creates unity," said the 19-year-old UF biology sophomore. "Everyone comes to Holi looking different, but we all leave looking the same."

# Viewers can't sneak in under, undercover program discovers



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Columbus, Ohio, residents Heidi Bauders and Brodie Bauders purchase movie tickets for "Silver Linings Playbook" at Regal Royal Park Stadium 16, located at 3702 W. Newberry Road, on Tuesday.

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Alligator Contributing Writer

She broke the rules and snuck into her first R-rated movie when she was 14 years old.

She got away with it.

Rachelle Gabrang, now a 20-year-old UF accounting sophomore, is not unlike many others who rebelled against entertainment ratings in their teens.

"If I want to see the movie, the laws don't really hinder me from going in," she said. "I don't see any wrong with it, ethically."

But movie theaters are beginning to crack down.

On Monday, the Federal Trade Commission released the results of an undercover shopper survey about entertainment ratings enforcement.

"Only 13 percent of underage shoppers were able to purchase M-rated video games, while a historic low of 24 percent were able to purchase tickets to R-rated movies," according to the FTC press release.

Between April and June 2012, unaccompanied 13- to 16-year-olds attempted to purchase R-rated movie tickets, music CDs with parental advisory labels, video games rated M and unrated DVDs that were once rated R.

Rick Quaresima, assistant director for advertising practices with the FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection, said the secret shopper program began in 2000 after the 1999 Columbine High School massacre.

*"If I want to see the movie, the laws don't really hinder me from going in."*

**Rachelle Gabrang**  
UF accounting sophomore

Terry Harpold, associate professor for the UF Department of English, said he does not expose his 10-year-old daughter to violent forms of entertainment media because she "doesn't have the time and experience" of an adult.

"They're laws," he said. "They should be enforced."

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● 4/2 house 610 NW 34 Ter \$1400  
● 4/2 929 NW 22nd St. \$1500  
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Pets OK, Available Aug 1st. dalyproperties.com or 352-359-3341/359-5584 4-24-13-34-2

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4-1-13-14-2

2/2.5 bath townhouse one block to uf. Wood floors, w/d, dishwasher, guaranteed parking. Avail 8/1 Call Todd 514-4915 \$1150 per month www.forrentgainesville.com 4-23-13-30-2

## 2 For Rent unfurnished

2x1 HOUSE - 2 blocks to UF. Sorority Row area. Cent AC/HT, W/D, wood floors, DW, deck, fence, parking. Available Aug 16 - 1 year. Pet +\$50 665-8166 \$990/month.  
4-12-13-20-2

4 x 2 HOUSE - Near UF. Prof/grad student quality. Cent AC/HT, super kitchen, dining room, granite remodeled bath. W/D, garage, superb landscaping, fenced yard. No pets. Avail Aug 16 - 1 yr. 665-8166 \$1590/month.  
4-12-13-20-2

Close to UF. Available August 16th  
● 4BR/2BA at 605 SW 9th St. \$720/mo  
● 3BR/1BA at 119 NW 11th St \$1200/mo cent AC/Heat, W/D. No pets. 1 yr lease 359-1508 4-15-20-2

4/2 3962 West University Ave. Close to campus, living room, dining room, family room, screened in back porch with hot tub, fenced yard, central air and heat, washer/dryer, inside pest control and lawn service. Available August 1, \$1375, call 352-317-7346 or 352-333-9874. 4-15-13-20-2

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Several cute & clean houses & apartments available for August, located in quiet NW areas near UF/Downtown. Rates from \$455 per month. Call/Text Anita: 352-575-4395; Anita@cozygator.com; www.cozygator.com  
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Enclave 3/4 sublease \$400 per month May-July 2013: Pool/Gym/Tanning; fully furnished w/ walk-in closet. Contact Matt at (850) 621-3940 or matteh129@gmail.com 4-2-5-3

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**NEW CONDOS-WALK TO UF**  
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## 6 Furnishings

**BED - QUEEN - \$120 ORTHOPEDIC**  
Pillow-top, mattress & box. Name brand, new, still in plastic. Call 352-372-7490 will deliver. 4-24-13-72-6

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Pillow-top mattress & box. New, unused, still in plastic w/warranty. Can deliver. Call 352-377-9846 4-24-13-72-6

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by Linda Thistle

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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1 Beginning to bat?

5 Styptic stuff

9 Leapfrog

13 Cleaver kid

14 Collaborative website

15 Actress Anderson

16 Hide cyberspace crimes?

19 Macbeth or Hamlet

20 Most cozy

22 "Where \_\_\_": 1996 Beck hit

25 Mr. \_\_\_: Dr Pepper rival

26 Bemoan

27 Amsterdam cops?

30 "Barnaby Jones" star

32 Editor's mark

33 Strong-legged bird

34 Pendleton Act pres.

35 Objects of poolside ogling?

40 Writer Marilyn \_\_\_ Savant

41 Chambéry shout

42 Olive, for one

44 Parting word

47 Hayseed that doesn't tip?

49 Push for payment

50 Peppy

52 Málaga-to-Cádiz dirección

53 Like the L.A. Times Building

55 Nitwit

57 NBA military appreciation initiative, and a hint to this puzzle's theme

62 Broadway governess

63 The Supremes or Cream

64 Remote button

65 Honey drink

66 Realizes

67 Victim of spoilage?

**DOWN**

1 "Shark Tank" airer

2 Corp. leader

3 \_\_\_4: Toyota SUV

4 Like some imaginations

5 MP's concern

6 Pickup opener

7 Ho's instrument

8 Cause of a big slice

9 Mardi Gras torch

10 Focal points

11 Cartoonists, at times

12 Offer to one who's been recently blessed?

17 "Goodbye, Columbus" author

18 Fireside shelf

21 Common base

22 Points a finger at

23 Sounds of disdain

24 Difficult spot

25 Potbellied

28 Clothes lines

29 Brit. recording heavyweight

31 Peace rally slogan

34 Hairy "pet"

36 Clicking site

37 Ph.D. seeker's exam

38 Brooklyn Nets forward

39 Dissenting group

43 Barely earn, with "out"

44 Oklahoma city

45 Duke's home

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48 In need

51 Mac alternatives

54 Spanish address

55 Creamy spread

56 Early Nebraskans

58 Pay dirt

59 Word of sharing

60 Class-conscious org.?

61 Prepared

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**13** **Wanted**



St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville, and we are looking for help from volunteers like you. St. Francis House depends on monetary support from individual donors and community businesses in order to help feed the homeless and the hungry. **If you are interested in volunteering**, please contact Stephanie Breal at (352) 378-9079 or [sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfoxmail.com](mailto:sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfoxmail.com) **To make a donation by mail**, please send checks payable to St. Francis House P.O. Box 12491 Gainesville, FL 32604

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- Deep interest in the growth and development of new media
- Skill in producing not only the written, but audio and visual components of media segments and graphics.
- The desire to make a lasting impact on a UF tradition in a shifting media landscape.

Send all inquiries with resume direct to Evan Walker, Managing Editor/Online at [ewalker@alligator.org](mailto:ewalker@alligator.org)

**14** **Help Wanted**

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**Daytime Advertising Production**

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## Gators begin chapter in new rivalry tonight in Sweet 16

**LONDON WATNICK**  
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At 6:35 p.m. on Monday, a new rivalry was born. After upsetting No. 2 seed Georgetown and No. 7 seed San Diego State for a spot in the Sweet 16 and catapulting into the national spotlight, 15th-seeded Florida Gulf Coast held a pep rally in its on-campus arena. The event, which saw thousands of FGCU fans in the stands, was broadcast live on ESPN.

"We play one of the best teams in the country Friday night," FGCU coach Andy Enfield said to the crowd, referring to Florida.

After boos poured in, vulgarity ensued.

"F--k the Gators," the students chanted, as Enfield tried to laugh it off.

A week ago, nobody would have expected Florida Gulf Coast to make it this far in the NCAA Tournament. But tonight at 10:07 in Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, the third-seeded Gators (28-7) will square off against the No. 15 seed Eagles (26-10) in the South Region semifinals for a spot in the Elite Eight.

"The country may give a team a label, but we never do that," said Florida coach Billy Donovan, who has coached at UF for 17 years — six years longer than FGCU has fielded a men's basketball team.

"We look at a team on film and what they do and the things that we have to do, so we've got to prepare for this game like we would any other game. This is a really good team... that is maybe playing as well as anyone in the country right now. The seeding and all that stuff, it doesn't mean anything."

As the first No. 15 seed to ever advance to the Sweet 16, FGCU has attracted widespread national media attention. The Eagles won their games against the Hoyas and Aztecs by 10 points.

Because of the fast-paced, acrobatic style of basketball the Eagles play, Florida Gulf Coast has earned the nickname "Dunk City."

"Obviously they're really athletic across the front line, but my dad always told me a dunk's worth two points,"



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Junior point guard **Scottie Wilbekin** dribbles down the court during Florida's 64-52 win against Alabama on March 2 in the O'Connell Center. Wilbekin is playing in his third Sweet 16 as a Gator.

senior forward Erik Murphy said. "Those plays energize them, though, so we want to try to limit them."

FGCU has attracted the majority of national coverage this week, despite another Cinderella, No. 13 seed La

Salle, advancing to the Sweet 16. The fact that most of the nation will be rooting for the underdog Friday night does not bother guard Scottie Wilbekin.

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## Junior center not with team

**PHIL HEILMAN**  
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After missing the past six games, junior Vicky McIntyre's future with the Gators is in question.

The 6-foot-7 center last suited up for Florida during a 69-58 victory against Arkansas on Feb. 28 in the O'Connell

### UF Women's Basketball

Center. She did not play in the Southeastern Conference tournament and has not traveled with UF during the WNIT.

"[McIntyre] had to take a break for some personal reasons," coach Amanda Butler said. "That's really about all I can tell you right now."

Asked if McIntyre was expected to rejoin the team next season, Butler was

equally noncommittal.

"I hope so," she said. "I don't have any reason to anticipate anything different than that right now."

McIntyre transferred to Florida during the offseason after spending two seasons at Oklahoma State. In 29 games, she averaged 4.8 points and 3.8 rebounds while logging 13.5 minutes per contest.

**Freshman performing:** The Gators have relied heavily on freshmen to make their deepest run in the WNIT since reaching the championship game in 2000.

Florida will travel to Harrisonburg, Virginia, to face James Madison (25-10) at the JMU Convocation Center in the Elite Eight on Saturday at 4 p.m.

But without freshman January Miller, the Gators likely would be headed home.

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## FIRE JOE MORGAN

### Eight reasons FGCU has a shot

You're not ready.

The Sweet 16 just tipped off, and you're already dreaming of Florida reaching its first Final Four since 2007. It's understandable.

I have UF going all the way in my bracket.

What the hell is a No. 15 seed doing in the South Regional semifinal of the NCAA Tournament? It's just not right.

But before you start thinking about Michigan or Kansas, just wait a second. Maybe Florida Gulf Coast really is all that and a bag of chips. And a Happy Meal toy.

Here are eight things that make me think that maybe — just maybe — the Eagles will send the Gators home and advance to the Elite Eight.

- **Dunk City:** You saw this coming. Just watch the video on Deadspin.

- **Swish City:** FGCU is America's darling, and the Eagles' high-flying dunks are the icing on the cake. But FGCU has been scorching opponents from all over the floor. During their past three halves, the Eagles have scored 135



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points on 56.1 percent shooting. Georgetown ranks sixth in the nation with a 37.8 percent opponent field goal percentage. San Diego State is 33rd at 39.3 percent. When FGCU's fast-paced offense

is on fire, it's difficult to stop.

- **Geniusville:** Thomas Edison and Henry Ford used to own neighboring estates in Fort Myers. FGCU is in Fort Myers. Maybe the Eagles will invent a way to upset the Gators. How about a bottle of Michael's Secret Stuff?

- **Dissension among the ranks?:** Florida cornerback Jaylen Watkins got into a little trouble on Twitter this week when the Fort Myers native decided to show some love for his hometown team. He clarified his comments by saying he supports the Gators "1000 percent," but he remains neutral.

"Ok let me correct anybody that thinks I'm

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Greg Luca breaks down the South Regional semifinal in Arlington, Texas, this weekend. See story, page 15.

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**Coach:**

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**Starting Five:**

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In addition to being a lockdown defender, Wilbekin has developed into a scoring threat off the dribble, making Florida's offense all the more dangerous.

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- G Mike Rosario (12.5 ppg): Rosario's effort, intensity and focus have been inconsistent throughout his career, but he can score in a variety of ways when he is at his best.

- F Erik Murphy (12.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 46.2 3P%): Murphy changes Florida's offense with his ability to stretch the floor from the power forward position. He ranks fifth nationally with a 66 effective field goal percentage.

- C Patric Young (10.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 1.6 bpg): Young gives the Gators a strong, chiseled interior presence on both offense and defense. When he's running the floor and playing with energy, he's a near lock for a double-double.

**Key Reserve:**

- F Will Yeguete (5.3 ppg, 5.9 rpg):

After missing six games with a knee injury, Florida's best defender and rebounder is rounding back into form at the right time.

**How they got here:**

Florida dominated the glass and kept turnovers to a minimum to easily dispatch No. 14 seed Northwestern State in the first round. Then, UF survived an early second-half run from No. 11 seed Minnesota before cruising to a 78-64 victory.

**Strengths:**

Florida has been one of the nation's most efficient teams on both ends of the floor. With an extremely balanced offense and excellent chemistry on defense, the Gators are nearly impossible to beat when they're playing their best.

**Weaknesses:**

UF's offense is heavily reliant on three-point shots, taking 40.5 percent of its attempts from beyond the arc. The Gators also struggle to get to the free-throw line, and they shoot just 68 percent when they do get fouled. With streaky three-point shooters and an inability to get cheap points at the line, UF's offense can be prone to droughts.



## No. 15 Florida Gulf Coast Eagles (26-10)

**Coach:**

- Andy Enfield, second season

**Starting Five:**

- G Brett Comer (8.1 ppg, 6.6 apg): With top-notch court vision and a fearless nature, Comer is the perfect man to run FGCU's free-flowing, high-flying offense. When he's not turning the ball over, the Eagles' offense is hard to top.

- G Bernard Thompson (14.5 ppg, 2.8 spg): Perhaps the Eagles' most versatile scorer, Thompson can fill it up as either a shooter or a driver.

- G Sherwood Brown (15.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg): Brown can fill a variety of roles for FGCU. As the team's leading scorer and rebounder, he can either dominate the ball on the perimeter or bang in the post. Enfield has applauded Brown's relentless effort.

- F Chase Fielier (12.1 ppg, 5.4 rpg): While Fielier's explosive dunks provided some of the best highlights of the tournament's opening weekend, his ability to stretch the floor as a three-point shooter should not be overlooked.

- C Eric McKnight (6.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 1.3 bpg): The lanky McKnight is a highlight waiting to happen. Whether it's with an explosive dunk or an emphatic block, McKnight makes a major impact in his 20.6 minutes per game.

**Key Reserve:**

- G Christophe Varidel (6.1 ppg, 35.1 3P%): Varidel is an able and willing three-point shooter who gives the Eagles an offensive spark off the bench.

**How they got here:**

Rarely does any underdog win as thoroughly as the Eagles did. FGCU secured 10-point wins against both No. 2 seed Georgetown and No. 7 seed San Diego State by knocking down shots and keeping opponents off-balance with their ever-changing defense.

**Strengths:**

The Eagles have speed and athleticism uncommon in a mid-major. In an age when the pace of games is consistently slowing as coaches attempt to micromanage every possession, Enfield lets his players play a free-flowing offensive style. Defensively, FGCU's ability to switch between different zone, man and pressure looks has made life difficult for opposing offenses.

**Weaknesses:**

FGCU's biggest weaknesses are turnovers and defensive rebounding. Although the offense produces a ton of highlights at its best, it can be a turnover-prone disaster when things aren't clicking. In 10 losses, the Eagles have averaged 18 turnovers per game, including 4.9 per game from Comer.



## No. 4 Michigan Wolverines (28-7)

**Coach:**

- John Beilein, sixth season

**Starting Five:**

- G Trey Burke (18.8 ppg, 6.7 apg): The Big Ten Player of the Year, Burke leads the nation's second-most efficient offense. Burke does it all, driving the lane at will, shooting 38.7 percent from three and posting a 3.1-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

- G Tim Hardaway Jr. (14.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg): Hardaway has become a much more efficient scorer this season, boosting his three-point shooting accuracy from 28.3 percent to 39.3 percent. He and Burke make up possibly the nation's best guard duo.

- G Nik Stauskas (11.3 ppg, 43.4 3P%): Although Stauskas has cooled off from the blistering pace he shot to start the season, he has still been a valuable weapon from the outside.

- F Glenn Robinson (11.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg): Robinson has provided a dose of athleticism to Michigan's frontcourt this season. He's been an efficient contributor on offense, shooting 57.4 percent.

- F Mitch McGary (6.8 ppg, 5.9 rpg): McGary has come into his own recently, averaging 13.3 points and 10.3 rebounds per game since the end of the regular season. A great rebounder and defender, the freshman is an underrated athlete.

**Key Reserve:**

- F Jordan Morgan (5 ppg, 4.5 rpg):

A starter for most of the season, Morgan has slid into a reserve role as McGary has emerged.

**How they got here:**

After Michigan rode an unstoppable offense to a first-round win over No. 13 seed South Dakota State, the defense was the biggest factor in a 78-53 dismantling of No. 5 seed VCU.

**Strengths:**

Michigan's offense can score with anyone, as Burke and Hardaway are two of the most talented perimeter players in the college game. The Wolverines are sometimes overly reliant on jump shots, but that's hardly a problem at the rate they knock them down.

**Weaknesses:**

For as strong as the Wolverines' offense has been, the lack of a true low-post scorer may prove detrimental against an elite defense. Michigan's defense as a whole has been mostly mediocre, ranking below the NCAA average in steals and blocks.



## No. 1 Kansas Jayhawks (31-5)

**Coach:**

- Bill Self, 10th season

**Starting Five:**

- G Elijah Johnson (9.8 ppg, 4.7 apg): Johnson has been a major factor in Kansas' occasional offensive struggles. Although he showed signs of improvement late in the regular season, he still has a propensity for turnovers and poor shot selection.

- G Ben McLemore (15.8 ppg, 41.6 3P%): McLemore, one of the nation's most talented players, has shown the ability to score almost at will from anywhere on the court. His reluctance to take on a bigger role in the offense has kept Kansas from becoming elite on that end of the floor.

- G Travis Releford (11.8 ppg, 41.5 3P%): Releford is the Jayhawks' top perimeter defender. Although not a major threat with the ball in his hands, he has been highly effective as a spot-up shooter.

- F Kevin Young (7.6 ppg, 6.7 rpg): Opposing defenses hardly even guard Young, but he is still valuable as defender and rebounder. Any offense the Jayhawks get from him is a bonus.

- C Jeff Withey (13.8 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 3.9 bpg): One of the nation's premier shot-blockers, Withey is the anchor of Kansas' dominant defense. His offensive post game is a work in progress, but he's an explosive dunker with an above-average jumper.

**Key Reserve:**

- G Naadir Tharpe (5.6 ppg, 2.9 apg): The other option at Kansas' weakest position, Tharpe has dealt with many of the same struggles as Johnson. Despite a 34.8 shooting percentage, Tharpe sometimes plays like a shoot-first point guard.

**How they got here:**

Kansas came close to becoming the first 1 seed to ever lose to a 16, narrowly escaping with a 64-57 win against Western Kentucky. KU's offensive struggles continued against North Carolina. Eventually the offense started to flow, and Kansas scored 49 points in the second half en route to a 70-58 victory.

**Strengths:**

Kansas thrives thanks to its defense, which ranks first in the nation in effective field goal percentage allowed. With Withey patrolling the back line, the Jayhawks are third in the nation in blocks and have allowed opponents to shoot just 38.7 percent on two-point shots.

**Weaknesses:**

The Jayhawks have been prone to long scoring droughts, thanks mostly to erratic point guard play from Johnson and Tharpe. KU doesn't have a frontcourt player who can consistently score with his back to the basket, and Releford doesn't do much off the dribble. Only if McLemore takes on a larger role can the Jayhawks offense be truly dynamic.



**BASEBALL**

# Freshman pitcher aims to continue hot streak tonight

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Jay Carmichael is no stranger to facing elite Southeastern Conference hitting. The freshman right-hander toes the rubber against No. 11 Ole Miss (22-4, 3-3 SEC) on Friday night at 7 a week after shutting down No. 5 Vanderbilt on the road. Carmichael entered the season as an unknown bullpen commodity. He has since emerged as the Friday night starter, leapfrogging heralded ace Jonathon Crawford.

"He just competes — bottom line. He goes up there and gives it all he has every single pitch," catcher Taylor Gushue said. "You really can't ask for more than what he has given

us so far. It's been fantastic, actually."

Carmichael supplanted Crawford when he started against Kentucky on March 15. He hasn't looked back. The freshman held Kentucky and Vanderbilt to three hits apiece in 10.2 innings as Florida (11-15, 2-4 SEC) won its first two series openers this season with Carmichael on the hill.

"He's throwing really good the last time out. Obviously each week becomes a new challenge for him," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "He learns something new every time out. Hopefully he will have another good performance here [Friday] night."

Carmichael outdueled Wildcats left-hander A.J. Reed

and Commodores right-hander Kevin Ziomek. Rebels ace Bobby Wahl (6-0, 1.67) starts tonight. Wahl's six victories are tied for the SEC lead. He tossed eight shutout innings against Florida last season in Oxford, Miss.

Carmichael displayed poise in Nashville, Tenn., after falling on the mound while pitching to the leadoff batter in the fifth inning. He struck out the next two hitters to put the finishing touches on a scoreless inning.

O'Sullivan didn't know what to expect from the freshman right-hander when he arrived at Florida, but Carmichael has shown he can handle the increased role. O'Sullivan had to limit Carmichael from spending too much time watching film before his first Friday start.

O'Sullivan wanted Carmichael to continue what he had been doing in the bullpen and not think too much on the mound. Florida will need its freshman to continue what he's done the last two weekends to pull off another series-opening win.

"He just goes out there and competes his butt off," Crawford said. "He's not scared."

**Gators fight injuries:** Left-hander Corey Stump (0-2, 2.45) underwent surgery on his throwing shoulder on Wednesday and will miss the remainder of the season. O'Sullivan noticed something wrong with the sophomore during his last outing when he faced five batters in an 11-5 loss to Kentucky on March 16.

While Stump will not return, shortstop Richie Martin will come back soon. O'Sullivan just doesn't know when. Martin suffered a fractured right index finger in Florida's 6-3 win against Miami on March 3. His expected recovery time of four weeks would have had him back in time to face the Rebels this weekend. But the freshman who has reached base in all 12 games he has played this season is still sidelined.

"I don't know. I thought he was going to be ready to go this weekend, but it's not quite healed yet," O'Sullivan said. "We'll re-evaluate it [Friday] morning and kind of see where we are."

**Starting rotation:** Crawford (0-4, 5.67) throws in Game 2 for Florida on Saturday. Ole Miss trots out right-hander Mike Mayers (2-2, 2.83) against Crawford and Chris Ellis (1-1, 9.00) in the series finale. Both games are set for 1 p.m. Florida hasn't announced a starter for Sunday.

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Freshman starting pitcher Jay Carmichael warms up between innings during Florida's 4-1 win against Kentucky on March 15 at McKethan Stadium. Carmichael will start against Ole Miss tonight at 7 in Oxford, Miss.

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