

Kevin Taylor received numerous reps in Saturday's Orange and Blue Debut. Read the story on page 13.



Morning-after pill available over the counter

Gainesville at campaign forefront

ALYSSA FISHER
 Alligator Contributing Writer

When UF alumna Stephanie Seguin was a student, she had to resort to the "crossing-

your-fingers-and-hope-you're-not-pregnant method" of contraception when the pharmacy was closed.

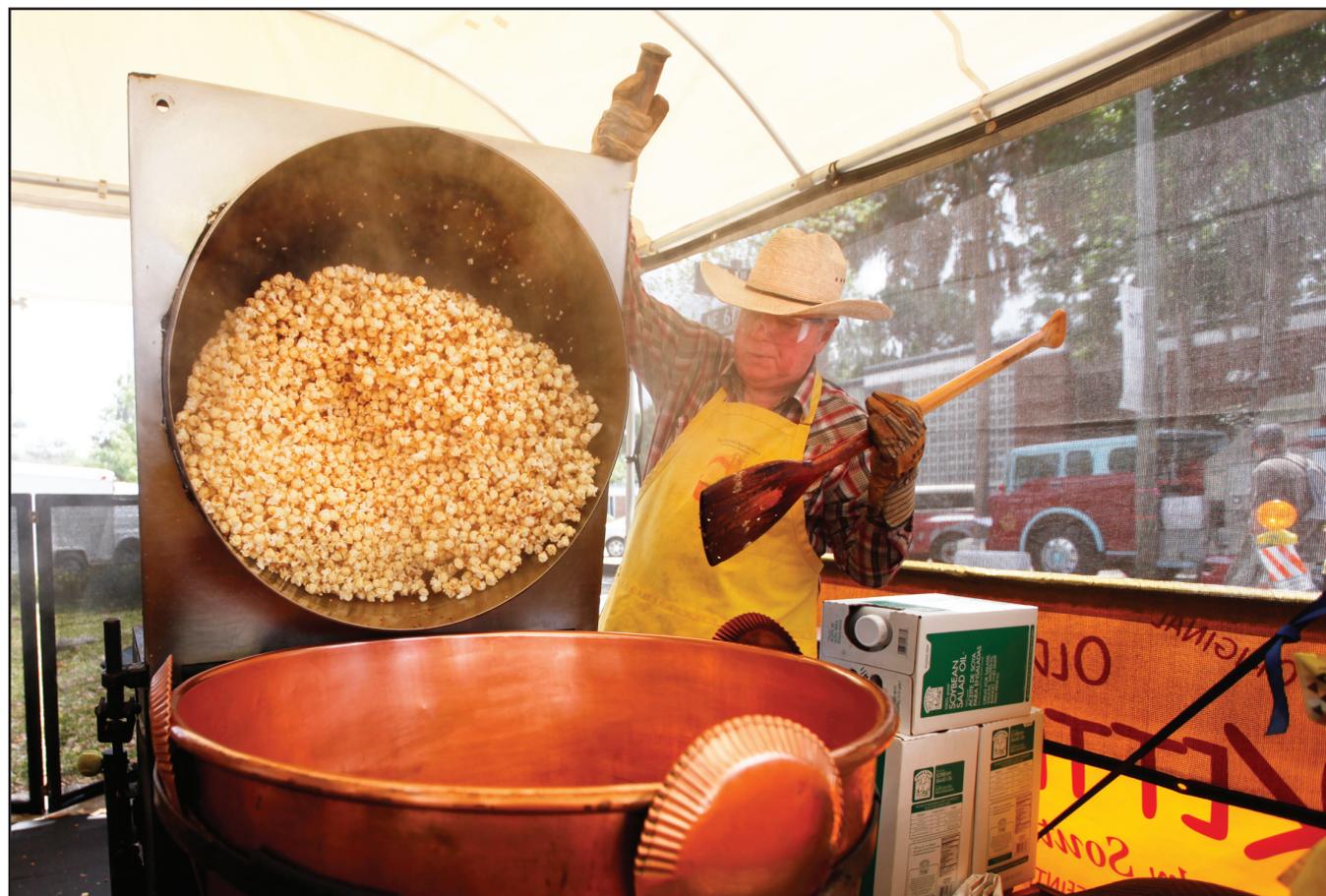
After a decade of fighting for women and girls' rights to control their bodies, Seguin and

the National Women's Liberation have found success as the federal court Friday ordered the Federal Drug Administration to make the morning-after pill an over-the-counter drug with no restrictions within the next month.

Before the court's ruling, the morning-after pill, also known as Plan B, was kept behind a counter and only available without a prescrip-

tion for women ages 17 and older after showing government-issued identification. The lawsuit, *Tummino v. Hamburg*, was filed in 2005 against the FDA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to reverse these restrictions, arguing the emergency contraception is scientifically proven to be a safe and ef-

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Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

Pop It Hot

Tony Dunham, co-owner of The Original Kettle Korn, empties kettle corn into a copper basin at the Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival on Sunday afternoon. Read the story on page 4.

POLITICS

Early voting for runoff election starts today

BILLY KENNEDY
 Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students and Gainesville residents can cast their ballots early for the April 16 mayoral runoff election beginning today.

Residents can vote at the Supervisor of Elections office, located at 12 SE First St., until Sunday.

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

In the runoff, former two-term District



Lowe

2 City Commissioner Ed Braddy is challenging incumbent mayor Craig Lowe.

In the March 19 election, Braddy received 4,649 votes, or about 38 percent of the vote, while Lowe received 4,418 votes, or about 37

percent of the vote. In order to vote, residents will need to provide a valid picture and signature ID or cast a provisional ballot.

Anyone interested in voting may also request a mail-in ballot online at www.votealachua.com or by calling the elections office at 352-374-5252. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter said she expects the turnout for the runoff to be the same as the March 19 election, which drew about 15 percent of the city's registered voters.

"Normally what we see in a runoff election is either the same turnout or slightly lower," she said.

Growl looks back on legacy with 90th year

► GROWL WILL BE ON NOV. 8.

ALEXA VOLLAND
 Alligator Writer

In celebration of the 90th annual Gator Growl and Homecoming, the theme for 2013 has been announced as Footprints of the Swamp.

Growl Executive Producer Megan Harmon wrote in an email that the theme was chosen last week and has been in the brainstorming process since December.

"Because this is the 90th year of Gator Growl and Homecoming, we really wanted to make the theme not only about the present Gator Nation but also incorporating the past and future," the 22-year-old industrial and systems engineering senior wrote in an email.

Harmon said there would be a couple of changes for the upcoming Growl and Homecoming, including different venues for events.

"I'm hoping to have a little something in the show for every generation that has come through this university," she wrote.

Evan Galin, director of public relations for UF Homecoming, said she was happy with the theme choice.

"Nothing is going to be a huge change," the 21-year-old public relations junior said, "but we're really going to hone in on The Gator Nation in general and how cool it is to be a part of this long standing tradition."

Beginning Veterans Day weekend, the Footprints of the Swamp Growl will be on Nov. 8, and the Homecoming football game against Vanderbilt will be on Nov. 9.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Talking Gators meets Tuesday

Talking Gators Toastmasters will meet Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031. The members provide a supportive learning experience in which people are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in self-confidence and personal growth. Through this mission, each Toastmaster gains a clear understanding of the club's purpose, and the organization as a whole benefits from a shared set of values and goals. For more information about Talking Gators, go to www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators also has a Facebook page with news.

A vision for preservation and accessibility of agricultural data

Simon Liu, director of the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Md., will give a talk Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Smathers Library, Room 1A. The talk is part of UF's 150th celebration of the First Morrill Act and also the Data Management/Curation Speaker Series.

Grad student panel

UF's Hispanic Scholarship Fund chapter will hold a graduate student panel that will include graduate students in the field of medicine, business, engineering and more. Come to Rinker Hall, Room 215, at 6 p.m. Wednesday to learn more about the graduate school experience. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Blue Oven Kitchens fundraiser

Come on out to Blue Oven, Bluegrass & Beer, a fundraiser supporting Blue Oven Kitchens, the region's only nonprofit kitchen incubator offering cooking classes and kitchen space to food entrepreneurs. Its focus is on sustainability and growing the local food economy. The fundraiser is Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Jones B-side and will feature beer from Swamp Head Brewery as well as menu specials and live music. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/blueovenkitchens.

Dancin' Gators Spring showcase

Want to enjoy a free dance show? Come to the Dancin' Gators "Night at the Museum" showcase on April 19 at UF's Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. Performances will range from ballet to hula, Bollywood, hip-hop and more. For more information, visit www.dancin.org.

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Mountain-bike skills clinic

Join the Gainesville Velo Vixens at their Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills clinic. The clinic will be held April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park. There is a \$20 fee for all participants. A discussion of backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette and simple maintenance tips will precede several skills stations. These include proper seated rider position, controlled braking and slow speed technical maneuvering, etc. Find us on Facebook for more information.

Got something going on?

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NATIONAL

Iowa museum says tortoise was never stolen

DUBUQUE, Iowa — An African leopard tortoise thought to be stolen from an Iowa museum was actually trapped behind paneling in her enclosure, and a misguided employee who found her lied to keep up the story about her theft, the museum announced Friday.

In a bizarre move, the employee who found the 18-pound reptile named Cashew put her into a building elevator in an attempt to prevent the museum further embarrassment, said Jerry Enzler, president and CEO of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque.

The tortoise was found alone in a museum elevator on Thursday, two days after the museum had discovered she was missing and announced she had been stolen. Museum officials told media outlets Thursday they believed a regretful thief had smuggled her back inside.

But several hours later, a

museum employee came forward and told the truth: Cashew was never stolen.

"The action taken by the employee Thursday afternoon was wrong and is not reflective of the integrity of the staff who dedicate themselves to the highest of Museum & Aquarium standards," Enzler said in a statement Friday.

Enzler said the employee, whose name and position has not been released, will be reprimanded. He said it was a personal issue and did not provide any additional information.

Cashew is one of six large tortoises on display in the enclosure. A 4-foot glass wall separates visitors from the creatures.

Enzler said the notion of a stolen tortoise grabbed national attention.

"The idea that someone may steal a tortoise was so disturbing, and I think people responded to that," he said.

He's just glad the tortoise is in good health, and he said staff is reviewing the enclosures.

"It has good karma to know Cashew wasn't stolen and someone didn't violate the museum and its exhibit," he said. "I think it restores our faith in humanity to know someone didn't take the animal."

The 9-year-old tortoise will be back on display Saturday.

Southern Calif. man stages April

Fool's plane joke

YUCAIPA, Calif. — It's the plane crash that wasn't in Southern California.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise reports a Yucaipa businessman staged an elaborate April Fool's joke on Monday.

Billy Cheesman Jr. used a forklift to arrange a small aircraft on the fence that runs in front of his equipment rental business, as if it had nosedived there.

He also strung yellow caution tape around to make it resemble a crash scene.

Cheesman said someone gave him the two-seat experimental plane, and he's been trying to figure out what to do with it.

He notified the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department before he set up the prank at Redlands Yucaipa Rentals.

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.. THIS WEEK in GAINESVILLE ..

April 11, 1972

After a misinformed ad promoting water beds in residence halls ran in the Alligator, Director of Housing James Hennessey said he neither approved nor disapproved of water beds for students living in the halls. But he did say students had to get approval from the resident directors if they wanted one. Students also had to sign a waiver claiming responsibility for any damage.

April 8, 1981

Gainesville city commissioners approved the subsidization of a private trolley bus company to operate in the city alongside the Regional Transit System buses. The red, open-air trolleys were to join the ranks in June with routes going from downtown to campus. The city estimated the trolley line would bring in about \$3,400 in fares a month.

April 8, 1996

An art piece gone wrong ended with a UF student receiving charges of animal cruelty. Vince Gothard dropped more than 30 live mice in hot polyester resin. Gothard's attorney said whether the mice were alive or dead didn't matter, as cruelty was not a part of his creative process. He had not been arrested at the time but faced a third-degree felony.

April 8, 2003

Students wanting to say hello to their friend or just let out their inner child on pavement were out of luck, as the Board of Trustees passed a policy to ban chalked messages on the majority of UF's campus. The only exception to the rule was chalk on the South Terrace of the Reitz Union. Chalking hadn't been allowed before, but the rule was ignored.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS



Patrick Kelly / Alligator

Captain Planet

UF President Bernie Machen learns about teas from UF seniors Kamal Gray, 21, and Brielle Martinez, 21, before delivering his State of Sustainability address at Sustainable UF's Campus Earth Day Celebration on Friday.

RECESS festival hopes to join Gainesville

► **UF MUST RAISE ABOUT \$50,000 TO BRING LEADERS.**

JACLYN ROSEN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Not everyone relives all the things from childhood, but UF students are determined to bring RECESS to campus next fall.

RECESS is a touring music festival

featuring an entrepreneur speaker session and startup company career fair. The event is like South by Southwest for college students, Jack Shannon, the company's co-founder said.

UF is currently in second place in RECESS' competition to bring the festival to universities nationwide.

Scott Lombardo, a 23-year-old law and business administration graduate student, is working with his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, and UF Innova-

tors to raise the funds for the event, which would be in September.

He said UF must raise about \$50,000 to bring some of the nation's top business leaders to speak to students in the entrepreneurial speaker session.

"We're working with local Gainesville startups to do that and start a crowd funding campaign to reach out to interested parties," Lombardo said.

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Veterinary Medicine to hold Open House

A longtime community tradition, the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine Open House will intrigue and entertain audiences of all ages during a full day of educational demonstrations, tours and much more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The event is free and open to the public. Snacks and College of Veterinary Medicine merchandise will be available for purchase.

Numerous educational exhibits and demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Members of the police and sheriff's office K-9 units will be on hand to provide bite and odor-detection demonstrations. Visitors also will be able to see canines using



an underwater treadmill and horses using a high-speed treadmill.

Tours of UF's large and small animal hospitals as well as the shelter medicine area will be provided, and veterinary students will offer a teddy bear clinic for people who bring their damaged stuffed animals for repair.

Pet adoptions featuring local shelter animals also will be available, as will information about veterinary school admissions.

The UF College of Veterinary Medicine is located at 2015 SW 16th Ave.

Visit www.vetmed.ufl.edu for more information.



UF Calendar of Events

► For a listing of events, or to submit an event to the calendar, click "UF Calendar" at www.insideuf.ufl.edu.

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ReadFests this week

Smathers Libraries kicks off National Library Week with the 11th annual ReadFest Tuesday and Wednesday and the 7th annual Edible Book Contest Thursday.

The Children's ReadFest is from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Plaza of the Americas. Volunteers will read to young children or help with crafts. ReadFest for students, faculty, staff and community will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Plaza of the Americas.

The Edible Book Contest will be held Thursday on the Library West walkway. Entries can be viewed from 11 a.m. to noon. Winners will be announced at 12:15 p.m. in five categories: best children's book, best non-cake entry, best nonfiction, best pun and best overall. The best overall winner will be voted on by the public. Prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Museum Nights: A Little Night Music

Thursday, April 11, 6 - 9 p.m.
Harn Museum of Art

Join us for a night of music from around the world including live performances and talks on music genres. Explore the galleries and experience art along with music inspired by what is on view.

Additional support for this evening is provided by the UF Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions (CHITra).



Dancers in spotlight

The UF School of Theatre + Dance hosts the Spring BFA Dance Showcase from Thursday and Sunday. The showcase, which will be held in the Black Box Theatre at the McGuire Pavilion, celebrates the emerging professional artists who are graduating from the college.

Student choreographers, guest artists, the Dance for Life program, community choreographers and guest performers will entertain with new, edgy pieces.

Show times are 7 and 9 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9.

Phillips features jazz

The Monterey Jazz Festival comes to the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets start at \$25 and are \$10 for UF students.

This year's lineup features critically acclaimed, Grammy-winning jazz artists, including vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater, bassist and musical director Christian McBride, pianist Benny Green, saxophonist Chris Potter and trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire.

For tickets, call 352-392-ARTS (2787) or 800-905-ARTS (toll free within Florida), or visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

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New center promises growth

► A FIRE DESTROYED THE ORIGINAL BUILDING.

MICHELLE JACKSON

Alligator Contributing Writer

Construction begins today on a new learning center in the Austin Cary Memorial Forest.

UF's School of Forest Resources and Conservation honored students, alumni and donors at a groundbreaking ceremony at the forest about six miles northeast of Gainesville. About 400 people attended the ceremony Saturday.

"It was a good opportunity to show off what the new building is gonna be like and the opportunities," said Scott Sager,

education coordinator in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation.

A fire destroyed the original building in July 2011. The community immediately supported rebuilding it, he said.

Sager said the building was designed to be about 50 percent larger than the original to accommodate the growth of the school and the need for educational resources. The building will have a 200-person capacity conference room, Internet access and a 30-person classroom.

Sarah Graves, a 26-year-old first-year graduate student in forest resources and conservation, said after the old building burned down, she would instruct students on the side of the road.

Sager said he looked forward to generating memories in the building.

LOCAL

City enjoys art, food at festival

MEGHAN PRYCE

Alligator Contributing Writer

Every year, Norma Nickerson attends the Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival with an interest in how the artists create their masterpieces.

"The most important thing is the weather and the artists, and they're both beautiful."

Kathryn Lehman

coordinator of SFC cultural programs

Nickerson was one of about 110,000 people who attended the 44th annual festival, which featured pieces by artists from Florida and around the world as well as food and live music.

Kathryn Lehman, coordinator of cultural programs at SFC, said this year's festival

was dedicated to Lennie Kesl, a former faculty member at SFC and a member of the Gainesville art community, who died in November. The festival held a jazz concert in his honor and reprinted Kesl's previous Spring Arts posters.

"The most important thing is the weather and the artists, and they're both beautiful," Lehman said.

Ummarid Eitharong, a 60-year-old professional artist from Orlando, said his art has been featured in the festival for more than 10 years. Saturday, Eitharong received an award of excellence for his mixed-media paintings. Eitharong said he enjoys showcasing his work at the festival because he's proud to be part of Gainesville's art community.

"It's a give and take between the artists and community," he said. "Being a part of it is nice."

Spring Fling ends in long-term commitment for adopted animals

SARAH KINONEN

Alligator Staff Writer

Sawyer peered through the holes of his kennel Saturday at his new family with what looked like a smile.

In just a few days, the 9-month-old domestic short-haired tabby cat would be home with his newly adopted parents, April and A.J. Sontag, of Bradford County.

"Then we realized we might be being a little selfish — Train, our other cat, needs a companion."

A.J. Sontag

Bradford County resident

Like Sawyer, 11 other cats and dogs found homes during the Alachua County Animal Services Spring Fling, a two-day pet adoption event held Friday and Saturday.

Although the Sontags weren't expecting to find a cuddly companion as soon as they arrived, once they met Sawyer, they adopted him in a matter of minutes.

"We kept asking ourselves, 'Are we sure we want to do this?'" A.J.

Sontag, 70, said. "Then we realized we might be being a little selfish — Train, our other cat, needs a companion."

The goal of the two-day event was to get as many animals into new homes as possible, said Hilary Hynes, Alachua County Animal Services public education program coordinator.

"We wanted to improve the stray cat adoption," she said, "and of course, we never have an event without the option of adopting the dogs."

Prices for adopting both cats and dogs varied. While some cats and dogs were adopted free of charge, the event adoption prices were \$33 for cats and \$45 for dogs. Since April 2, a total of 34 animals have been adopted from the shelter.

Hynes said because the shelter would like to see animals adopted daily, the event adoption prices will apply until April 10.

"We don't want people to wait until an event," she said. "We want people to check out the animals every day."

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Sarah Kinonen / Alligator Staff

A.J. Sontag, 70, of Bradford County, peers in at Sawyer, his newly adopted 9-month-old domestic short-haired tabby cat, during Spring Fling, a two-day adoption event at Alachua County Animal Services.

Fake meat — not just for vegans

HANNA MARCUS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Biting into a science experiment may not sound all that appetizing, but Hannah Gavin said she wouldn't mind giving it a taste test.

Synthetic meat, also known as vitro meat or cultured meat, is a genetically engineered animal flesh product and is currently hot topic in the science world.

The twist: The meat has never been part of a living animal.

Although it isn't currently in production, experts like Gabor Forgacs, a biological physicist and a professor at the University of Missouri, have successfully created synthetic meat.

During a 2011 TEDMED event, Forgacs discussed the benefits of synthetic meat and said it could help reduce food shortages and cut down on resources used to raise animals for meat. He also cooked and ate his own synthetic meat on

stage.

Although food experts recognize the benefits of synthetic meat, they say the resources needed to commercially produce it are far from available.

Keith Schneider, a UF food science and human nutrition associate professor, said synthetic meat is more of a science experiment than a current production product.



Forgacs

"It's more of a pie-in-the-sky type of thing, where just because they can do something doesn't mean it will ever be done commercially," he said.

"It looks interesting, but it's one of those things that doesn't really mean it's going to happen."

While Gavin, a 21-year-old UF aerospace engineering junior, said synthetic meat sounds like something out of a science-fiction movie, she'd be up for trying it.

UF alumna pushed for it

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fective form of birth control.

Gainesville women have been at the forefront of the campaign, with the Gainesville chapter of the Women's Liberation sending members to testify in front of the FDA.

National Women's Liberation founder Candi Churchill said she, Seguin and other plaintiffs pointed out the morning-after pill is available over the counter in 63 other countries and shared their experiences with it.

"I really resent having spent 10 years of my life organizing to get my government to make something accessible that is perfectly safe," Churchill said.

The 1998 UF alumna has been protesting for the accessibility of the pill since she was a student, finding it insulting that she was patronized at the infirmary when she went to ask for it.

After finding the pill to be a safe relief, Churchill and other members of the Gainesville chapter took action. In addition to filing a lawsuit and testifying, past efforts have included Give Your Friends the Morning After Pill, in which they illegally gave the pill to women in need when it was prescription-only.

"I think we made a big impact," Churchill said. "We're a small town, and we're ordinary women, but we've studied the issue and looked at our own experiences."

Andrea Costello, the attorney representing the National Women's Liberation, said it's a landmark victory for females in the United States.

"This case really shows that when you combine really powerful grassroots organizing and women demanding our rights with really good legal arguments, you get a recipe for justice," she said.

Two-year UF professor wins teacher of the year

COLLEEN WRIGHT

Alligator Writer

Monika Oli doesn't let the learning curve slow her down.

Oli, a UF microbiology and cell science professor, was honored as UF Teacher of the Year at a ceremony held at the president's house last week.

She said she didn't expect to win because of the heavy competition.

"There's so many people,

so many faculty, so many great teachers on campus that it was quite a surprise," she said.

Oli began teaching at UF in Spring 2011. She is credited with revamping the microbiology curriculum.

Microbiology and cell science chairman Eric Triplett said he counted on Oli to modernize and organize the department's lab system.

"It's a big job," he said. "She works countless hours and



Oli

senior, has been Oli's teaching assistant for four semesters. He wrote a recommendation letter for her application.

"She loves what she does,"

puts a lot of thought and creativity."

Y o r - danis Diez, a 23-year-old UF microbiology and cell science

he said. "It could not have happened to a better professor."

Oli said her education from Germany, Scotland and the U.S., and her outside work experience set her apart from the competition. She is thankful for the teachers who helped her succeed.

"Once you feel how it feels to be inspired by somebody, I think, only then, you can give it back," she said.

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UF teacher captures sex trafficking

► THEY HAVE RAISED \$5,000.

NICOLE GERMANY

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF adjunct professor and photographer Jeremiah Stanley and his wife, Meredith, are preparing to go to Greece to capture the stories of sex trafficking victims.

"The more we researched and learned, the more it started to change us as people," he said. "We felt like we had to do something."

After brainstorming ideas, the two decided a portrait project would be a good way to document the slavery and help spread the message. They set up a page on www.USAprojects.org with a goal of \$15,000. The money will help pay for travel expenses, food and equipment. As of press time, about \$5,000 had been raised.

Jeremiah Stanley said they picked Greece because it's known as the gateway into Europe for slavery traffickers. The team, which also includes their assistant, Sierra Clemons, plans to be gone for about a month.

"It's really hard for them to talk about their experiences," he said. "For the first week, we may not even take a picture because we don't want to make victims feel any more exploited than they already are."

Meredith Stanley said she hopes the victims will realize that by standing up and showing their faces, they'll be able to make a difference in educating people.

Upon the completion of the trip to Greece, the photographs will be on display at Anthem Church in Gainesville.

UF students hop, skip and jump for a cure

ALYSSA NIEVES

Alligator Contributing Writer

Hammaad Saber relived his elementary school glory days Sunday afternoon.

"I felt like a 5-year-old in a 19-year-old body," said the UF industrial and systems engineering freshman. He was named hopscotch champion at the Hopping 4 A Cure tournament.

About 100 students attended the event, hosted by Freshman Leadership Outreach at the Broward Outdoor Recreation Complex.

"I respect my brother tremendously."

Michael Nassau

filmmaker

Hopping 4 A Cure's co-founder David Nassau said the event raised about \$1,000 to fund multiple sclerosis research and scholarships for students who have been either directly or indirectly affected by the condition.

Nassau, an 18-year-old UF marketing freshman, said this event was inspired by a high school joke, when he and a friend said they were the first official members of the varsity hopscotch team.

"Our peers became really excited about it, so we decided to make an event out of this and raise the money for charity," Nassau said.

He chose the National Multiple Sclerosis

Society because his father has the condition.

Michael Nassau, David's 24-year-old brother who works in the film industry, drove from South Florida to show his support and film footage for the documentary

he is making about their father.

"I respect my brother tremendously," Michael Nassau said. "Even though he is younger than me, I have always looked up to him."



Sarah Jean Fickett / Alligator

Alejandro Saenz, 19, and Sophia Hannabergh, 19, hopscotch at UF's Hopping 4 A Cure tournament at the Broward Hall Outdoor Recreation Complex on Sunday afternoon.

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Editorial

Ghost of Chavez: Maduro threatens voters with curse

Hey, are curses real? Just checking for the people of Venezuela.

Nicolas Maduro, the acting president of Venezuela since Hugo Chavez died last month, has been invoking a centuries-old curse upon those who don't vote for him in next week's elections.

"If anyone among the people votes against Nicolas Maduro, he is voting against himself, and the curse of Maracapaná is falling on him," Maduro said recently at a political rally, according to an article by BBC News.

"If the bourgeoisie win, they are going to privatise health and education, they are going to take land from the Indians, the curse of Maracapaná would come on you," he continued.

What Maduro was referring to was a 16th century battle — a massacre, actually — fought between the Spanish and the indigenous people of Venezuela. However, there isn't a clear story about a curse involved in the incident. It was a massacre, and that's about all we know about it. One of the only references to the "curse" is on a website called Fausta's Blog, so we're just as skeptical as you about the validity of the information. Seeing as there are so few details out there about this event, we're trusting Fausta.

"[B]ack to the curse, I'm not sure what the hey he's talking about, either," Fausta wrote. "The battle of Maracapaná took place in 1567, when the Spanish army massacred thousands of Indians. Unlike the legends around King Tut, there have been (as far as I could find as of the writing of this post), no legends associated with that specific massacre. This website says 'the bourgeoisie is the curse.' Which makes sense if you're a Communist. Whatever."

The website she refers to is a Spanish news site that also covered Maduro's speech at the rally. Either way, we suppose the curse would be a lot more terrifying if we could find any actual history about the curse. It's bizarre.

"The race took a somewhat surreal turn on Saturday when Maduro said a centuries-old curse would fall on the heads of those who do not vote for him," said a report from Reuters. Yeah. Could you imagine a U.S. presidential candidate cursing the supporters of their opponent with a centuries-old indigenous curse?

"[Henrique] Capriles, who is predicting a late pro-opposition surge as sympathy wears off after Chavez's death, is vowing to install a Brazilian-style administration of free-market economics with strong social welfare policies," continued the report.

"Anyone who threatens the people, who tells the people a curse can fall on them, has no right to govern this country," he said at a rally in the western state of Tachira," reported the BBC News article. "I tell you here, all Venezuelans, the real curse is that little group that we are going to get rid of on April 14."

We're not sure if Maduro running under a campaign that is pitching him as the next Chavez is the best thing for him; he's clearly threatened by his opposition if he's using curses as a bargaining chip. It'll be interesting to see who wins Venezuela's upcoming election.

Reader response

Today's question: Have you ever taken Plan B?

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Column

People, please stop stealing free stuff

Wednesday night, a speaker came to the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts and delivered what was an enthralling, interesting and appropriately comedic speech I will likely not forget.

For those of you who don't know or who are possibly just extremely good at avoiding the 200,000 bulletins around campus that screamed for attention worse than your old high school friend who used to tell you all about his made-up recording contract and girlfriend from Cali, Neil deGrasse Tyson is indeed the person to whom I am referring.

This event, put on by the wonderful (or at least now I consider them so because they brought Tyson to UF) Accent Speaker's Bureau, was something I thoroughly enjoyed, and I am quite positive every other individual there did as well. From asteroids to laxatives, it seems Tyson said all that ever needed to be said in a single talk.

The talk was very important to me, but that's not what I want to highlight. I want to highlight an incredible indecency that stood out even among the great beauty of that night.

I understand there are plenty of students who don't give one piss about this man or what he had to say, but the amount of students who waited in line to get two tickets just to turn them around and try to scalp them is beyond belief.

You people were scalping free tickets, and most of you were asking \$100 — for free tickets!

Whether it's been said to you or not, I hope you realize that if you tried to scalp free tickets, then you are quite possibly one of the most repulsive and just incredibly aggravating individuals alive. Not to mention your desired profit was actually infinite, which is just ludicrous (even burglars have to put in a little bit of effort to make their money).

These tickets sold out in about 30 minutes. Poof, and they were gone. Some people wanted to blame Accent for booking the Phillips Center or how they let people get two tickets. But let's understand here, people: Accent is not the



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one at fault.

The problem here is the abundance of sad students whose integrity is literally worth about \$100.

Accent, by the way, did a stand-up job of getting word out about the show, which included creating an event on

Facebook (because it's not official until it's Facebook-official, amirite).

Can you guess what the Internet decided was the most logical use for that page after the tickets were handed out? "What is scalping, Alex?" is the only acceptable answer.

I guess I'd also technically have to accept, "What are a--holes being a--holes?"

What I find most interesting are the people who picked up tickets and then three hours later posted saying, "Ugh, it turns out I can't go to the show anymore, so if you want to buy my tickets, message me."

Is that so? You were certain you could attend a show the very next night until three hours after you got your free tickets? I'm not sure who's worse though, these people or just the blunt, "Two tickets \$100 each. Who wants them?"

Luckily I had a ticket and didn't want Lt. Cool Guy's ticket. Although I was kind of curious as to where he got his tight, Greek-letter adorned tank top because I would have traded him my ticket for one of those for sure.

I could go on and on about how ridiculous the whole situation was, but the saddest thing about it was it did not surprise me. Not even a little.

Man's indecency to man struck once again. To badly paraphrase Tyson (and I apologize in advance, Neil, if this gets you a bad rap), "Just be a decent human being, you jacka--, and live life to the fullest."

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

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

Letter to the Editor

Misconceptions about the UFApps service in April 5 article

An article published in the April 5 issue of the Alligator contained some misinformation about the UFApps service. On behalf of UF Information Technology, I would like to clarify these issues.

1. UFApps does not mean “free software.”

UFApps is a pilot service funded by the Student Technology Fee and administered by UFIT. The university negotiates software agreements to cover usage in classrooms, labs

and administrative units. Software available through UFApps is licensed and provided for use in a virtual environment.

2. There are no technical difficulties with UFApps.

No technical problems have been reported with any applications. UFApps provides students access to licensed software from almost any computing device anywhere there's an Internet connection. Student feedback about UFApps has been overwhelmingly positive.

3. UF's Adobe license

UFIT has written permission from Adobe to include their applications in UFApps,

which were initially available when the service launched March 12. Subsequent to launch, Adobe raised some licensing questions for discussion. As a gesture of good faith toward those discussions, UFIT removed the Adobe applications from UFApps. Our discussions with Adobe are positive and ongoing. We hope to have the issue resolved shortly.

The reporter stated that, due to the unavailability of Adobe via UFApps, students are “resorting to older version of the programs and cracked software to complete their assignments.”

This is an excellent opportunity to remind students that lawful use of software, media and all intellectual property is a core value of our university. Improperly acquired or unlicensed software puts you at legal risk. For more information, I encourage students to read the university's Acceptable Use Policy.

Microsoft OneNote and InfoPath 2010 have been added since UFApps' launch last month. We look forward to expanding and enhancing this student pilot.

Fedro Zazueta
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director of Academic Technology

Column

Oil: We don't really need it, but we do need a lifestyle change

At the end of last month, an oil pipeline ruptured in central Arkansas. According to CNN, 12,000 barrels of oil spilled into the state. Homes were evacuated, and residential streets were filled with flowing, black oil.

The culprit behind this lack of pipe maintenance is none other than the infamous ExxonMobil.

Put yourself in the shoes of one of the victims of this accident. Imagine the river of black filth running on and on through your streets and home.

The most frustrating part of the spill is the response of the government. Government leaders, the ones who pledge to uphold liberty, are often stunningly uncaring when it comes addressing the errors of oil companies, and this is no exception.

Exxon won't have to pay a penny toward the fund used to clean up oil spills because the black rivers aren't technically oil. This is because, according to the Internal Revenue Service, “tar sands” are not the same as “conventional oil.”

Despite this, Exxon said it will do its best to take care of everything. According to RT news, Alan Jeffers, Exxon media relations manager, said Exxon is “paying all valid claims relating to the spill and providing interim housing for people from the homes which the city of Mayflower recommended be evacuated following Friday's spill.”

That sounds awfully responsible. It also sounded respon-

sible when Exxon promised to make safety a priority after the Valdez incident years ago. That incident would have originally cost Exxon \$5 billion, but the rate was finally reduced to a mere \$500 million in court. I wonder what Exxon will consider to be “valid claims” this time.

The Arkansas attorney general was repeatedly told by Exxon that “inspections were up to date and showed no cause for concern,” according to an NPR article. Look at how that turned out, though. According to one article, the nation's pipelines on average have 280 significant spills each year.

The relationship our country has with oil is a strange one. We see it as essential to our daily lives. Our food, transportation and even our plastics all depend somehow on oil.

And yet, most of us recognize the harm oil can do to the environment. Oil can be very toxic. Spills can cause widespread harm to wildlife and commerce, and using oil as fuel releases greenhouse gases.

Some places, like cities, are even built with the expectation travel will primarily take place in a car. Not only are roads inaccessible to other vehicles, but the cities are built so far spread out that it's hardly feasible to even live in such a place without a car. We all need to get from place to place. Yet, it seems impossible to give up oil. What could be the solution?

We must admit to ourselves we are truly doing a moral



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wrong when we use oil. We have to remind ourselves what we're doing can hurt us.

The next step, I think, is to try to wean ourselves off oil. The less we use, the better. Carpooling is better than driving alone, busing is better than carpooling and biking is even better. If more people bike, roads will be much safer for bikes.

If you're really ambitious, look into converting your car into a completely electric car. Think of where your food is produced and how it's transported. Think of how much money we can save, as a country, if we would stop with these oil wars. No more would there be the need for fighting and digging around in the sand.

Most of all, think of what would happen if we all really wanted clean energy — if we really invested our time, money and minds into it. Imagine a future where we are so efficient at extracting energy, we would actually greet hurricanes with open arms! We just have to do it.

Brandon Lee Gagne is an anthropology senior at UF. His column normally runs on Fridays.



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UF senior uses social media to compete for a public relations job

She's in third place out of 33

TARYN TACHER

Alligator Contributing Writer

One UF student is competing to win the New York Job Project, a contest geared toward people with a passion for public relations and social media. Affect, a firm in New York City, is hosting the contest to find the

most qualified applicant to fill the position of account coordinator.

"It's better than sending in a resume and biting your nails and hoping they like it," said Hannah Swerdloff, a 22-year-old UF public relations senior and entrant in the contest.

There are currently 33 entries, but applications will still be accepted until Friday.

Swerdloff is in third place.

"Contests like this are awesome because they allow candidates to put themselves out there," Swerdloff said.

Maria Parra, a career ambassador for the Career Resource Center and 22-year-old UF business administration senior, said the job market is a lot more competitive than ever before, and applicants need to do as much as possible to stand out.

"Contests like the New York Job Project

give students the ability to apply what they've learned in school so far in a real-world setting," Parra said. "It's about going above and beyond just getting good grades."

The entrants promote their pages through social media. The goal is to get the most votes. There are five judges who each have 200 votes to give out to contestants they deem deserving. Of the three finalists, one will earn the job with Affect with a starting salary of \$36,000.

Ex-wildlife rehabber receives probation

► CHARGES WILL BE DROPPED IF SHE OBEYS.

KELCEE GRIFFIS

Alligator Writer

Watching a river otter trying to turn flips in muddy, 5-inch-deep water almost made Dawn Fox cry.

But Fox, a former volunteer with Florida Wildlife Care Center, said she was only allowed to change the water in the child's size plastic pool once a week.

"It really brought tears to my eyes to see that poor little guy in that filthy, dirty water," she said. "The bottom line is that it was a poor setup."

But since the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission charged Leslie Straub, the owner of the center, on Sept. 5 with failing to comply with animal neglect rules, a lot has changed.

Now, Fox said, the otter swims in a tank of sparkling water at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, where he will live permanently.

"I can rest easy to know he's in a wonderful environment," she said.

As of March 27, Straub is facing a two-year deferred prosecution agreement instead of criminal charges, and her license to care for wild animals has been suspended for three years.

Normally, deferred prosecution only suspends the charges for a year, said Ken Holmes, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Con-

servation Commission investigator. The agreement gives the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission inspection rights to Straub's home for two years, allowing investigators to make sure she doesn't have any wild animals on her property. If she complies, the charges will be dropped.

Holmes said he was willing to give her deferred prosecution because she didn't have a criminal history, and she had been rehabbing since 1995.

"She did a lot of good for a lot of years," he said. "Obviously, she wasn't doing what she should lately."

Meanwhile, animals that were formerly in Straub's care have been passed on to other organizations.

Rehabilitators typically have niches of animals they work with, Holmes said, but Straub took in a wide variety. Now that Straub is out of the picture, Fox said it's exposing just how far the wildlife rehabilitation system has to go.

"We've always had the void," she said. "People just didn't know about it."

Some of Straub's former volunteers are using Florida Wildlife Care as a call center to help connect people with injured animals to rehabbers.

Volunteers like Amy Morton, 28, are also working to put together a web of foster homes to give residents options.

"A lot of people don't know where to turn to when they find an injured animal," she said.

Contact Kelcee Griffis at kgriffis@alligator.org.



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Sync or Swim

Lauren, 13, and Bonnie, 12, practice in the Dwight H. Hunter Municipal Pool on Saturday. The Synchro Gainesville team is preparing for the NE/NW Association Championship on April 27 and 28.

LOCAL

Hillel raises genocide awareness

GILLIAN STONEY

Alligator Contributing Writer

The opening ceremony of the From One Witness to Another: Genocide Awareness Series began Sunday on Bo Diddley Community Plaza.

The series will continue through Wednesday as UF Hillel recognizes Genocide Awareness Month.

Genocide is traditionally defined as the deliberate killing of a large group of people, particularly those of a particular ethnic group or nation.

During the opening ceremony, UF students Sarah Pila, a 22-year-old psychology senior; Kimmie

Klaiman, a 20-year-old economics and family, youth and community sciences senior; and Stefani Pila, a 22-year-old history major; read testimonies of survivors from the

"It's important because we always say, 'Never again,' and it's still happening."

Katie Gillen

UF telecommunication senior

Armenian genocide, the Rwandan genocide and the Cambodian genocide. UF Hillel Rabbi Daniel Wolnerman spoke about being the grandson of Holocaust survivors.

The series is an effort to inform the community of the acts of hatred that have occurred in 43 coun-

tries, Sarah Pila said.

"I think it's very special that here at the University of Florida, we're able to not only acknowledge the Holocaust, which affected predominantly the Jewish population, but also able to incorporate that into the larger scheme of genocide awareness," Wolnerman said.

Five candles were lit to commemorate the billions of deaths. White ribbons were handed out to represent people lost to genocide.

"It's important because we always say, 'Never again,' and it's still happening," said Katie Gillen, a 21-year-old UF telecommunication senior.

Digitized, instant essay grading: Would it work at UF?

► FACULTY COULD USE IT TO HELP GRADE ESSAYS.

KELSEY WONDERLIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF students waiting for grades to be uploaded might be able to stop refreshing e-Learning.

EdX has introduced an online learning system that scores students' essays using artificial intelligence. The program offers free courses to any institution that wants to use it, according to the edX website.

"Sometimes someone comes up with an example I hadn't thought of."

Michele Traub

UF graduate instructor

Michele Traub, a UF graduate instructor for applied behavior analysis, is skeptical of such a computer-based grading system. She said programs like this tend to look for key terms in students' responses without considering their context.

"For me, I like to see what people are understanding," she said.

Claudia Weeks, an 18-year-old UF sociology freshman, said

she hates the similar system used in online psychology.

"It will give you a bad grade for overusing words like 'brain,' which has no synonyms," she said. "But if my teacher was actually grading it, she obviously wouldn't take points off for that."

Caroline Stone, lecturer for advanced argumentative writing in the UF English department, said many students already complain about the lack of attention and feedback they get from professors in their online classes. She believes an artificial intelligence system would further disadvantage students.

"We, as faculty, have a responsibility to take the time to give students quality feedback on their writing," she said.

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6 Furnishings

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by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time Washington had a major-league baseball team in the playoffs before 2012?
2. Name the last player to win a major-league batting title without hitting a home run in that season.
3. Who was the last Florida State running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season?
4. Who was the last NBA player to be on a title-winning team after leading the league in minutes played during the regular season?
5. Who was the last NHL player before Anaheim's Teemu Selanne in 2013 to have a four-point game at age 42?
6. In 2012, Brad Keselowski became the second driver to win NASCAR's Cup season championship after having won a title in the Nationwide Series. Who was the first?
7. Earlier this year, Serena Williams became the oldest player (31) to hold the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis. Who had been the oldest?

Answers

1. The Washington Senators went to the World Series in 1933.
2. Rod Carew, with the Minnesota Twins in 1972.
3. Warrick Dunn, with 1,180 yards in 1996.
4. Norm Nixon, with 3,226 minutes in the 1979-1980 season for the Los Angeles Lakers.
5. Tim Horton, in 1972.
6. Bobby Labonte, in 2000.
7. Chris Evert was not quite 31 when she was the No. 1 player in 1985.

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 6 "Taking you places" premium movie channel
 11 Suffix for hero
 14 '60s-'70s Twins great Tony
 15 Nest on a cliffside
 16 "Friends" actress Courteney
 17 Many a coffee shop, vis-a-vis Internet access
 19 Corner PC key
 20 Subj. for immigrants
 21 Synagogue
 22 Cowpoke's seat
 24 Flightless South American bird
 26 Scottish hillside
 28 "... believe ___ not!"
 29 Hairstyling immortal Vidal
 31 "Ship out" alternative
 34 Humble home
 35 1980s secretary of state Alexander
 36 False show
 37 "No need to hurry, is there?"
 41 "... 'nuff!"
 42 Move, in Realtor-speak
 43 "In ___ Shoes": Cameron Diaz flick
 44 Meddles (with)
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 57 Sorrowful cry
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 60 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
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 64 Mauna __: Hawaii's highest peak
 65 Harbor cities
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 13 Quote in a book review
 18 "How frustrating!"
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 27 "La Bamba" co-star Morales
 30 Very strange
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 35 "The Newsroom" channel
 37 Request for the latest update

- 38 The Twins, at Minneapolis's Target Field
 39 "Born Free" lion
 40 Press for
 41 Windex targets
 45 Free TV ad
 46 Words before "Can you give me directions?"
 47 Cellist who performed at Steve Jobs's funeral
 48 Like a single-performer show
 49 Leads, as to a seat
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 55 AutoCorrect target
 56 Keynes's sci.
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 62 Appt. book rows
 63 Soak (up), as gravy

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Only six offensive linemen played

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sprain since the first week of practice. Wideout Latroy Pittman did not dress for Saturday, and Solomon Patton continues to be held out of contact as he recovers from a broken arm.

The offensive line was hit even harder. Guard Jon Halapio (knee) and tackle Chaz Green (ankle) both sat out after undergoing exploratory surgeries in January. Tackle Ian Silberman missed the game due to a shoulder injury, and tackle Trip Thurman underwent surgery on Monday to repair a torn labrum. Guard Jessamen Dunker is indefinitely suspended as he faces charges of felony grand theft auto and misdemeanor driving with a suspended license.

The six healthy linemen were forced to play nearly every snap of both the drills and scrimmages.

"It was really tough," tackle Tyler Moore said. "We tried to do our best, tried to get breaks, but it wasn't much."

Moore and Harrison said the healthy lineman took the extra snaps as an opportunity to get better and build toughness.

Given all the unit has gone through, a sloppy performance Saturday is excusable.

"We did pretty good," Moore said. "Day 15, doing the same thing we've done all fricking spring. No breaks, doing all the reps. Trying to work as hard as we can."

Although Saturday's lackluster showing conjures memories of UF ranking outside the NCAA's top 100 in total offense for two consecutive seasons, coaches and players remain optimistic.

Coach Will Muschamp said he was comfortable with the talent and depth of UF's offensive line, especially when healthy. He expects improvement from the receivers and a step forward from Driskel, who will be entering his second season as a starter. The Gators also enter 2013 with a year of experience under offensive coordinator Brent Pease.

While Saturday's events were low in entertainment value, Muschamp called it "a very productive day."

"It didn't really feel like a game, but we had to because we're so low in numbers," Harrison said. "There's a lot of hope. There's a lot of room for opportunity coming up in the season."

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Jones reached out to mentor, help Taylor

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catch.

Herndon added a touchdown as well.

Jones said he has looked to mentor Taylor as the freshman continues to develop a better understanding of his responsibilities on the field and his play-book knowledge.

Last year, Jones sought the advice of Gillislee as he adjusted to the college game.

"Me and him will watch film all the time together," Jones said of his relationship with Taylor.

"We teach each other how we run

the ball, what we missed on this play, (and) the concept of the play."

Although Muschamp has spoken at length about the importance of becoming balanced offensively, Florida's rushing attack will be pivotal to its success again next season.

Florida finished 11-2 in 2012-13 largely because of its ground attack, which finished third in the Southeastern Conference with 187.7 yards per game.

Jones, who carried the ball just 52 times for 275 yards and three touchdowns, will step into the role vacated by Gillislee's departure for the NFL.

"He's going to be huge for us," junior quarterback Jeff Driskel said.

"He's a guy who can run hard and break away when he's in the open field. He's also great at pass protecting. He knows his assignments well, and he's good when he gets in space running check-down routes or option routes.

"He's definitely a versatile guy that we're going to have to rely a lot this year like we did with Mike last year."

Jones added: "It made me humble and definitely hungry sitting behind Mike. ... It was probably the best move I ever could have did. Not even starting over him. I wanted to sit behind him to learn how he ran the ball."

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Ryan Jones / Alligator Staff

Freshman running back Kelvin Taylor (21) scores a touchdown during drills at the Orange and Blue Debut on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Taylor signed with the Gators as a four-star prospect.



Ryan Jones / Alligator Staff

Coach Will Muschamp watches drills during the Orange and Blue Debut on Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Muschamp altered the event's format due to multiple injuries affecting the Gators' depth.

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lack of a game wasn't news on Saturday.

After 38,100 attended last year's Orange and Blue Debut, Saturday's "game" could not have drawn much more than 15,000 people.

Roughly 23,000 folks got the message and stayed home.

And for those who did show up, the UAA was extremely generous. Admission was free. For those who bought advance tickets, money was refunded.

Muschamp got on the microphone and talked the crowd through the phases of Florida's practice. It was boring as hell, but at least they were trying.

The Gators could have easily canceled the Orange and Blue Debut and just had another closed practice. That's probably what I would have done.

Instead, Florida catered to its fans and tried to make its final spring practice as entertaining

as possible. If you ever wanted to see Dominique Easley do his thing with some mindless Pitbull song playing, Saturday was probably Christmas morning for you.

Spring games exist entirely for the fans. The team could do just fine without them each year.

Granted, players love the crowd, too, but they get the payoff of adoring fans during the regular season. Spring is a time for work.

I'm sure Muschamp would have loved to simply hold another closed practice. But even though it was a hassle, he went ahead with Saturday's "game" at The Swamp. For you.

"We've got the greatest fans in the world," Muschamp said Tuesday. "To be able to perform in front of them is important for our guys."

Undoubtedly, the spring "game" sucked. But for you football-starved fiends out there, it was better than nothing.

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Florida concludes spring work with open practice

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Under the weight of injuries and attrition, Florida's offense stumbled to the spring practice finish line on Saturday in The Swamp.

With only six healthy offensive linemen, the Gators could not even attempt a typical spring game. Instead, the Orange and Blue Debut was Florida's 15th and final spring practice, and a sloppy one at that.

"We weren't seeing much of the mental errors or anything during all of these practices."

Jonotthan Harrison
UF center

During the six 11-on-11 scrimmage periods that separated individual drills, quarterback Jeff Driskel struggled. He consistently waited through would-be sacks — a red non-contact jersey bought him extra time — but rarely found an open man.

UF also dealt with drops and bad snaps as the defense seemed to get the better of the offense from start to finish.

"There were a lot of sloppy parts," center Jonotthan Harrison said. "We weren't seeing much of the mental errors or anything during all of these practices. But it could've been from people already being done with spring ball."

That the offense would be looking to simply escape is understandable.

While receivers Quinton Dunbar and Demarcus Robinson both showed flashes, each was held out of contact on Saturday. Dunbar has a shoulder injury, while Robinson has been playing through a left ankle

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Ryan Jones / Alligator Staff

Junior quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) takes a snap during a drill in Saturday's Orange and Blue Debut at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The event marked the end of Florida's spring practice.

FIRE JOE MORGAN

Spring 'game' was what it was

The Gators' spring "game" on Saturday was boring.

Trust me. I know. I had to be there.

Most fans went to Saturday's "game" with reasonable expectations. But an irate few were upset after watching just a regular old practice on Saturday in The Swamp. Several aired their grievances via social media.

What? Did the lack of an ultimately meaningless football game bother you?

You had plenty of advance warning.

Coach Will Muschamp first addressed the possibility of a format change to the Orange and Blue Debut on March 26 — 11 days before the "game."

"It may be more of a practice-like atmosphere for what we're going to do," he said.

Since only six Florida offensive linemen were healthy enough to practice, Muschamp decided not to make six guys man the offensive lines of both the Orange and Blue teams.



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That would mean 70 snaps in the Gainesville heat for six guys who have to hit somebody on every play. If

I were in Muschamp's shoes, I would have made the same decision.

So not only did Muschamp make a perfectly rational decision, but he gave fair warning.

But just in case his first warning wasn't enough, Muschamp decided to make it official on April 2 — four days before the "game."

"It's not fair to go in a spring game situation and ask [the offensive linemen] to take 60, 70 snaps in a row," Muschamp said Tuesday. "That's not healthy. It's not good. It's not good for our football team."

There's your second warning. The

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Sophomore earns Gators' starting running back job

PHIL HEILMAN

Alligator Staff Writer

Matt Jones has staked his claim to Florida's starting tailback spot.

After being used sparingly behind Mike Gillislee last season, he used a productive spring to distance himself from freshman Kelvin Taylor and junior Mack Brown.

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Jones was so prolific during Florida's 14 spring practices that coach Will Muschamp was economic with the sophomore during the Gators' spring game on Saturday, opting instead to take a closer look at Brown and Taylor, as well as walk-on Mark Herndon.

"Matt didn't do a whole lot today, and that was by design," Muschamp said. "We wanted to get Kelvin and Mack and Mark some touches. Matt's had a really out-

standing spring. We have a good comfort level of where he is as a player."

Given the number of injuries Florida has dealt with along the offensive line, the Gators sprinkled in multiple drills in addition to six scrimmage periods on Saturday.

Jones was a light participant in the drills and had an unofficial carry for 8 yards during the first scrimmage period. Otherwise, the 6-foot-2 sophomore did not see much work.

"I had a strong spring, and also they wanted to get some of the young guys a lot of reps," Jones said.

"They kind of took it easy on me today."

Taylor responded well in his debut at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. He unofficially carried the ball 11 times for 59 yards and a touchdown, while also adding a 3-yard

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Lauren Embree and the UF women's tennis team defeated Mississippi State on senior day. See story, page 15.

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Florida honors history with top-two finishes in 4x400 relay

GORDON STREISAND

Alligator Writer

Dubbed by many at UF as "the most exciting couple of minutes in racing," the 4x400m relays highlight the Florida Relays. The event was the catalyst that drove Florida to multiple national championships.

Traditionally the finale for many track meets, the 4x400s have long been a point of emphasis for the Gators.

"The 4x400 is kind of the signature event for us and we always like to close the meet with it," coach Mike Holloway said on Saturday.

"It's the last thing anyone sees of us, so we want to go out with a great effort."

It's a theme that's been pervasive in Holloway's tenure at UF.

"We talk about that a lot, how the 4x4 is the last thing people see at the meet, and it's what they remember you by," Holloway said at the Razorback Invitational in January.

The 4x400s have taken on a certain mystique at Florida over the years, thanks in part to the men's battle hymn, "Oh, I Gotta Go."

The tradition began in 1995, Holloway's first year as an assistant coach with Florida. Robert Covington, a sprinter at the time, learned the song from his brother who was in the military and, soon after, taught the song to his teammates. To this day, the song is sung by Florida's athletes immediately preceding the start of the men's 4x4.

"There's a lot of pride in the relay at the

University of Florida," Holloway said. "That's been a tradition as long as I've been here."

On Saturday, Florida's men finished second in the 4x4. The first-place squad featured Olympian and former Gator Tony McQuay as

the anchor.

"It's all about effort," said Holloway. "We were right in the middle of heavy training. I asked them to go out and engage in the fight tonight, engage in the party. And they did



Senior Max Lang attempts to clear the pole during the Florida Relays on Saturday at Percy Beard Track at James G. Pressly Stadium. Lang tied for 20th in the men's university division.

Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

that. They were running against professional athletes, Olympians in Jeremy Wariner and Tony McQuay. We did well."

"We thought we did pretty good," Florida anchor Arman Hall said. "We did the best we could in front of our fans. We were supported by our great teammates. Sure we're sad, we could have won [the race], but we've just got to work harder and hopefully beat them next time. We know we're just as good as they are, but again they got us for today. Who knows, we might get them next time if we face them off."

The women were also runners-up in their 4x4, also losing to a post-collegiate squad featuring Olympic gold medalist Moushaumi Robinson. Although the women didn't win the event, they did break a longstanding UF record and still hold the fastest time in the NCAA.

"The women went out and broke a school record that people thought was unbreakable," Holloway said. "I'm incredibly proud of them."

Anchor Ebony Eutsey added: "It feels great. Our team is young here. We have two freshmen on this team, so for freshman to be able to step up and take that record is a good thing. It means a lot to all of us. It's just great."

Holloway deemed this year's Florida Relays another chapter in the Gators' 4x400 relay history.

"We had numerous PR's, numerous seasonal bests, school records," said Holloway. "It was an unbelievable weekend."

UF gymnastics wins NCAA Regional

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CHUCK KINGSBURY

Alligator Writer

When All-American Alaina Johnson stuck her first vault routine in 85 days, the Gators were relieved.

No. 1 Florida (20-2, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) has dealt with injuries throughout the season, and that trend continued prior to the NCAA Regional Championships on Saturday.

After Johnson suffered a stress fracture in her lower back on Jan. 18, the Gators saw another injury to a key gymnast just a week before its most important competition.

Randy Stageberg — a mainstay on balance beam and floor — suffered a dislocated shoulder during practice on March 29. Coach Rhonda Faehn described it as a "freak accident". Unfortunately for the Gators, the injury will sideline Stageberg for the rest of the season.

On the eve of the NCAA Regional Championships, it was also unclear whether All-American Mackenzie Caquatto would be in the rotation.

"We had a very challenging week," Faehn said. "Starting out with losing Randy Stage-

berg to a dislocated shoulder, and she was a starter for us on two events.

"And then Macko having an emergency root canal last night and throwing up all morning and not knowing if she was going to be able to go was really making things a little sketchy heading into tonight."

But the injuries have not discouraged the Gators.

With an already deep roster, Florida hurdled health issues to several of its All-Americans to capture its seventh Regional Championship in the past eight years.

UF earned a score of 198.400 — the second highest total in the nation this season — to clinch its 31st berth to the NCAA Championships.

A collective effort on each apparatus helped the Gators register a score of 49.55 or higher on each of the four events, including a 49.60 total on the vault that featured Johnson for the first time since Jan. 18.

Johnson pinned a 9.925 despite limited preparation.

"This team is incredible," Johnson said. "They have pushed me through practices, and they have helped me get back."

Florida travels to Los Angeles for the NCAA Championships April 19-21.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Gators top Bulldogs on senior day

MICHELLE PROVENZANO

Alligator Writer

Danielle Collins played with momentum on Sunday.

The freshman smacked a ball to the side of Lien Van Geel's court to end her singles match 6-3 and clinch a 4-0 Florida victory against Mississippi State on Sunday at Linder Stadium.

Collins said starting strong made the difference.

She came out in the first set, dominating the rhythm of play. The freshman only dropped one game to Van Geel, a trip up at the net. She held the lead and grabbed the easy 6-1 win in the first.

Coach Roland Thornqvist said Collins' confidence is growing and

its apparent each time she comes out on the court.

Florida honored seniors Lauren Embree and Caroline Hitimana for the team's senior day.

Despite both players' success on the court during the past four years, the seniors were not in top form after being honored.

Embree came out fast in her first set in singles, dominating the court. But the senior lost focus and her opponent, Georgiana Patrasc took advantage of it.

"[Patrasc] started attacking my short balls and putting away balls to make it tougher for me," Embree said.

Patrasc wore Embree down in the first three games of the second set and grabbed two more games for a two-point lead. Embree battled

back and closed the gap to 5-4, but Patrasc won the sixth point and forced a third set. The set went unfinished due to Collins' clincher.

"Maybe it was the emotion of being a senior, and that could cloud your mind for sure," Thornqvist said. "[Embree] learned a little bit of a lesson. With SECs and NCAAs coming up, you have to take care of your own business on the court."

Hitimana came out slow in her first set, but fought up court to grab a win at 6-4. She led the second set 3-1 before it went unfinished.

"I was hoping that both our seniors would be able to finish today, but we came away with a team win and that's more important than anything," Thornqvist said.

Despite Embree and Hitimana's struggles, Olivia Janowicz and Alex Cercone grabbed the first singles wins, giving the Gators a 3-0 lead.

Sofie Oyen's match went unfinished in the third set.

Doubles provided a quick victory against the Bulldogs.

Cercone and Hitimana shut out Patrasc and Roseline Dion 8-0.

The Bulldogs pairing tripped up on serves and gave the Gators easy final two games to win it all.

Embree and Oyen grabbed the doubles point in an uncontested last game, when Tran hit the ball out in the Gators' left corner.

Thornqvist said the team is in a good place heading into its final two regular season matches.

"I think our form is like a good stock chart," Thornqvist said. "From bottom-left to top-right, that's what you try to do as the year evolves. We're playing more consistent and that's what it takes if we want to realize our dreams."



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Senior Lauren Embree returns a ball during Florida's 4-1 win against Georgia on March 15. Embree played her final regular season match at Linder Stadium in Sunday's 4-0 win against Mississippi State. She is currently the top-ranked player in NCAA women's tennis.

SOFTBALL

Slumping Bulldogs snap Gators' 12-game winning streak

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN

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Florida's trademark in 2013 has been scoring early and often.

But on Sunday, it was Mississippi State hanging crooked numbers on the scoreboard.

The Bulldogs (24-14, 3-9 Southeastern Conference) jumped out to a five-run lead in the second inning and held on to defeat the No. 3 Gators (38-4, 12-3 SEC) 6-5 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium to end Florida's 12-game winning streak.

"They had 11 hits, we had [five]," sophomore Lauren Haeger said. "It's hard to win when the other team has 11 hits and you have [five]."

After pitching a scoreless first, junior Hannah Rogers fell apart in the second. The right-hander surrendered a leadoff home run to Mississippi State designated player Briana Bell and never regained her control.

Bulldogs second baseman Heidi Shape followed with a triple and scored on a single by Erin Nesbit. MSU scored five in the inning.

"I don't think anything was

working for her," coach Tim Walton said. "I think she was throwing the ball over the plate too much."



Walton

But after falling behind early, the Gators rallied. Kelsey Horton and Taylor Schwarz began the bottom of the second with singles, and Briana Little walked to load the bases.

Following a Kirsti Merritt popout,

catcher Taylore Fuller, who came into the game batting .179, worked a 2-2 count. After crushing a foul ball left of the left-field foul pole, the freshman kept a long ball fair, bringing in four runs for Florida.

"It feels better to produce for my team, finally," Fuller said. "I would have gone with a base hit, but a grand slam is that much better."

But MSU stalled UF's momentum and tacked on a sixth run in the top of the third on a single by center fielder Loryn Nichols. Shape scored on the play, colliding with Fuller at

the plate. The ball rolled to the backstop, where pitcher Alyssa Bache fielded it and threw to Fuller, who tagged Nesbit out to end the inning.

The Gators added a fifth run in the sixth inning on a home run by Horton, but went down in order to finish the game in the seventh.

"Being down 5-0 in softball is like being down four touchdowns in football," Walton said. "We did a good job at keeping it competitive and keeping it close."

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Florida rides big inning to win against Mississippi State



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Sophomore outfielder Connor Mitchell (13) slides into second base during Florida's 4-0 win against Ole Miss on March 31 at McKethan Stadium.

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Through four innings on Sunday, it looked as if Florida was going to have a showing identical to its 2-0 loss to Mississippi State on Saturday.

Then the lineup woke up.

The Gators (15-18, 5-7 Southeastern Conference) used an eight-run fifth to beat No. 17 Mississippi State (26-9, 5-7 SEC) 8-3 in Starkville, Miss.

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On Saturday, UF only had four batters above the minimum and did not get an extra-base hit. Until the fifth inning of Game 3, only one Gator had reached base against Bulldogs' starter Jacob Lindgren.

The sophomore left-hander gave up three straight singles to Vickash Ramjit, Josh Tobias and Harrison Bader to begin the top of the fifth. Lindgren was replaced with right-hander Myles Gentry. O'Sullivan countered by pinch-hitting for Mike Fahrman with lefty Connor Mitchell. Mitchell proceeded to clear the bases with a triple down the right-field line.

Cody Dent followed Mitchell with a

walk and freshman shortstop Richie Martin then singled to left to score Mitchell for the go-ahead run. Sophomore third baseman Tobias plated two more runs later in the inning with a double to left field to make it 8-2.

Sophomore Johnny Magliozzi, who until yesterday had primarily been used as a closer, got the start for Florida. After allowing two runs in the first inning, Magliozzi retired nine straight and lasted 5.2 innings total while allowing one more run.

Ryan Harris relieved Magliozzi and struck out Bulldogs' catcher Mitch Slaughter to get out of the sixth. The sophomore right-hander pitched two more scoreless innings. It was Harris' second outing in as many days in which he threw 2.1 innings without giving up a run.

MSU threatened in the bottom of the ninth with back-to-back singles from Wes Rea and CT Bradford to lead off the inning. Daniel Gibson then came in for Harris and retired the final three batters in order.

Florida will look to avoid a season sweep against No. 8 Florida State when it travels to Tallahassee on Tuesday night.

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