



University Box Office near Reitz to sell out — for good

Online ticketing caused revenue decline

COLLEEN WRIGHT
Alligator Writer

Students will no longer stand in lines swirling around the Reitz Union Colonnade for tickets.

The University Box Office will close June 30.

Brian Brasington, assistant director for business services at the Reitz Union, said the box office revenue has been on a decline for the past three to five years from the ticketing industry moving online.

Brasington said the Reitz Union, which runs the Uni-

versity Box Office, is making arrangements for individual venues to have box offices. He said the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts might use its own box office. Tickets for its events are already available on Ticketmaster.

The Stephen C. O'Connell Center and Constans Theatre will have to come up with business plans to sell tickets.

Brasington doesn't know if there will be an option for buying tickets online for on-campus events.

He said the box office currently employs one full-time staff member and about 12 student employees. He said opportunities for student employees will be available in

"It will require people to think way ahead, so some might not come altogether."

Megan Wicks

theater and marketing sophomore

other areas of the Reitz Union.

Megan Wicks, a 19-year-old theater and marketing sophomore, said ticket sales to student performances are likely to decrease.

"It upsets me only because now people won't be able to come to a show and buy it there that night," she said. "It will require people to think way ahead, so some might not come altogether."

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"It's Not Unusual"

Alfonso Ribeiro, known for his role as Carlton in '90s sitcom "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," speaks before a crowd of about 475 in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom on Tuesday evening. Read the story on page 5.

Carl Bernstein to visit UF on Saturday

► HE BROKE WATERGATE.

American politics and its effect on Israel and journalism.

ALEXA VOLLAND
Alligator Writer

Accent is paying Bernstein \$15,000 to come to Hillel, Accent chairman Josh Holtzman said.

For the second-annual Florida Loves Israel conference, UF Hillel has partnered with Accent Speaker's Bureau to bring Carl Bernstein to campus.

Tickets can be picked up at Hillel from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today through Friday and then up until the event on Saturday. Bernstein will speak at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m.

The Pulitzer Prize winner known for covering the Watergate scandal in the '70s will speak at Hillel on Saturday.

Holtzman said Bernstein was chosen to speak because of his present voice in Israel.

The three-day conference is from Friday to Sunday, said Joshua Kahn, Jewish Agency Israel fellow to UF Hillel. Tickets for the conference are \$25 for UF students. The Bernstein event is free and open to the public. Bernstein will talk about

"Carl Bernstein is one of the great journalists of our time," said the 22-year-old history and political science senior, "but he is less known to the general public for his work done in Israel."

CAMPUS

UF celebrates five smokeless years as tobacco-free campus

BRIANNA HANDY
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF has been a tobacco-free campus for five years.

In honor of the anniversary, the UF Tobacco-Free Task Force is sending out reminders of UF's tobacco-free policy and promoting free cessation services to anyone who wants to quit.

The policy bans the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products everywhere on campus, including parking lots and vehicles.

Jane Emmeree, a co-chairwoman of UF Tobacco-Free Task Force, said the policy is important for creating a healthy environment.

"Someone who is walking around on campus who chooses not to smoke cigarettes really doesn't appreciate having secondhand smoke blown in their face," she said.

On Tuesday, the UF Tobacco-Free Task Force set up tables in the Gator Corner Dining Center, at the Shands at UF Atrium and on the Plaza of the Americas.

The tables offered information for people

"We are all responsible to support the policy by asking people to put out and dispose of any cigarettes or any type of tobacco that's on campus."

Kathy Nichols

co-chairwoman of UF Tobacco-Free Task Force

who wanted to quit smoking and for those who might know someone who smokes. It also advertised free counseling for students, faculty, staff and Shands at UF's patients and

families.

This year's slogan is "Gators don't chew. They chomp!" Created by students, it is a way to remind people all types of tobacco are prohibited on campus.

Kathy Nichols, a co-chairwoman of UF Tobacco-Free Task Force, said it is a joint effort to make sure this policy is imposed and UF remains a healthy place to work and learn.

"We are all responsible to support the policy by asking people to put out and dispose of any cigarettes or any type of tobacco that's on campus," she said.

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About 80 people were evacuated, pg 5.

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The money would go to reducing UF's carbon footprint, pg 10.



A Reservation for Two

"I fell in love with the person, not [the] gender," said Barbara Petersen, 70, about her partner, Barbara Grimes. See the photo story on pgs 8 - 9.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Volunteers needed for Clean

Water Campaign

The UF Clean Water Campaign will hold periodic storm-drain marking events in April and during the summer to help raise awareness of water quality on campus. Most runoff water that falls onto UF roads, parking lots and buildings eventually makes its way into Lake Alice and may be polluted by careless activities. Round, 4-inch vinyl discs, which read "No Dumping: Drains to Lake Alice" (or another UF water body), will be placed at the curbs of street-level storm drain inlets around campus to alert people to keep trash, pollutants and other debris out of the water. For information on how to be a Clean Water Campaign volunteer for this and other activities, please visit www.soils.ifas.ufl.edu/campuswaterquality/ or email the Clean Water Campaign program coordinator, Italo Lenta, at italo@ufl.edu.

Study — and play — in Poland this summer

Seize a unique opportunity to study in four of Poland's most renowned cities: Krakow, Wroclaw, Warsaw and Gdansk. Immerse yourself in Polish culture and visit castles, cafes and mountains. Be a witness to the ongoing growth of new Europe. Previous knowledge of Polish is not required. Contact Anna Muller at the Center for European Studies at anmuller@ufl.edu.

A vision for preservation and accessibility of agricultural data

Simon Liu, director of the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Md., will give a talk at 3 p.m. in Smathers Library, Room 1A. The talk is part of UF's 150th celebration of the First Morrill Act and the Data Management/Curation Speaker Series. For more information, visit blogs.uflib.ufl.edu/news/2013/03/21/.

Grad student panel

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

Middle Eastern drumming workshop

On Thursday, the UF Hillel Spirituality Series will present a Middle Eastern drumming workshop featuring Dror Sinai, a professional musician and educator. The event will be at UF Hillel's Norman Lipoff Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Drums will be provided by LJ Percussion. Feel free to bring your own hand drums.

FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS
87/65	87/67	82/57	84/57	83/63

This is a free event for UF and Santa Fe College students. Questions? Please contact Jeffrey Kaplan at Jeff@ufhillel.org.

Cool Down with La Casita and CALOR

Spring just began, but it feels like summer. Come cool down with the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures and the Central American Latin Organization on Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at La Casita. There will be snow cones and an ice cream sundae station. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/506481162746807/.

The University Gospel Choir 2013 Spring Extravaganza

"Be Transformed" will feature recording artist J.J. Hairston and Youthful Praise at the Ignite Life Center on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Be ready to praise. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ufgospelchoir.

Florida Loves Israel Conference

The second-annual Florida Loves Israel, Florida's premier collegiate pro-Israel conference, is being held at UF Hillel from Friday to Sunday. The conference will host students from more than eight state universities for a weekend of expert-led seminars, discussions and interactive sessions. Centered on a wide array of Israel-related topics, the three-day event aims to inspire, connect and empower Florida's Student Body. To get more information and to register, visit www.fli.ufisrael.org/register.

Blue Oven Kitchens fundraiser

Come on out to "Blue Oven, Bluegrass and 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.

Slow Food Gainesville hosts Lebanese Night

Come to a Lebanese cultural event and fundraiser at Half Cork'd on April 16 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for the general public. There will be Lebanese hor d'oeuvres, a short film, belly dancers, a cash wine bar and a silent auction. Please email slowfoodgainesville@gmail.com if you are interested in attending or donating.

Dancin' Gators 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.dancingators.weebly.com. Feel free to email eneisy29@ufl.edu with questions.

Mountain bike skills clinic

Join the Gainesville Velo Vixens in an Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills clinic. The clinic will be held on 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 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.

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UF physics professor Peter Hirschfeld attracts attention

He joined faculty in 1988

SHANNON KAESTLE
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Peter Hirschfeld is the new UF Teacher-Scholar of the Year for 2012-2013. Hirschfeld, a 55-year-old physics professor, was chosen for his performance in teaching and scholarly activities.

"I'm touched and astonished," he said.

The award, which started in 1960, is granted to one UF faculty member each year by the Award Committee.

Hirschfeld, a Princeton University alumnus, became part of the UF faculty in 1988.

"Peter Hirschfeld is a superb physicist," wrote UF President Bernie Machen. "He's a great researcher, a great teacher and a true asset to UF."

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Bernie Machen
UF president

In conjunction with the award, Hirschfeld will receive \$5,000. He said he wants to put the money toward his children's college tuition.

Yan Wang, a 28-year-old physics fifth-year graduate student, said he took Physics of Solids II with Hirschfeld last Spring.

"His teaching is very clear," he

said. "The class is very welcome to the discussion."

Wang said Hirschfeld deserved the award because of his dedication to his students and his research.

Hirschfeld received his doctorate in 1985. His research focuses on superconductivity. This happens when two electrons, both of which have a negative charge, pair up in certain materials, allowing electricity to flow through. The pairing of two electrons is abnormal. Typically, an electron will only pair with a proton, which has a positive charge,

Hirschfeld said. His research focuses on why this phenomenon occurs.

"It's like something moves without any resistance," Hirschfeld said. "How can that possibly happen?"

Hirschfeld said his graduate students help with his research.

"I'm grateful for a lot of people that did a lot of work on my behalf," he said.

Wang said he is happy to help Hirschfeld.

"He's definitely one of the most significant scientists studying in the research area," he said.

Man eats pot — then arrested

KATHRYN VARN
Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police arrested a man early Monday after an officer found him with a mouth full of marijuana.

Finnex Dorian Comic Jackson, 21, of Cross City, Fla., was arrested on possession with intent to sell a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence charges, according to a GPD report.

At about 2 a.m. Monday, an officer stopped a car in the 2900 block of Southwest 13th Street for a tag light violation, according to the report. After he pulled the car over, the officer questioned Jackson, who mumbled his answers, according to the report.

Because the officer smelled marijuana on Jackson and saw remnants of the drug in the car, he asked Jackson to get out to be searched, according to the report.



Jackson

During the search, Jackson spit out six small plastic bags of marijuana and a few unpackaged pieces of the drug onto the hood of the officer's car, weighing about 7.2 grams in total.

Jackson was booked into the Alachua County Jail at about 2:30 a.m. Monday. He was released at about 10 p.m. after he met bond.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Marston gets new battery packs

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COLLEEN WRIGHT
Alligator Writer

Look no further for outlets in Marston Science Library.

The Student Senate unanimously approved funding Tuesday night for 15 rechargeable battery packs to be available for rent at the library by finals week.

The XP18000A rechargeable battery pack can charge up to three devices at once, including laptops. Each pack costs \$179.99.

The Senate's Allocations Committee Chairman Elliot Grasso said the battery packs are a short-term solution for students' concerns about the shortage of outlets in Marston.

"This is a good, creative, out-of-the-box way to address these issues," Grasso said af-

ter the meeting. "Majors from all over will be able to use these."

Grasso said the rechargeable batteries are a pilot program exclusively at Marston.

Each pack contains different charging tips for devices. The batteries have a warranty of three years. The renting system is similar to renting a netbook at the library.

If students respond positively to the rechargeable battery packs, Grasso said the library can buy more.

Senate President Lauren Verno commended the Allocations Committee on finding a short-term solution for the lack of power outlets in Marston.

"It's a great solution for something that didn't seem feasible and is now a great opportunity for students," she said.

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CRIME Gainesville woman helps police catch burglar who robbed her

KATHRYN VARN
Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville woman helped police catch the man who burglarized her house.

Rudolph V. Smith, 45, of Waldo, was arrested on burglary charges after Sandy Flory, 36, saw Smith biking down the road near her house, located in the 700 block of Southwest 21st Avenue, with a backpack that looked like her husband's.

Flory was driving home when she spotted Smith with the book bag, she said. She rushed

home to check on her house. She saw her bedroom had been ransacked, and the screen outside her window was bent.

Flory called police while she drove out of her neighborhood. She saw Smith when she got to Southwest 13th Street and followed him onto Southwest 16th Street, then onto Southwest Archer Road. Flory continued following Smith until police arrived. Officers arrested him near The Bartram Apartments, she said.

Police recovered the book bag, which contained two laptops, some coins from foreign countries, a pocketknife, a watch that

"I'm just thankful nobody got hurt and that I wasn't here when he was here."

Sandy Flory
burglary victim

belonged to Flory's husband and a remote-control red Mustang car Flory's 5-year-old son had bought with his own money.

"I'm just thankful nobody got hurt and that I wasn't here when he was here," she said. "And we got our stuff back."

Officers booked Smith into the Alachua

County Jail just before 3 p.m. Tuesday, where he remained Tuesday night with no bond.

Smith has been in and out of jail on numerous burglary and grand theft charges, according to the Florida Department of Corrections website.

GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said Flory helped catch a criminal, and she handled the situation well.

"She was a perfect example," Tobias said. "She hung back. She didn't try to engage. She did everything exactly right."

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Both mayoral candidates debate conference center, biomass plant



Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

Mayor Craig Lowe and mayoral candidate Ed Braddy debate at Oak Hammock at UF retirement community Tuesday night. About 90 people attended.

► THE RUNOFF IS TUESDAY.

BILLY KENNEDY

Alligator Contributing Writer

In the final debate before the April 16 mayoral runoff election, candidates Ed Braddy and Mayor Craig Lowe discussed a proposed downtown conference center, transportation and the biomass plant Tuesday night.

The forum was held at Oak Hammock at UF retirement community. About 90 people attended.

Throughout the debate, candidates landed on opposite sides of every major issue.

Both candidates supported bringing a conference center downtown but differed on the right way to build it. Braddy said he wouldn't support a tax-funded center, while Lowe said he supports tax incentives to make the building a reality.

"I think it would be a good thing to use incentives in a judicious manner," Lowe said.

Regarding the city's biomass contract, Lowe said he supports the contract, adding that biomass will diversify Gainesville's fuel mix for

electric generation.

"It will provide ... financial security in the long haul when compared with other fuel sources," he said.

Braddy disagreed, saying a motion he made during his term as District 2 city commissioner would have saved residents money.

"Had the City Commission followed through on the motion I made ... we would be saving \$260 million," he said.

The candidates agreed the city's transit needs aren't being met, but they proposed different solutions to the problem.

Lowe said bus rapid transit is the answer, while Braddy said Lowe's proposal would be too costly.

"We have better uses of \$300 million," Braddy said.

The candidates also differed on how to fund road maintenance.

Lowe said the city's looking for additional funds.

Braddy said 80 percent of the city's gas tax revenue is being diverted to uses other than road maintenance.

"I would support more proportionate use of existing revenue to help maintain the roads," he said.

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Carlton actor says no relaxing all cool in show business

Yes, he did the Carlton dance

ELIZABETH BROWN

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Reitz Union Grand Ballroom teemed with laughter and applause Tuesday night as Alfonso Ribeiro spoke about his experiences in show business.

The former "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" actor talked to about 475 people, said Inter-Residence Hall Association president Severin Walstad, a 21-year-old UF public

relations senior.

IRHA sponsored the event.

Best known as the rich, intelligent and preppy Carlton Banks on the '90s sitcom, Ribeiro emphasized the important roles hard work and luck play in breaking into the business.

"You work hard. You work tirelessly," he said. "Every day, you do something to help yourself."

The actor, director and television host



Ribeiro

once starred in a Pepsi commercial with the late Michael Jackson.

He later landed the title role in the Broadway show "The Tap Dance Kid," which jump-started his career.

Ribeiro also spoke about his "Fresh Prince" role.

He expressed admiration for former co-star Will Smith.

"I felt like [Smith] had something that was amazing," Ribeiro said. "He had that

charisma."

Upon audience request, Ribeiro performed the famous Carlton Dance.

The crowd erupted in cheers.

Ribeiro said as of now, there are no plans for a "Fresh Prince" reunion.

Carina Seagrave, a 22-year-old journalism graduate student, said her favorite part of the event was when Ribeiro talked about his cast experiences throughout the years.

"Growing up, I felt like I was part of the Banks family," she said. "I really like that he keeps that tradition going."



Elise Giordano / Alligator Staff

Shawn Smith, 42, a gas worker for Gainesville Regional Utilities, digs around the gas line that broke near Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday afternoon.

LOCAL

Gas leak leads to steak house evacuation on Archer Road

ALEXA VOLLAND

Alligator Writer

A southwest Gainesville steak house had to evacuate about 80 people Tuesday afternoon after a gasoline leak occurred at a neighboring construction site.

Texas Roadhouse, 3830 SW Archer Road, was closed from about 12:40 p.m. to 4 p.m. while a Gainesville Regional Utilities crew replaced the leaking pipe.

Contractors were installing pathway lighting when they struck a gas line while drilling for the new Pollo Tropical that will share a parking lot with the steak house.

Greg Jasinski, Texas Roadhouse manager, said all of the kitchen equipment stopped working when the pipe burst. GRU and Gainesville Fire Rescue were

called while restaurant customers and staff evacuated.

GFR Lt. Todd Ellis said even though a fire didn't erupt, eight firefighters and a paramedic responded as a precaution.

Although the gas leak was contained to a 3-foot-deep hole, Ellis said if a fire were to occur, the hole would have functioned as a chimney, funneling out flames.

Shawn Smith, 42, a gas worker for GRU, said when the drill hit the gas line, dirt went into the pipe.

If the dirt had not been removed, it could have gotten into the kitchen appliances at the steak house, Smith said.

"That wouldn't be good for steak, I imagine," he said.

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Editorial

Nutella-la-la: Beloved by students and thieves

Hold on, we're going to do one of those journalism ledes that describes an item to you before making you guess what we're actually talking about:

You can dip pretzels in it. You can slather it on cookies. It makes a great sandwich when paired with banana slices. Nutella. Thanks for humoring us. We're not the only ones obsessed with the chocolate-hazelnut spread. College students and international thieves are as well. Let us explain.

Last month, the Columbia University's college newspaper reported an interesting fact about the spread.

"It seems like undergrads have a sweet tooth — and it's costing Dining \$5,000 per week in Nutella," said an article in the Columbia Spectator. "Since Dining started offering the sweet spread in Ferris Booth Commons last month, administrators have observed a high demand for Nutella — up to 100 pounds per day. But that seemingly sum could be due in part to students stealing the chocolate-hazelnut topping."

"And before you could say chocolate-covered Nutella marshmallow cookies," joked an article in the New York Times last month, "the council member, Peter Bailinson, heard from Vicki Dunn, the executive director of Dining Services. The subject was how much Nutella students were taking back to their dorms, or wherever they were taking it, and how much all that Nutella was costing."

"People take silverware, cups and plates, and that adds up over the course of a year to a lot of money," Bailinson said, according to the article. "With Nutella, it added up much more quickly. Where Dining might have to spend \$50,000 to replace silverware and cups, they were spending thousands of dollars on Nutella in one week."

Is there regulation within Columbia dining halls?

"The mundane fact, according to the University's Division of Dining Services, is that the weekly cost of the Nutella supply is actually less than 10 percent of the amount originally reported on a student blog and quickly picked up by other media," said Columbia officials in a press release.

But what about the international thieves you promised us in this editorial?

"At some point over this past weekend, a group of unidentified thieves broke into a parked trailer in central Germany and made off with more than five tons of Nutella," said an article by Time magazine, sourcing an Associated Press report.

"It is not yet clear how the chocolate-and-hazelnut heist was carried out. The culprits would have had to find a way to abscond with more than 6,500 jars of the stuff, according to some back-of-the-envelope calculations by The Atlantic Wire," continued the article. "The value of the pilfered condiment is believed to be about \$20,000."

Is there something nefarious you can do with or to Nutella? Because some group of thieves, maybe the same ones, also took energy drinks with them. "According to the English-language German news site The Local," the Time article states, "a trailer-full of coffee and several tons of Red Bull went missing a few weeks ago in the same town."

Fill us in on the Nutella secret, y'all.

Reader response

Today's question: Have you ever smoked on campus?

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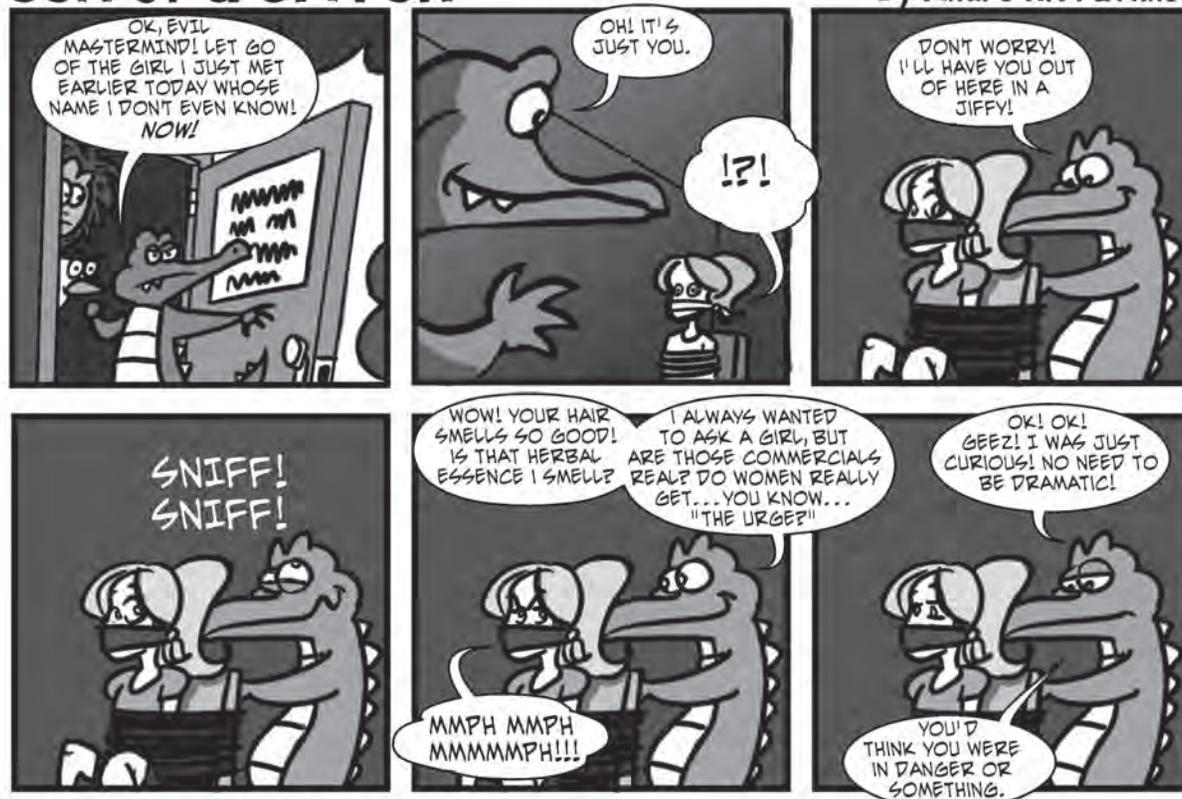
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Column

Florida silences doctors' speech on firearms

When a physician asks a patient if he or she owns firearms, is that doctor violating the patient's Second Amendment rights?

In July 2010, when Ocala pediatrician Chris Okonkwo asked Amber Ullman if she had guns at home, she reportedly contacted her Florida legislator to tell him about this "assault" on her Second Amendment right to bear arms.

This incident, along with several related anecdotes of doctor-patient disagreements, served as a catalyst for the Florida Firearms Owner's Privacy Act, which passed the state legislature in April of 2011 and was signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott.

Drafted with the help of the National Rifle Association, the law states physicians "shall respect a patient's right to privacy and should refrain from making a written inquiry or asking questions" about whether a patient owns a firearm.

Other attempts by the NRA to curtail doctor-patient speech about firearms occurred in other states including Alabama, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia, all of which failed to pass their respective state legislatures. Earlier this year, Kansas and Missouri considered similar legislation.

But these states are likely waiting to move forward with their legislation until the courts decide whether Florida's law is constitutional. In June 2012, a federal judge in Miami permanently enjoined the law, preventing its enforcement on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment freedom of speech rights of doctors.

Now the law awaits a decision by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

The supposed justification for the law — that posing a question about whether someone owns a firearm violates his or her Second Amendment rights — falls short for various reasons.

First, it is absolutely absurd to justify restricting the ability of doctors to ask potentially lifesaving questions in order to protect the sensibilities of patients who might feel uncomfortable with such questions.

Particularly when it comes to pediatric care, evidence abounds that improperly stored firearms in the home can im-



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pair the safety and can threaten the lives of children. A study by the Children's Defense Fund found more than 116,000 children and teenagers were killed by guns between 1979 and 2009.

An article in the conservative-leaning Wall Street Journal even pointed out accidental gun

deaths among children have "grown worse since 1999."

Second, there is simply no way a doctor asking questions about firearms can abridge someone's right to bear arms. When patients leave the doctor's office after being questioned and counseled about firearm ownership, their guns will still be there waiting for them when they get home.

And even if patients feel as though they have been harassed by a doctor asking these types of questions — the Second Amendment — or any amendment for that matter, does not protect us from feeling uncomfortable or offended.

Furthermore, the Bill of Rights was written to protect us from interference by the government, not from private individuals like doctors.

Finally, there are clear First Amendment interests at stake in this case because the government is telling doctors they cannot speak to patients about firearms.

The constitutional protection of free speech, at its core, is about the discussion of important public issues, the discovery of truth and the ability of people to find self-fulfillment.

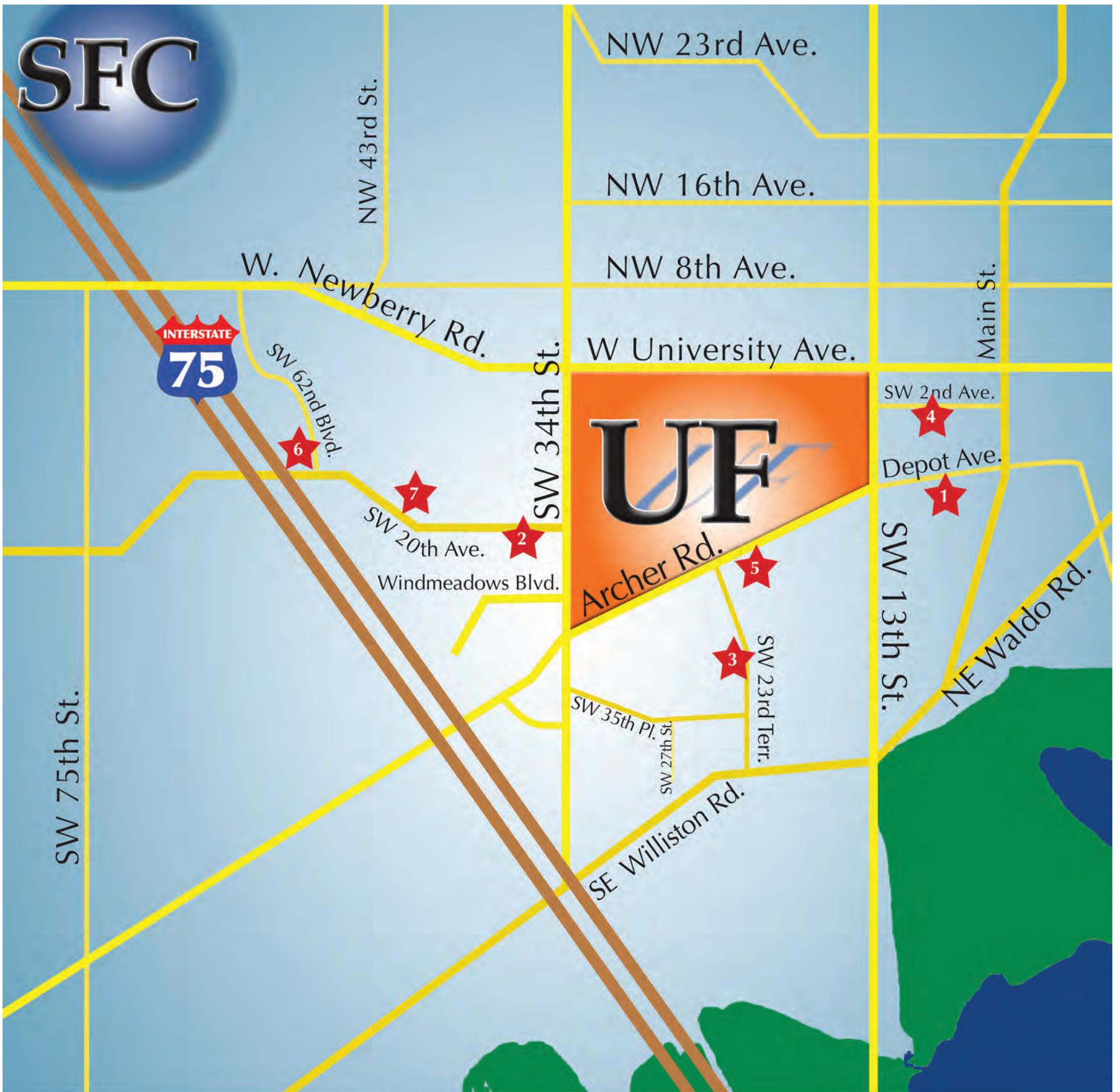
No one can deny the speech regulated under this law fits all of the above categories.

When the stakes surrounding whether doctors can counsel patients about firearms safety involve matters of life and death, there is no compelling reason why such speech should be curtailed.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals should strike down Florida's law and set a precedent that doctor-patient speech of this manner must be protected.

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A Reservation

Barbara Petersen said she never questioned her sexuality until she met Barbara Grimes. Now, Petersen, 70, and Grimes, 69, live together in Beverly Hills, Fla., with five dogs. They first met in the early 1980s, and they soon became good friends. From there, Grimes said, "It was a slow evolution."

Photos by Taka Hamada.



Above: Petersen and Grimes show their rings. They received the holy union in Minnesota in October 1990.



LEFT: Petersen, left, and Grimes, right, smile at each other and hold their wedding portrait. "I fell in love with the person, not [the] gender," Petersen said.



Petersen, left, and Grimes, right, sing a song at the Trinity Metropolitan Community Church in Gainesville during its Sunday service.

for Two



ABOVE: Grimes, left, and Peterson, right, discuss about the towels that Peterson made for the gardening club's fundraising

TOP RIGHT: Petersen, left, and Grimes, right, stand on Fort Island Gulf Beach — their favorite getaway.

RIGHT: Grimes, left, and Petersen, right, feed crackers to the birds surrounding them.



CAMPUS

UF group hopes to get green

BRIANNA HANDY

Alligator Contributing Writer

A group of UF students is looking ahead to Fall, when they hope to pass the Student Green Energy Fund.

The money from the fund will go toward specific operations that will reduce UF's carbon footprint. It will benefit UF's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2025, said Heather Dean.

"They understand that this is something that is going to positively affect the campus for generations to come."

Heather Dean

UF political science senior

James O'Connell, the director of internal and external affairs for Gators Going Green, said UF would raise the money by adding 50 cents to each credit hour.

"For a normal semester, it adds up to about two Starbucks drinks," the 20-year-old environmental engineering junior said.

Dean, a 22-year-old political science senior with a sustainability studies minor, said the specific uses of the money would have to be approved by a committee of faculty, administration and students.

Even though students become hesitant when adding tuition fees, Dean said, she has received positive feedback so far.

"They understand that this is something that is going to positively affect the campus for generations to come," she said. "They want to invest in UF and make it a better place."

The students missed the deadline to pass the fund this semester.

"We are kind of doing everything so that next Fall, everything can just be started right away and push through really quickly," Dean said.

First, student petitions must be signed to get a referendum on the Student Government elections ballot. Dean said about 500 students must sign the petitions.

"The first step is to have the students approve it so that the university knows that this isn't something that's being forced on students," she said.

The petitions would gain UF's approval, and then it would have to go to the Board of Trustees and the Florida Board of Governors.

O'Connell said other Florida universities have already passed a similar fund.

"This is an example of something that we can do that makes our campus better and makes our university stronger," he said.

Conserve water this month

THE COUNTY IS EDUCATING RESIDENTS ON CONSERVATION.

JOVAHN HUERTAS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Alachua County teamed up with local governments across the state to declare April Water Conservation Month.

The event includes education opportunities, reminders to use irrigation systems properly and an initiative to get county employees to conserve water and energy, said Stacie Greco, water conservation coordinator in the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department.

"We all use water, and we all need water," she said. "I think everybody is part of the problem, so we're all part of the solution."

In Florida, April combines dry weather with grass greening and flowers blooming, Greco said.

"People get really tempted to ramp up their irrigation," she said.

Activities for Water Conservation Month began in March with radio ads reminding residents to maintain their irrigation systems.

The ad campaign, which is set to run through April 21, also promotes a rebate for properly maintained in-ground irrigation systems offered by Gainesville Regional Utilities, Greco said. The rebate covers \$50 for maintenance and \$25 for a rain sensor per system.

The county will also visit local schools, churches and homeowners associations.

"Basically, if anyone want to learn more about water, we'll come talk to them," Greco said.

Greco said UF students can help conserve water by taking shorter showers or turning off the faucet when brushing their teeth.

Nicholas Papianni, a 23-year-old UF aerospace and mechanical engineering senior, said he feels water conservation is very important.

"Water is a finite resource," he said. "It's better to make do with less now than to go without later."

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LIFESTYLE

Report learns about lack of men teaching in the classroom

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Alligator Contributing Writer

People are usually surprised when Marcus Knox tells them what he wants to do when he graduates. The 20-year-old UF elementary education sophomore is studying to be a middle school teacher.

After graduation, Knox will join a handful of men pursuing a career in teaching young students.

According to a United States Bureau of

Labor Statistics 2012 household data report, women make up about 81 percent of elementary and middle school teachers nationwide.

In Alachua County, men make up 15 percent of the elementary and middle school teaching population, said Jackie Johnson, spokeswoman for Alachua County Public Schools.

Karen McCann, president of the Alachua County Education Association, attributed the lack of male teachers in elementary and middle schools to low salaries.



Ross

"We are seeing less and less people go into teaching because there is less of a financial incentive," she said.

Dorene Ross, a professor in UF's College of Education, said there is more societal pressure for men to be the breadwinners.

"It's very hard to support one's self, let alone a family, on the salary that a teacher

earns," she said.

Johnson said because more women are graduating with degrees in education, they make up most of the applicant pool.

At UF, the disparity between the number of males and females studying to become teachers can be seen in enrollment numbers.

According to UF's 2009-2012 final headcount enrollment for the College of Education, 252 men were enrolled.

The number of women enrolled in the college was 1,479.

Final exams won't let UF students rest – avoid insomnia

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ERIC BANDIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

When exam week rolls around, it can be hard to tell what's normal when it comes to sleep.

"I usually sell coffee from the brewer, what seems like twice as much, during exam weeks," said

22-year-old history senior Cody Talcott, a morning cashier at the Pugh Hall Chomp & Go.

What makes the difference between cramming and having a real sleep disorder? The answer lies in circadian rhythms, said Dr. Mary Wagner, a pediatric medical and sleep disorder specialist at Shands Medical Plaza. Circadian rhythms essentially regulate the timing of periods of sleepiness and wakefulness throughout the day. Adolescence

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Cody Talcott

Pugh Hall Chomp & Go cashier

brings on a change in circadian rhythms that makes it hard to feel comfortable falling asleep before 11 p.m.

"[In healthy subjects] if you let them sleep when they want to,

they're fine ... People that have insomnia have problems sleeping even during their preferred time," Wagner said.

Symptoms of insomniac behavior can be alleviated by exercising regularly, avoiding caffeine close to bedtime and relaxing before bed.

"Avoid irregular sleep onset and offset," Wagner said.

Certain cues in the environment help to train the regulation of circadian rhythm. She recommended

avoiding bright lights like laptops or cellphones before bed to regulate sleep rhythm. Also, try to nap for only short periods during the day, Wagner said.

"For patients who are motivated, [the Shands at UF Sleep Disorders Center] has a very good recovery rate," Wagner said. In many cases, only one overnight stay is necessary to diagnose and treat problems, according to a Shands at UF Sleep Disorders Center pamphlet.



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6 Furnishings

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6 Furnishings

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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1 Org. where weight matters	7 Ain't right?	42 Hosp. readout	55 Salon choices
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14 "Ben-"	10 Driveway improvement	50 Similar things	59 Schindler of "Schindler's List"
15 Caterer's supply	11 Flier's request	51 Act of love, or hostility	61 Treads the boards
16 Succotash bean	12 Illicit affair	52 Veil material	64 R&B artist Des'__
17 Falk and Fonda after mud wrestling?	13 Hotel amenities	53 Epic with more than 15,000 lines	65 Designer monogram
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20 Overhead views	22 Nail	S I D O U C H B P L U S	
21 "You got me"	24 Casserole veggies	L G E B A L I B A H A M A	
23 Hawaiian coffee	25 River near Karachi	A N N U L L E D L L A M A S	
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28 Midwinter Asian holiday	30 Bar supply	E L L A A C N E P O L L S	
29 Tin	31 "Coney Island" documentarian	R E S S T U B M A N T E L	
32 Packs in a hold	Burns	G O I T A L O N E	
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43 Office specialist	36 Snare	A L L A A E T N A E L L E	
44 Lost, as a tail	37 Bar supply	W A G E R S H A I L E	
45 Storm maker of yore	38 Ring decision	C A S A B A I D B A D G E S	
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●Trucks, Vans - Titled only●
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NO CREDIT CHECK!!!!
VEHICLES \$1000 AND UP!
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BRING YOUR W2
AND DRIVE TODAY!!!!
NO MONEY DOWN!!!!
VEHICLES \$1000 & UP!!
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94 Mazda Protege \$1500
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96 Honda Accord \$3999
00 Hyundai Elantra \$4999
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CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S & VANS!
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ANY CONDITION-RUNNING OR NOT!!!
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13 Wanted

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through advertising. We suggest that any
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or arranging meetings or investing money.

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for gold jewelry, scrap gold, Rolex, diamonds,
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4-24-72-13

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VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
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Flexible schedule.
Training and liability insurance provided.
Please call
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St. Francis House is a homeless shelter
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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
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sfhcoor@stfrancis.cfcoxmail.com
To make a donation by mail,
please send checks payable to
St. Francis House
P.O. Box 12491
Gainesville, FL 32604

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
I AM BLIND & WOULD LIKE HELP WITH:
●Rides to church: Mass at Queen of Peace.
●Learning to rake knit hats to send to Haiti &
other places. Call 352-219-6948
4-24-13-72-13

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Research participants wanted.
90-minute study pays \$15. Must speak
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14 Help Wanted

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tiser before giving out personal information
or arranging meetings or investing money.

Finders Keepers? If you find something, you
can place a FREE FOUND AD in our lost &
found section. Be kind to someone who's lost
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**Advertising Office Manager/
National Account Executive**

The Independent Florida Alligator, the larg-
est student run newspaper in the country, is
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- Full Time position
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- Detail oriented
- Excellent organizational skills
- Office Administrative skills, clerical skills
- Ability to multitask and meet deadlines
- Excellent customer service skills
- Head national sales with the newspaper
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- Experienced with Microsoft Office
- Great communication skills, personable
- Quick learner
- Help manage team of constantly changing student sales staff
- Nonprofit organization
- Modest Salary
- Great working environment
- Generous holiday and vacation benefits

Send cover letter and resume to
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Michael Sykes
White Male
(DOB 05/24/82); 5'11",
195 lbs, Brown Hair,
Green Eyes

Wanted for:
Possession of a
Controlled Substance
without a Prescription
and Tampering with
Evidence/Destroying

ALACHUA COUNTY
CRIME STOPPERS
Call (352) 372-STOP

14 Help Wanted

alligator
WEB PRODUCTION

Seeking staff members for the web produc-
tion team at alligator.org. Interested candi-
dates should possess the following:

- Familiarity with media production tools such as Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere, etc. Familiarity with a web-based CMS and/or web coding basics will receive extra consideration.
- An ability to learn and work with new programs quickly and efficiently
- Deep interest in the growth and develop-ment of new media
- Skill in producing not only the written, but audio and visual components of media seg-ments 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

Your roommate hasn't done the dishes in
How long?! Find a better dishwasher in the
Alligator Classifieds.

14 Help Wanted

alligator
**Daytime Advertising
Production**

The Independent Florida Alligator
Advertising Production Department
is accepting **student applications**.
Duties include graphic design and
organizational layout.

Will train, but experience with Adobe
InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator is
preferred. Friendly work environment,
flexible schedule, with hours
between 9 am - 5 pm M-F.

**Must be available to work Summer C
and be currently enrolled in classes.**
A one-year commitment is expected.

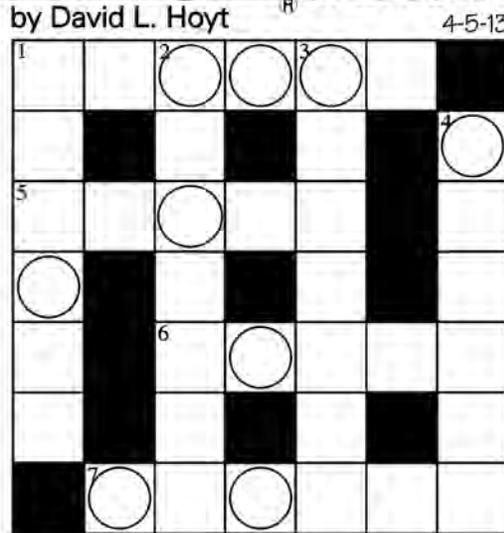
Fill out an application at the
front desk of The Alligator,
1105 W University Ave, M-F 9 am - 5 pm.
No phone calls, please.

Include available work schedule and
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to reapply with current schedule. EOE

I'VE HAD IT WITH YOUR LOUD MUSIC!
Is your roommate driving you crazy? Find a
replacement in the Alligator Classifieds!

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™
by David L. Hoyt 4-5-13



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Type of disease	SCYUVR
5. Fabric	EINLN
6. River ending	UMHOT
7. Onset	DAENTV

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Speechless	ENSLIT
2. Not identified	ENDUMAN
3. Endeavor	UENVRET
4. Seal	ECTACH

CLUE: This city was named for a British sea captain
who explored the area in the 1790s.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and
unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete,
unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Scoury 5A-Linen 6A-Mouth 7A-Advent
1D-Silent 2D-Unnamed 3D-Venture 4D-Cachet B-Yanouver
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14 Help Wanted



What's black and white and read all over??
The Independent Florida Alligator
Be part of the sales team of the largest college newspaper in the country by applying to be a

PAID SALES REP

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Don't have that much time?

Apply to be a INTERN

If you are enrolled as a UF or SFC student available to work 10-12 hours a week this summer, and are eager to gain valuable sales experience,

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No experience necessary, training provided.
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1. LANGUAGE: In English slang, what are plimsolls?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of India?
3. HISTORY: In what year were East Germany and West Germany unified?
4. MUSIC: Who composed the opera "The Barber of Seville"?
5. ANATOMY: What is a synapse?
6. ART: What are putti?
7. QUOTES: Who said, "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."
8. NATURAL WORLD: What kind of creature is a merganser?
9. CELEBRITIES: What was Bob Hope's real first name?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"?

Answers

1. Sneakers
2. New Delhi
3. 1990
4. Gioachino Rossini
5. The point at which a nervous impulse passes from one neuron to another
6. Figures of infant boys in Renaissance paintings
7. Samuel Johnson
8. Duck
9. Leslie
10. Washington Irving

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14 Help Wanted

Students in Accounting, Aviation, Business/Sales and computer science needed for various positions. Flexible schedules and competitive pay. Join our team! Learn more at www.gleim.com/employment 4-24-13-72-14

Summer Jobs

- \$2400
- Room and Board included

Get Paid to Play!

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Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida is conducting a research study for women 20-40 yo on birth control pills. Compensation given. For details call Bonnie Coats at 273-9014 4-24-35-14

CUTTING-EDGE UF RESEARCH STUDY
Smokers wanted (1 pack a day for 5 years) Periodontal (gum line) sampling only 5 visits over 2 years; up to 1.5 hr each visit FREE oral exam, up to \$160 compensation Call: 352-392-2945 5-30-13-36-14

Loan originators needed.
\$10-\$12/hr. Students preferred. Evening shifts. Flexible schedule. Apply online at AdvantageHomeLoansCorp.com/jobs or call 352-505-1310 4-12-13-20-14

FULL TIME Web Developer wanted at the University of Florida Center for Instructional Technology and Training-Web Services. Energetic, self-motivated person desired. Web Services manages UF Websites. Individual experience in WordPress, HTML5, CSS, Java Script, or JQuery. See: jobs.ful.edu for complete details and applying for requisition 0902775 by 4/10/13 4-10-9-14

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Freshman's baserunning helps Gators beat 'Noles

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — No one deserved to catch the final out of Florida's 4-3 victory against Florida State on Tuesday night more than Harrison Bader.

Fueled by its speedy outfielder, Florida (16-18) upset No. 7 Florida State (27-6) in a

comeback victory at Dick Howser Stadium in front of the fifth-largest crowd in FSU history. Bader finished 2 for 4 at the plate, robbed a home run and scored three runs in a game the Gators needed to win in order to avoid a season sweep against the Seminoles.

With the score knotted 3-3, Bader led off the ninth inning by reaching second on a

throwing error to first by Florida State third baseman Jose Brizuela. Bader advanced to third after an errant pickoff attempt by closer Robby Coles. Josh Tobias, the next batter, drove Bader in on a sacrifice fly to right field.

Bader erased a one-run deficit in the seventh inning thanks to his awareness on the base paths. The freshman reached base on a

single — his second hit of the game on an 0-2 count. He then stole second and advanced to third on catcher Stephen McGee's throwing error.

"Probably his best game he's played this year to be honest with you," coach Kevin O'Sullivan said of Bader's performance. "He's had a tough go of it recently. I thought he stayed on the ball really good at the plate tonight. Made a nice play in left field (and) ran the bases aggressively."

Florida embraced its small-ball identity against Florida State. Bader served as the poster child. The Gators put a runner on base in every frame from the third inning on, allowing them increased freedom to take chances.

Cody Dent ended the third inning when he was thrown out trying to steal third on a double steal. Richie Martin advanced from first to third in the eighth inning on a Justin Shafer base hit to left field. The Gators, who entered Tuesday three games under .500, do not have time to waste with one month remaining.

"We're at a point now where we got to take some gambles."

Kevin O'Sullivan
UF coach

"I know it's not textbook baseball and it's not something you want to do, but we're at a point now where we got to take some gambles," O'Sullivan said.

Left-hander Bobby Poynor matched a career-high with four innings in his first start this season. Right-hander Ryan Harris and left-hander Daniel Gibson held the Seminoles scoreless during the final three innings. With closer Johnny Magliozzi in the starting rotation, the two have embraced their late-inning jobs.

The bullpen locked down Florida's second one-run win in nine tries.

"Great atmosphere even though it's hostile coming in here," Bader said. "It's great to play here. It's a lot of fun. Huge win for us."

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Freshman outfielder Harrison Bader bats during Florida's 4-0 win against Ole Miss on March 31 at McKethan Stadium. Bader went 2 for 4 and scored three runs during the Gators' 4-3 win against the No. 7 Seminoles on Tuesday night in Tallahassee.

END OF GREGULATION

Learning to embrace college basketball's slowing pace

College basketball has issues, but Monday's national championship game showed everything that is right with the sport.

Louisville's win against Michigan was one of those crazy games in which nearly every moment was packed with tension. The outcome was in doubt until the final 12 seconds. We saw Trey Burke prove why he's player of the year, we saw freshman Spike Albrecht grow up before our eyes, and we saw Most Outstanding Player Luke Hancock hit big shot after big shot. With the exception of the standard officiating blunders, the game was perfect.

And now it's time for us to be moving on. Back to the slow, monotonous grind that so many have learned to hate.

Monday's game won't change the trajectory of college



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basketball, but it at least showed that the game can still be a lot of fun in its current incarnation.

Coming into the season, many fans felt like the sport was slowing down and becoming boring. The proof is in the numbers: Games averaged 67.7 possessions in 2004.

That number has steadily dropped all the way down to 65.9 this season — the lowest it's been in 11 years of KenPom data.

Fans hate to see the game break. They long for the days when it was fun and free-flowing. Now, coaches want to micromanage each possession, squeezing every last bit of ef-

ficiency out of every spot they can.

Bo Ryan's Wisconsin teams have become emblematic of this style of play. Whine all you want, but it works. The Badgers have reached the NCAA Tournament in each of Ryan's 11 seasons.

The slowing tempo is also a contributor to the increased parity in college basketball. A team facing a supreme talent disadvantage — which will inevitably exist in a league with 347 rosters — is best off keeping the possession count low. That increases the team's chance of an upset in the same way a single elimination playoff will lead to more upsets than a series. Slower tempos give those pesky, small-school ankle biters an opening.

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Senior men's tennis player Bob van Overbeek is beginning to salvage his disappointing season. See story, page 17.

Gators in the NBA

Miami Heat forward Udonis Haslem scored 10 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for his first double-double this season in a 94-83 win against the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night in Miami.

UF earns top-four finish

The Florida men's golf team finished fourth at the Gary Epoch Invitational in Tampa. Read the story online at alligatorSports.org.

GYMNASTICS

Freshmen pivotal in Florida's NCAA Regional championship

CHUCK KINGSBURY

Alligator Writer

Freshman Bridgette Caquatto was held together by tape all summer long.

Caquatto arrived at Florida following shoulder and knee surgeries, as well as two stress fractures in her shins. She did only rehab and conditioning until Thanksgiving.

Now at full health, Caquatto — along with her fellow freshmen — is playing an integral role in Florida's postseason success.

"Our freshman class has done a really great job up to this point," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "Just very consistent and also very personable, loud and enthusiastic."

With senior Randy Stageberg out with a dislocated shoulder she suffered during practice on March 29, Florida's depth has been tested. It had to replace an anchor on both balance beam and floor.

During the NCAA Regional Championships, freshmen Bridget Sloan, Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto and Caquatto stepped up to fill the void.

Caquatto, who had only performed exhibition on two events since March 1, assumed the sixth spot in Florida's floor rotation. She was fluid in her tumble passes en route to a career-best event score of 9.925 on the floor.

Dancose-Giambattisto, who has earned high praise from Faehn as a "tremendous bar swinger," has been a consistent producer on uneven bars since making her debut in the rotation during Florida's 197.65-196.025 win against Auburn on Jan. 25.

She ranks 30th in the NCAA on the event with a 9.875 average, and she executed on Saturday. Dancose-Giambattisto led off the rotation for the first time in 2013, recording a 9.85 and springboarding a lineup that produced a 49.6 — Florida's sixth-highest total in program history.

"Bianca going first on bars — I mean, anyone going first — having that in your mind that you're first up could probably scare anyone," Kytra Hunter said. "It might've scared me."

Meanwhile, Bridget Sloan, the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, has reveled in high-pressure situations. Sloan's performances have paid dividends for the Gators.

Sloan ranks in the top two nationally in two of four events, including a first-place spot on uneven bars with a 9.955 regional qualifying average. Sloan, like UF's other freshmen, has been a mainstay in Faehn's lineups. Sloan has competed in every meet this season, including nine all-around performances.



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Florida freshman gymnast Bridgette Caquatto performs her floor routine during the NCAA Regionals on April 6 in the O'Connell Center. Caquatto recorded a career-best 9.925 floor score during the event. The Gators defeated five other teams with a score of 198.4.

Senior recovering after rough start

► VAN OVERBEEK WENT 46 DAYS WITHOUT A WIN.

CHRIS KIRSCHNER

Alligator Writer

Senior Bob van Overbeek is returning to form near the end of a rough 2013 season.

After a 46-day stretch without winning a singles match, van Overbeek experienced victory again with a 6-3, 7-5 win against Alabama's Becker O'Shaughnessey on March 22. But his losing woes continued two days later in a 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 loss to Auburn's Lukas Ollert.

Coach Bryan Shelton benched van Overbeek for the next two matches, and the move paid off.

Since returning to Florida's singles lineup against Ole Miss on April 5, van Overbeek has not dropped a set in singles play.

He looks to continue his run today when No. 17 UF (11-9, 5-5 Southeastern Conference) hosts Bethune-Cookman (12-12) at 1:30 p.m. at Linder Stadium.

"All athletes go through [rough stretches] from time to time where you lose a little bit of confidence," Shelton said of van Overbeek's slump. "He has the weapons, he has the game, and he matches up well against anyone in the country."

The senior boasts a career singles record of 81-50 and

began the fall season ranked No. 17 in the ITA Individual Rankings. A 7-10 record in UF's spring matches dropped him to 117th on the ITA's latest list, which was released on March 26.

To combat his losing streak, Shelton moved van Overbeek down to the No. 3 position, and the change has worked in his favor.

When van Overbeek snapped his losing streak against the Crimson Tide, he did so from the No. 3 spot in the Gators' lineup.

Shelton demoted the senior from Florida's top spot so he could build confidence against weaker opponents.

"Obviously there is no substitute for winning," Shelton said.

"He puts in the extra work every single day. He isn't waiting around to see if he is going to get better. He is trying to make it happen through hard work."

Despite a disappointing final season at UF, van Overbeek has time left for redemption. The Gators have three more regular-season matches and the SEC Tournament on their schedule.

"Hard work all pays off in the end," Shelton said. "Eventually, if you continue putting in the work, you'll reap the rewards from the work that you put in."

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When Louisville and Michigan — the teams with the NCAA's two best backcourts — take the same floor, those issues don't exist. Both teams believe in their talent, and both want to play their up-and-

down style. The result is a game as great as Monday's. But most teams don't have a Trey Burke, Russ Smith, Peyton Siva or Tim Hardaway Jr., so they have to do things differently.

People want to view former Florida Gulf Coast coach Andy En-

field as a counterpoint to this argument — some kind of last hope for reviving the game.

Ain't it fun to watch point guard Brett Comer throw alley oops all over the court? Aren't we all guilty of daydreaming about those thunderous slams? People will remember how well that up-tempo attack worked in upset wins against Georgetown and San Diego State, but Part II of the story is equally important. Florida grounded FGCU and forced 20 turnovers, including nine from Comer. The lobs didn't connect. What was once labeled "free-flowing" was labeled "reckless." The Eagles lost by 12.

Before long, Enfield will be alone. The slowing trend will probably continue far into the future. Whether it's realistic or not, coaches will chase their dream of removing their players' personalities, making them all cogs in an efficient, well-oiled machine.

For a time, I hated the change. But I've learned to appreciate it, and I'm not angry anymore.

Think of it like NASCAR. Watching the drivers go extremely fast in their cars at the Daytona 500 is awesome, but the short-track races can be just as entertaining. The speed isn't the same, but slowing things down gives viewers a greater opportunity to enjoy all the nuances, as long as they're willing to look.

Monday was a holiday — an occasion and a game worthy of celebration. But even when next season rolls around and the pace grinds to a halt, there's plenty of reasons to still be into college basketball. At the very least, fans can be on the lookout for those rare occasions when supreme talents clash to produce the type of game we saw on Monday.

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Guard Trey Burke (3) celebrates with his teammates during Michigan's 87-85 overtime win against Kansas on March 29 in Arlington, Texas.

Pitching key as Florida offense faces USF staff ace

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN
Alligator Staff Writer

The Gators were down by a run and sending the bottom of the lineup to the plate in the top of the sixth during Florida's road game against USF on Feb. 27.

Bulls pitcher Sara Nevins retired the first two batters easily, picking up her eighth strikeout of the game and bringing the top of the lineup to the plate.

Freshman Kelsey Stewart kept the inning alive with a two-out

UF Softball double, and freshman Kirsti Merritt singled her in to tie the game. Sophomore Lauren Haeger came up next and capped the offensive outburst with a game-winning, two-run homer.

No. 3 Florida's (38-4, 12-3 Southeastern Conference) 3-1 win against USF (32-11, 10-1 Big East) in February was the Gators' sixth victory this season when scoring three runs or fewer.

In 2013, UF has used solid pitching to keep games close as it waits for the offense to show up. Florida is 18-4 in contests decided

by three runs or fewer.

The Gators showcased their ability to win close games last

weekend. Down 2-0 in the sixth inning against Mississippi State on Saturday, second baseman Jes-

sica Damico hit a grand slam that won the game 4-2 for Florida.

"We do this all the time," Haeger said.

ger said.

"We never give up, and that's what I love about us."

When the pitching fails and Florida's opponents take the lead, the offense has battled back. UF has trailed in 14 of its 38 victories. Florida has five walk-off wins, including a 7-3 victory against Florida State on March 27.

Against the Seminoles, the Gators trailed until the bottom of the seventh inning. Senior Kelsey Horton hit a bouncing ball that FSU third baseman Courtney Senas threw away, scoring the tying runs with two outs. Briana Little won the game with a grand slam in the eighth.

Florida will need its pitchers to keep the game close tonight as the Gators take on the Bulls at 6 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. South Florida will pitch Nevins, who has posted a 1.50 ERA in four starts against Florida during the past two seasons.

"When you face a pitcher like Sara Nevins, you're not going to get a whole lot of hits," coach Tim Walton said. "It's going to be tough."

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Sophomore Lauren Haeger swings during Florida's 4-2 win against Mississippi State on Saturday at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. The Gators defeated the Bulldogs 9-1 on Friday, clinching the series with Saturday's victory. MSU beat UF 6-5 in Sunday's series finale.

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Living a new dream: Promising guard puts family first

Bannister will be eligible when Fall '13 semester ends

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Long before making the difficult decision to transfer from North Carolina to Florida, Antoinette Bannister grew up watching T.J., her half brother, flourish on the basketball court.

Although she was barely old enough to dribble a ball when he began playing competitively, Antoinette would tag along and emulate the moves T.J. made during practices and games.

"She was a little tot watching her big brother play and would be out there shooting all the time,"

Antoinette quickly made a name for herself playing basketball for her father at Jacksonville Potter's House Christian Academy — a school that competed in the National Christian School Athletic Association until her senior season.

Had the Florida High School Athletic Association recognized Potter's House during Antoinette's entire career, her numbers would compare favorably to any other girl not only in the state, but throughout the country.

Antoinette averaged 31.3 points per game during her senior season

consistently took and made shots from anywhere on the floor.

"We were able to play in front of college coaches all the time," Antoinette said. "There wasn't a tournament that we would go to that there wasn't a college coach there watching."

Although letters from college coaches filled her mailbox daily, there was only one coach Antoinette dreamed of playing for: North Carolina's Sylvia Hatchell.

Hatchell became coach of the Tar Heels in 1986 and built the program into one of the nation's best. UNC won the NCAA title in 1994 and has missed the NCAA Tourna-

Antoinette's dream was a reality. Even better, she had two teammates to help ease the transition from Jacksonville to Chapel Hill, N.C.

"Our dream was always to play college ball together," Antoinette said of her friendship with Rountree. "That's what we spent our time talking about."

But that dream quickly turned into a prayer.

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Lurise Bannister, Antoinette's mother, is the glue that holds the family together.



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Antoinette Bannister claps during pregame warmups before Florida's 68-57 loss to Vanderbilt on Feb. 21 in the O'Connell Center. Bannister decided to leave North Carolina and transfer to UF in order to be closer to her mother, who has battled serious illness since October 2012. Bannister will be eligible to play for the Gators at the conclusion of the Fall 2013 semester.

said Tony Bannister, their father. "She just loved basketball and enjoyed being around the game from a very young age."

T.J. quickly became a heralded high school player. As a senior, he finished third in the voting for Florida's Mr. Basketball award and became only the fourth player in Jacksonville to score 2,000 points during a high school career.

His goal was to play for Billy Donovan and the Gators.

"That's where he wanted to be, where he dreamed of being," Tony said.

But T.J.'s plans fell through. He ended up at Virginia, missing out on his dream.

Antoinette promised to not miss out on her own dream.

to finish her high school career with 4,758 points. Only Adrian McGowen, who played in Goodrich, Texas, from 2003-06, ever officially scored more points in high school than Antoinette.

But missing out on statistical recognition was an easy trade for what playing independently meant to Antoinette's development.

"It always felt just like an NBA schedule," Antoinette said. "We traveled year round — went to California, Tennessee, just a whole bunch of places that most girls don't get the chance to normally do in the FHSAA."

Her scoring ability drew the interest of coaches from elite programs throughout the country. The powerhouses of women's basketball — Connecticut and Tennessee — were intrigued by the girl who

ment just three times.

"North Carolina was her dream school," Tony said. "She could have gone to any school she wanted to go to, but there wasn't much indecision."

Added Antoinette: "That's where my heart was."

Hatchell recognized that Antoinette had the talent to flourish in the Tar Heels system. She also saw potential in two other players on the Potter's House team.

"They would run and press and trap people, and that's how I like to play," Hatchell said. "Right away, I loved their style, her style and just how hard she always played."

A pipeline formed. Three players from Potter's House — Antoinette, Brittany Rountree and Hillary Fuller — signed to play basketball for Hatchell at North Carolina.

But, in October 2012, she began to lose grip of her own health.

Five years prior, Lurise watched her own mother battle ovarian cancer. Given her family history, she knew she needed to be aware of any symptoms.

When Lurise began experiencing the pain that she remembered hearing her mother talk about, she realized it was critical that she undergo tests immediately.

Nobody expects to battle cancer. The possibility shook the Bannister family to its core.

"For the first time, I just kept questioning stuff," Tony said. "I asked the Lord to not let anything happen. It was so hard, and my faith is very high."

Tests came back negative, but the pain did not subside. In December, doctors decided surgery

was the best chance of preventing her condition from worsening.

Antoinette, who was home for the holiday break, considered never going back to North Carolina.

"To be an 18-year-old kid, and you don't know what the results are going to be, it was tough," Tony said. "That week-and-a-half, almost two weeks that we had to wait after the surgery to find out about the mass was so hard on everyone. Especially her."

On Christmas Day, Antoinette decided that she wanted to stay with her family. Lurise begged her to reconsider and eventually convinced her daughter to return to Chapel Hill for the spring semester.

But after just two more games, Antoinette could not shake the knot in her stomach and the possibility that she may never see her mother again. She made the decision to leave the North Carolina program.

"It was the most unselfish act anyone could have ever done," Lurise said. "Making that decision to come home because of my health, I commend Antoinette for doing that."

Hatchell, too, understood the gravity of the situation. Although programs usually do not grant players a full release during the middle of a season, Hatchell encouraged Antoinette to do what was best for her family — even if that meant playing for another team.

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Lurise Bannister
Antoinette's mother

"I've been doing this for so long, it's about the kids," Hatchell said. "It's not about me, it's not about winning, it's about what is best for that young person at that point and time in her life."

Said Tony: "If something would have happened and they encouraged her to stay, [Hatchell] said she would never forgive herself. That says volumes to me and our family because we have been close to them throughout the process."

After only eight games, Antoinette's career at North Carolina was finished.

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With one dream now gone, Antoinette looks toward another: making Florida women's basketball one of the nation's top programs.

The Gators have made just two NCAA Tournaments in six seasons under coach Amanda Butler. They finished tied for eighth in the Southeastern Conference last season.

"I said to Antoinette, 'How many kids get to experience their dream school and then get a chance to experience the school that was their brother's dream school?'" Tony said.

"Her and her brother talk about it all the time. I can't wait for her to show Gator Nation what she can do."

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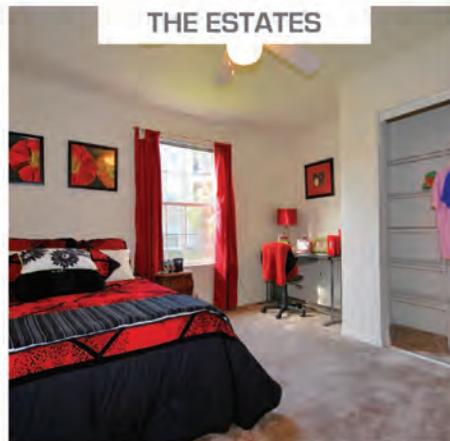
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